

**NMCAL Business Meeting
January 29, 2009**

Present: Ruben Aragon (NMHU), Rollah Aston (ENMU-Roswell), Dave Baldwin (NMSU-LC), Martha Bedard (UNM-ABQ), Holly Buchanan (UNM-HSLIC), Brian Bunnett (UNM-HSLIC), Dick Carr (UNM-HSLIC), Owen Ellard (NM Tech), Rachel Hewett-Beah (UNM-Gallup), Clyde Henderson (Navajo Tech), Peg Johnson (College of Santa Fe), Poppy Johnson-Renvall (Mesalands), Dan Kammer (NMSU-Alamogordo), Kathleen Knoth (UNM-Taos), Sarah Kostelecky (IAIA), Barbara Lovato-Gassman (CNM), Lawrence Martinez (Luna CC), Barbara Nail-Chiwetalu (UNM HSLIC), Isabel Rodarte (NNMC), Esther Shir (UNM-Valencia), Cecilia Stafford (NMSU-Grants), Melveta Walker (ENMU-Portales), Tammy Welch (Dona Ana BCC).

Guests: Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislative Committee Co-Chair.

Called to Order: 1:12 pm

Approval of Agenda: Tino Pestalozzi from Higher Ed dept. unable to attend, change noted. Motion made by Esther, seconded by Barbara L.G. Motion carried for approval of the agenda.

Approval of minutes of August 1, 2008: Changes noted by secretary. Motion made by Kathleen, Esther seconded. Motion carried for approval of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Reports were distributed by Owen. Motion made by Peg, Melveta seconded. Motion carried for approval of the Treasurer's report.

Executive Board Report: Sarah reported on the morning's executive meeting. See attached NMCAL Board Meeting Minutes from 1/29/09. Executive board meeting had no set agenda, discussed upcoming events at NMLA in April. Reviewed action items from retreat in Roswell.

Roundtable discussion: Sharing by membership of how their libraries are being affected by the economic downturn.

ACRL is writing a letter to publishers to get them to lower prices for libraries. NMCAL could write a similar letter or write a letter of support for the ACRL initiative. Martha will forward a copy of the ACRL letter to membership.

Suggestion: Use budget shortfalls to leverage better pricing with vendors. Melveta said NMCAL does get a good deal already from our database vendors because of our group purchasing, not sure if we could get them to lower any more.

Database vendors update (Melveta): July 2nd EBSCO renewal is due. Reminder to please pay your invoices right away so we don't get charged late fees. Last round the group owed \$17000 in late fees but EBSCO waived them. AMIGOS also waits until they have

the money from all libraries before they pay OCLC so please try to get those in on time as well.

UNM-HSLIC had a 5 percent cut across the board, which essentially wipes out the effect of a new student fee they were planning to use to upgrade library technology.

Suggestion: Have NMCAL research info on student library fees, could write a letter of support for member libraries.

When looking for ways to cut costs or improve library efficiency, could ask library staff for ideas.

NMLA Report – Dan said the new NMLA website will be up by Feb. 13 and follow a blog format. He is looking for pictures of NM libraries to add to the site. Elections for NMLA are coming up; ballots will be mailed Feb. 1. Conference is April 22-24 and the NMCAL lunch meeting will be Thursday.

NCES report-David reported for Beth Titus and said the survey is open now, and please send Beth a copy when it is complete. The deadline is Feb 25.

Breakout session: Each committee gathered to update, review committee charges. Afterwards chairs presented the committee reports.

Committee Reports

Distance Education Taskforce – Barbara L.G. reported that the group discussed the definition of distance ed and were doing info gathering. They will review the ACRL standards for distance ed and Tammy will formulate a survey about current services offered by member libraries. Topics that arose: copyright, IT capabilities, training to use software such as Blackboard, IDEAL-NM.

Suggestion: Have a representative from NMCAL be involved on the IDEAL-NM board or attend meetings.

Possible training/info sessions: Using SKYPE, Moodle, Blackboard for distance education.

Action items: Tammy will formulate a survey about distance ed to be sent to membership.

Legislative Committee – Ruben reported that 52% of voters said YES on the GO bond this year, but that was the lowest YES vote for the bond. The money will be distributed by the Higher Ed dept and should be available in July. At the mini-conference in October, yard signs were distributed. Details about Legislative Day were given.

