

NMCAL at NMLA Lunch/Business Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2009 – 12:00 pm-1:30pm
Albuquerque Convention Center

Members present: Ruben Aragon (NMHU), Gilda Baeza-Oretgo (WNMU-SC), Dave Baldwin (NMSU-LC), Martha Bedard (UNM-ABQ), Dennis Davies-Wilson (UNM-LA), Owen Ellard (NM Tech), Rachel Hewett-Beah (UNM-Gallup), Clyde Henderson (Navajo Tech), Sharon Jenkins (NMJC), Peg Johnson (College of Santa Fe), Poppy Johnson-Renvall (Mesalands), Kathleen Knoth (UNM-Taos), Sarah Kostecky (IAIA), Barbara Lovato-Gassman (CNM), Barbara Nail-Chiwetalu (UNM HSLIC), Jim Powlak (ENMU-Ruidoso), Isabel Rodarte (NNMC), Cecilia Stafford (NMSU-Grants), Melveta Walker (ENMU-Portales), Tammy Welch (Dona Ana BCC), LeAnn Weller for Esther Shir (UNM-Valencia).

Guests: Bonnie Juergens from AMIGOS, Ben Wakashegie from National American University and Fort Lewis College.

Introductions & “Sharing” Session - brief highlights.

- Meslands has submitted proposal to turn their library into an all-digital Learning Commons (no print collection). Would be the first in the country.
- NMLA mini-conference will be in Hobbs, NM.
- LeeAnn said Esther is retiring; there will be a party for her on June 26.

Business meeting called to order: 12:58pm.

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Kathleen, second by Dennis. Approved.

Introduction of the 2008-09 NMCAL Executive Board. Congratulations to winners of the 2009 election: Martha Bedard for Vice-President and Rollah Aston as 2 year representative. Ruben turned over gavel to Cecilia so she is now NMCAL President.

Cecilia thanked Ruben for his work this past year serving as NMCAL President and presented him with a plaque of recognition.

Approval of January 29, 2009 Minutes. Motion to approve by Peg. Second by Gilda. Approval of minutes.

Treasurer’s Report. Distributed by Owen. Motion to accept by Dennis. Second by Melveta. Accepted treasurer’s report.

Committee Reports

Professional Development. Dennis asked for input about programming sessions for retreat, mini and annual. Membership asked for 2 program choices for mini conference. Dennis will send out a survey with more detailed suggestions for topics to choose from.

Distance Ed. Nothing new to report.

Resource sharing. Peg reported the group was discussing WorldCat, pricing, no conclusions yet but there was interest in better group pricing. Membership suggested looking into negotiating a consortia agreement for WorldCat only.

Legislative Committee. Martha gave report about the Jan 30 NMCAL Library Legislative Day. GO Bond distribution from Isabel: she is working with Tino on this. Needs FTE 2008 figures from Tino, they were still not ready as of today. Getting same \$3mil amount as 2006. Your amount may be a little more or less than previous time depending on your FTE and enrollment counts. Budgets don't get approved until June from HED. Normally get 2 years to spend the GO money. Isabel will send out numbers to directors also, as HED only sends them to the financial dept of your college. Reed Dasenbrock left NM to work in Hawaii, and was a strong library advocate. Dr. Flores will be temporarily taking over for Reed. Legislative committee needs to do NMCAL briefing with new HED director. Formula Enhancement Task Force may not be kept, if not priority for new director.

Discussion about schedule for Library Legislative Day: easier for some NMCAL members to meet their legislator in morning before the session began, instead of trying to call the legislator out after the session begins as we currently do. NMCAL current schedule leaves morning open for members to strategize and for coordination with the public library legislative efforts, as they also meet to strategize in the morning before the session. Ruben said the purpose was also to justify the travel to Santa Fe by having the business meeting on Thursday, then carry over the meeting to Friday to allow attendance at the legislative session.

Cecilia suggested membership discuss the schedule for Library Legislative Day at the NMCAL retreat in late summer.

Other reports

NMCAL Resource Sharing Liaison to State Library. Melveta reported that the group has not had a meeting yet and are meeting this evening. Also, State Library is planning to renew MagsOnline and they recently added Newsbank. Renewals sent for NMCAL consortia purchases of Academic Search premier, CINAHL and 8 other databases with a very slight increase. Melveta asked EBSCO to invoice us as individual institutions rather than go through AMIGOS as last time there were many late fees (thankfully waived). Reminder to pay on time or at least before the grace period ends (60 days after the date). EBSCO has proposal to take to State Library to enhance what NMCAL gets and what the state gets.

AISTI will have changes, Owen says mostly administrative changes. There will not be a mini-conference in Santa Fe as years before. They also provide consortia pricing for science journals. LANL will now be coordinating the consortia purchasing.

GO Bond distributions-Isabel. See Legislative Committee report.

ICOLC and ARL statements. Martha talked briefly about the ICOLC and ARL statements and the possibility of NMCAL signing on to either or both of these statements. Statements are to publishers about the cost of libraries. AMIGOS has signed on to the statement and they are a member of ICOLC. NMCAL as a non ICOLC could still send a letter of support. Martha made a motion for NMCAL to send a letter of support. David Baldwin seconded. Motion passed.

Amigos update with Bonnie Juergens and Sharon. Sharon says there will be more discussion and details at the AMIGOS breakfast tomorrow, this is a brief overview for NMCAL members. Bonnie said everyone who is a voting rep or director of an AMIGOS member library has already received info about changes in funding and membership structure. 2 key things about the changes: 1. Future of AMIGOS depends on membership finding value in AMIGOS and if they want to keep it around. Members told AMIGOS they needed to do away with the surcharge funding structure. Members also said put together a working group of libraries. Sharon was appointed to working group as a trustee.

Group came up with recommendations. Single membership category and tiered membership fee structure. 12 tiers in academic, lowest category is \$500 to 12,000 a year. 12 tiers for public library fee structure and 1 category for “other” libraries with no tiers. Analysis of 29 formal members of AMIGOS and NMCAL: 7 will see an increase from current fees, range from \$114 to \$250 for annual fee. 22 will see decrease, from low of \$350-\$12000. Group wanted simplicity, equity, easy to explain fee structure and easy for members to defend. AMIGOS Board is encouraging and asking members to use your vote to continue to support AMIGOS as an organization; to continue to be a resource in the Southwest to bring additional programs to us as members.

Sharon can answer questions about the workings and process of the group that came up with the new structure.

Upcoming Retreat in Grants/Acoma Sky City. Cecilia will send out proposed dates and members can vote. Will be at end of July or beginning of August.

Wrap-up: Action items to take forward.

Create certificate of appreciation for NMCAL members retiring? Martha will follow up.

Review policy of having state librarian as ex-officio member of NMCAL. Suggestion to discuss at retreat.

Dennis asked if people would be interested in having old NMCAL meeting notes posted on the website. Could include board minutes, meeting minutes etc. Dennis will scan what he has and forward to Carol to add to website.

Kathleen will email action items to Cecilia for follow up at retreat.

Adjournment. Motion by Dennis. Melveta seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:44pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sarah Kostelecky, NMCAL Secretary