



## **NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership August 02, 2013**

The NMCAL Legislative Committee met on May 17, 2013 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The main purpose was to gather our thoughts regarding the 2014 GO Bond and SB541 before meeting with the NMLA Legislative Committee and Ms. Devon Skeele, NM State Librarian.

In Santa Fe, New Mexico (May 17<sup>th</sup>), we met with the NMLA Legislative Committee and Ms. Devon Skeele, NM State Librarian. Ms. Steele initiated the meeting to discuss a 2014 Library Bond Issue and the elaboration of concepts for SB 541.

On May 28, 2013 the NMCAL Legislative Committee met with Ms. Linda Kehoe, Principal Analyst of the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee staff. Items we discussed were:

- Review process for library initiatives that we wish to introduce at the 2014 NM State Legislative session.
- Brainstorming ways New Mexico academic libraries should be funded.
- Pointers on how and what we can ask for during the 2014 NM Legislative session. Any key individuals we should talk to.
- Ms. Kehoe updated us on the 2010 Library GO Bond expenditures..
- Distribution formula for the 2012 Library GO Bond funds. What we plan on doing in spending for a collaborative project.

April 17, 2013 Ruben met with Mr. Henry Mignardot, Staff Manager and Capital Projects Coordinator, New Mexico Higher Education Department. He discussed with Mr. Mignardot the 2012 Library GO Bond distribution, the process to draw down funds and the collaborative project.

Melveta and Ruben had numerous discussions with Mr. Christopher Schipper as he worked with DFA and HED staff in identifying a process to pay for the suite of EBSCO database resources.

On July 12, 2013, a revised 2012 Library GO Bond distribution spreadsheet was sent to Mr. Henry Mignardot, Staff Manager and Capital Projects Coordinator, New Mexico Higher Education Department, in which he forwarded it on to a staff member of each academic library's budget office. A copy of the spreadsheet was also sent to the NMCAL Directors via e-mail.