Martha reported on the Cost of Libraries subcommittee, which is part of the Formula Enhancement Task Force of the HED. It was created after a meeting with Dr. Reed

Dasenbrock (Cabinet Secretary, HED) because he was interested in the “inflation factor” as related to libraries. The group was asked to work with Jim Peach of the NMSU Economics dept. The group found that academic libraries spend more on serials than any other areas of collection development. The group’s research/results were favorably received by the Formula Task Force.

NMLA Legislative Committee - Joe Sabatini reported that the public libraries were looking to increase the grant/state aid funds. The PAC owes \$2000 to the PR firm Kuhne-Watson from the last round of GO Bond campaigning. There is a possibility that GO Bond funding will not be an option next year.

Resource Sharing Committee – Peg reported the group’s interest in gathering info about a statewide integrated library system.

Action item: Dan said he would gather pros/cons related to this.

Question about the possibility of one core set of databases for all academics?

Action item: Peg will gather info about what would be included in a “core set”.

Info requested about a base level of technology that could be utilized by all academics. Also, what technology is needed for e-document delivery to other academics?

To help with resource sharing, what can NMCAL offer to school/public libraries?

Suggestion: Reach out and provide training to local public/school libraries in use of statewide databases. Document such training to show state library NMCAL collaboration. Kathleen currently provides training in Taos to her local libraries. This would also help show the state the usefulness of these databases so they will continue to purchase them for all state libraries.

Professional Development Committee Report – Sarah reported for the chair Dennis who was not in attendance. Sarah reminded members to fill out the survey Dennis emailed to the listserv to gather ideas for professional development sessions that would be of interest, possibly to be presented at the retreat in August. Ideas that were mentioned during the brainstorming were training in new technologies (wikis, LibraryThing, Captive, Camtasia) and their use in libraries, ways to engage Millennials, and how to combat plagiarism.

As part of the economic downturn, NMCAL can try to find/provide more local opportunities for professional development such as at NMLA or other local venues.

NMCAL Executive Board Meeting with State Librarian-Sarah reported on the resource sharing meeting at the state library November 14, 2008. The meeting happened as a result of a letter Ruben sent to the state librarian to see how NMCAL could work with the state on sharing resources. Both academic and public library directors were there, to brainstorm about ideas. Next steps from the meeting included starting a core group to work on resource sharing, starting an Innovative User Group, look at models for

multi-type library consortia, create and communicate minimum standards for what constitutes a library.

Discussion about the meeting during the executive board session was that NMCAL concerns were still not addressed at this meeting. Discussion with rest of membership about possible next steps for working with state library.

Suggestion: Collaborate with state library staff on individual programs as a way to show NMCAL initiative. UNM-HSLIC is currently working on a program with state development office.

Keep communication lines open with state and NMCAL; asked Melveta to be NMCAL liaison to state library as she currently works with them as a fiscal agent for vendors.

Old/New Business

AMIGOS: Can we invite them again with specific questions we give them ahead of time? Schedule another meeting with AMIGOS and NMCAL executive board.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sarah Kostelecky, NMCAL Secretary

NMCAL Executive Committee Meeting
January 29, 2009
IAIA Hogan, Santa Fe NM

Present: Ruben Aragon, Owen Ellard, Sarah Kostelecky, Esther Shir, Cecilia Stafford.
Absent: Gilda Baeza-Ortego.

Report on Resource Sharing meeting at State Library November.

Was the result of Ruben writing a letter to State Librarian to address some needs/concerns of NMCAL members.

Attendees included 6 public library directors and tech services people and NMCAL President, Vice-President, Secretary and a NMLA representative. NMCAL wanting to work on resource sharing initiatives with state library
Suggestions:

Compare concerns stated in letter with initiatives proposed at the November meeting.

Once NMCAL plan and initiatives are set, invite 2 key public library directors and 2 school library representatives to a meeting to create a task force for resource sharing.

Action items: Ruben will forward letter to NMCAL membership.

After discussion with rest of NMCAL group, gather notes/ideas and discuss next steps at NMLA working lunch meeting.

NMLA NMCAL meeting, Thursday, April 23 from 12-1:30pm

Suggested other NMLA sessions:

User group for III Innovative

Academic library roundtable led by Highlands librarians

Ideas for retiring members of NMCAL:

Present a certificate of appreciation to members, possibly at NMLA?

Include names of retirees in a proclamation for Library Legislative Day

Present names of members who have passed away, also at NMLA?

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