

New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries

Library Legislative Day Meeting
Santa Fe Community College Library
January 27, 2010

Members present: Ruben Aragon (NMHU), Rollah Aston (ENMU-Roswell), Dave Baldwin (NMSU), Martha Bedard (UNM-ABQ), Brian Bunnett (UNM HSLIC), Esteban Cantu for Gilda Baeza-Ortego (WNMU), Dennis Davies-Wilson (UNM-LA), Rachel Hewett-Beah (UNM-G), Sharon Jenkins (NMJC), Peg Johnson (SFCC), Poppy Johnson-Renvall (Mesalands), Dan Kammer (NMSU-Alamagordo), Jerry Klopfer (NMMI), Kathleen Knoth (UNM-Taos), Sarah Kostelecky (IAIA), Barbara Lovato-Gassman (UNM-Valencia), Lawrence Martinez (Luna CC) Leslie Monsalve-Jones (Southwestern), Akilah Nosakhere (NMSU-Carlsbad), Isabel Rodarte (NNMC), Christopher Shipper (San Juan), Cecilia Stafford (NMSU-Grants), Dean Thompson (DACC), Melveta Walker (ENMU-Portales).

Guests: Cassandra Arnold (Carlsbad Public Library), Joe Sabatini.

Meeting called to order at 1:43pm.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda by Denis, Sharon seconded.
Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes from retreat August 6-7, 2009: Motion to approve the minutes by Kathleen, second by Melveeta. Minutes approved.

Question: Who is in charge of listserv administration and who can be part of the listserv? Some members thought it was only other NMCAL members but it seems to include other people. Are the ex-officio members on the list?

Action item: Martha will find out about the listserv, create some criteria for the list. Maybe if a library director asks permission for their staff to be on the list, that would be allowed?

Martha received info during the meeting that there are 83 members on the list, some of which are people no longer in the group and some with duplicate emails.

Executive Board Reports

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Owen Ellard was not present; Cecilia handed out copies of report. Cost of \$300 for Legislative day t-shirts was not included because they were purchased in Jan and the report is through Dec. No questions asked.

Secretary's Report-Sarah. The following open offices that will be voted on before the April NMLA meeting: secretary, treasurer, vice-president/president-elect and 4-year rep.

Secretary will send out ballots via email, tally and report on the winners of the vote. Officers will take over at the end of the NMLA meeting.

President's Report-Cecilia. After being contacted by a library requesting to join NMCAL, there is some clarification needed regarding the criteria of NMCAL membership. Cecilia responded to this applicant and she will send out the criteria she gave to the library, to see if other NMCAL members have concerns/qualifications to add.

Suggestion: We could create these as policies and post them on website. Not necessarily need to have a bylaws change for these qualifications. Could we use the IPED questions as a basis of what constitutes an academic library?

Committee Reports

Professional Development-Dennis. Dennis reported the largest amount of academic programs at NMLA in many years, perhaps ever. Some programs presented by NMCAL members.

Distance Education-Barbara L-G. Barbara said the committee hasn't met recently. Did a survey last year, haven't done much analysis of survey data. Perhaps another NMCAL member can chair this important committee, as Barbara does not have enough time to devote to it. Volunteers contact her.

Resource Sharing Committee-Peg.

Action item: Peg will update the database list by emailing members. She will ask what databases our libraries subscribe to and costs, what packages we subscribe to and the costs, a list of databases you'd like to have, what you would like to drop. The group will compile the list and share the findings.

Other potential resource sharing ideas: Maybe purchase as a consortium CQ, a statewide ILLiad contract? Only 6 NMCAL members currently have ILLiad.

Group purchase of Serials Solutions? Some members use it now and some want to add it. A couple libraries were cancelling it. Purchase would probably be the 360 core list, link resolver and federated search, as these are the products members are most interested in right now.

Group purchase of ebooks, CREDO Reference or USA Reference, OED, netlibrary, ebrary, audiobooks, streaming films?

Action item: Peg will also conduct a member survey about the interest in these resources.

Suggestion: What if NMCAL members who get GO Bonds put aside an agreed upon percentage of that money for consortia pricing for databases? It would be a good step towards standardizing resources for all NM colleges and students.

Question: Who would be the fiscal agent? It might be risky because libraries may not continue to get GO bond money to continue the subscriptions.

Concern about databases: EBSCO will now have exclusive rights to some journals, some think their prices will increase because of this.

Melveta reported about state library group for resource sharing. For local newspapers, the state decided to continue with GALE (Magazines Online). Many journals that are going exclusively to EBSCO are mostly in Academic Search Premiere.

Question: Who is the referral person in NMCAL for the PASSPORT program? Is there a way we can streamline the process, do it electronically? For LIBROS members, in Millennium you can see all patrons within the consortium.

Action item: Peg can send out a questionnaire about the Passport program.

Concern: WorldCat-FirstSearch renewals are due now. Can we ask if they will delay our bills so we can just get WorldCat, do some sort of consortia pricing?

AMIGOS Alternatives Task Force Report-Poppy. She handed out a spreadsheet of info she collected from the survey about AMIGOS that was sent to the NMCAL listserv. She looked at other consortia for examples and many of them are negotiating prices themselves vs. groups like AMIGOS. She did research to find out if we can do some negotiating ourselves, as a NMCAL service.

Summary: Group needs to do further research on the classes/continuing ed options to see if this is a need that AMIGOS can continue to fill. The trend for consortia “buying” groups shows that these groups work on contract, some consortium members do the purchasing in addition to their other jobs. These groups consist of members from their state and address very specific needs of each state. What are the services AMIGOS provides and what can NMCAL provide? What services are duplicated and what services are essential?

Discussion about other services AMIGOS provides:

- Training is expensive, which is a hindrance to using these services.
- If we provide training, we can use our local talent and we can cultivate our local talent.
- May be difficult to provide training in-house, even though we would like to, due to time/cost constraints. Would take time to organize and keep current.
- We could use our faculty/staff to teach some of these classes. If NMCAL can't provide the training, then we can ask for it from AMIGOS.

Action item: Professional development committee will do a survey to compile outside resources for training, faculty with training, online courses, free courses. Dennis will send it to the listserv.

Action item: Someone should call DEMCO to see if NMCAL members can get the same discount we get by being AMIGOS members?

Legislative Committee-Ruben. The committee members are: Holly Shipp-Buchanan, Ruben, Martha, Poppy and Isabel. Suggested amount for the bond was \$20 million for public, academic, school and tribal libraries. T-shirt for Legislative day has NMCAL logo on the sleeve, along with the NMLA logo. This was because we gave money towards the purchase of the shirts.

Legislative Day Activities-Ruben. Poppy put together a fact sheet. NMCAL will be giving the fact sheet and candy to Legislators instead of a folder this year. Isabel will take the candy and the fact sheet to the capital building. Members received an update on the list of legislators on the NMCAL listserv, and today. This includes the Legislators contact info, sorted by counties.

Action item: Suggestion to make magnetic nametags again as NMCAL has new members and some people have moved to new positions.

NMLA Conference update-Barbara. Registration is open for Ruidoso. April 7-9. Conference hotel is lodge at Sierra Blanca.

Cecilia reminded group about NMCAL Travel Scholarship for presenters. Sarah will send out the info and the amount is up to \$200. Sharon is on the NMLA education committee and there is continuing education money available for NMLA travel as well. Also, remember to check preliminary program online because it has some updates.

Next meeting is tentatively Thursday April 8 at noon for the NMCAL lunch, at NMLA in Ruidoso. Cecilia will follow up with the place details.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dennis, Esteban seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:08pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sarah Kostecky
NMCAL Secretary