



New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries

NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report

Presented to the NMCAL Membership

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Discussions have taken place to recommend to the NMCAL Executive Board that the 2012 Library GO Bond allocation for academic libraries commit a portion for a consortial initiative.

The Committee has been working with Peg Johnson, NMCAL Chair on the wording for the 2012 GO Library bond legislative bill. Ms. Linda Kehoe, Principal Analyst with the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) will submit the wording to the Legislative Service Council. Ms Kehoe also wants to know our plans for distributing the 2012 GO Bond funds. NMCAL supports the same language as the 2010 GO Bond Bill with the addition of “and consortial initiatives” to the Bill.

A sub-committee for the NMCAL Legislative Committee provided the Committee different scenarios as to how to distribute the 2012 Library GO bond if passed. The Committee is recommending the scenario we feel is fair to all academic libraries to the NMCAL Executive Board.

Committee members are in the process of informing chairs of the Council of University Presidents, New Mexico Association of Community Colleges and New Mexico Independent Community. Our purpose is to keep our Presidents informed of our 2012 Library GO Bond initiative.

The Committee is strategically planning on getting the word out about the 2012 Library GO Bond initiative. First off, we wish to continue to reiterate to library directors the importance for them to contact there University presidents, legislators, lobbyists and other individuals influential in the legislative process.

Informational literature will be revised to provide the data necessary to the NMCAL group. Those items are the talking points and informational flyer. We are also looking at providing our annual promotion item such as candy for our Legislators.