



New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries

NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report

Presented to the NMCAL Membership

January 26, 2011

Summary of major items addressed.

October 22, 2010 – NMCAL Legislative Committee Meeting - Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Major items discussed:

- Martha's meeting with Viola Florez, Secretary of HED.
- Library cost index.
- Where we are in regards to advocating for the 2010 GO Bond.
- Review our priorities and charges.

November 10, 2010 – Bonds For Libraries/Political Action Committee - Bernalillo, New Mexico.

Major items discussed:

- Review of 2010 election results. A number of counties results were lower than 2008.
- PAC will dissolve and reconstitute as SIG under NMLA umbrella.
- Fate of www.bondsforlibraries.org website; financial and maintenance implications.

December 07, 2010 – NMCAL Executive Board Meeting - Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Major library legislative items discussed:

- 2010 Library GO Bond – Consider a special project “off the top”.
- NMCAL representation on the NMLA Legislative Committee. Presently Beth Titus, NMSU. Others to consider from NMCAL Legislative Committee.
- HED inflation factor amount and any “lobbying”? (5.43% overall weighted inflationary factor – recommended by Christy Crowley, UNM and Jim Peach, NMSU).
- Library legislative activities. Single unified message, NMLA table, NMCAL representatives on floor (Brian Burnett, Peg Johnson) and NMCAL Legislative Committee members meeting with key individuals, i.e. HED staff, legislators.

January 21, 2011 – NMCAL Legislative Committee Meeting - Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Major items discussed:

- Results of 2010 GO Bond.
- Library Legislative Day activities.
- Recommendations from NMCAL Executive Board reviewed.
- Have NMCAL group share experiences and ideas for advocating.

NOTES:

- ✓ 2008 Library GO Bond – Have till June 2012 to spend.
- ✓ 2010 Library GO Bond – Funds more than likely will be available July 1, 2011. Actual distribution of funds will be sent at a later date (FTE for fall 2010 release by HED). 2008 funds must be spent before expending 2010 allocation.