



New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries

NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report

Presented to the NMCAL Membership

January 27, 2010

Summary of major items addressed.

***October 30, 2009 – - NMCAL Legislative Committee Meeting – Albuquerque, N.M.,
University of New Mexico’s Zimmerman Library.***

- ✓ Discussion on what needs to be done in anticipation of the 2010 New Mexico Library GO Bond initiative.
- ✓ Invited Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislative Chair to provide an update of the NMLA Legislative Committee’s work on the GO Bond.

***December 11, 2009 – - NMCAL Legislative Committee Meeting – Albuquerque, N.M.,
University of New Mexico’s Zimmerman Library.***

Major item of discussion was preparing and updating information documents for Library Legislative Day, January 30, 2009.

- ✓ Talking Points. Thanks go to Isabel Rodarte for updating them.
- ✓ E-mail NMCAL Directors on an upcoming Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) at the State Capitol.

***December 16, 2009 – - Legislative Education Study Committee Meeting – Santa Fe, N.M.,
State Capitol.***

Several librarians from academic, public, school and tribal libraries were in attendance. A presentation by Pam Rishel, Los Lunas Middle School, Ruben Aragon, New Mexico Highlands University and Cynthia Shetter, Los Lunas Public Library was made to the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) on the need for funding the School Library Materials Fund and for placing a G.O. Bond Issue on the 2010 November election ballot. Omar Durant organized the presentation with LESC Director Frances Ramirez-Maestas, who noted that the LESC had supported library bond bills in the past.

***January 15, 2010 – - NMCAL Legislative Committee Meeting – Albuquerque, N.M.,
University of New Mexico’s Zimmerman Library.***

- ✓ Major item of discussion was preparing and taking care of any loose ends to complete prior to Library Legislative Day, January 28, 2010.
- ✓ Report for NMCAL Business meeting.
- ✓ Keeping the NMCAL group updated on events related to State library legislation.