



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership January 29, 2014

Major items the Legislative Committee has dealt with since our last report dated August 2, 2013 are:

On August 16, 2013, the NMCAL Legislative Committee met in Albuquerque to draft a proposal in regards to pursuing library technology funding. We submitted the library technology proposal to Ms. Linda Kehoe, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee Staff in September 2013. She then suggested we forward our proposal to Mr. Mike Baca with the Department of Information Technology, who in turn recommended we talk to Mr. Gar Clarke, NM Broadband Program Manager, Department of Information Technology. Presently, Holly Buchanan is discussing this with Mr. Clarke.

Members of the NMCAL Legislative Committee on October 17, 2013, attended a New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) Capital Outlay Bureau (COB) public hearing at the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The hearing provided an opportunity for New Mexico Library Association representatives to present and answer questions about the 2014 General Obligation Library Bond Issue.

A follow-up letter pertaining to questions asked at the October 17, 2013 Capital Outlay hearing was drafted and sent to, Mr. Tom Clifford, Cabinet Secretary, Department of Finance and Administration, and Mr. David Abbey, New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee Director.

On October 17, 2013, a few Committee members attended a NMCAL ribbon cutting ceremony at NMLA's mini-conference in Los Alamos. The ceremony held at the Mesa Public Library was to celebrate the consortial purchase of EBSCO databases by academics libraries that saved New Mexico taxpayers \$230,000.

November 7, 2013, NMCAL Legislative Committee met in Albuquerque to prepare for the activities associated with Library Legislative Day.

January 21, 2014, Melveta Walker, ENMU, Peg Johnson, SFCC and Ruben Aragon, NMHU presented on behalf of NMCAL to the New Mexico Council of University Presidents. We informed them of: 1) Description of NMCAL, 2) 2014 Library GO Bond, 3) Our collaborative project, and 4) library technology plans.

January 27, 2014, Peg Johnson, SFCC and Ruben Aragon, NMHU presented on behalf of NMCAL, to the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges (NMACC), and the New Mexico Independent Community Colleges Presidents. We informed them of: 1) Description of NMCAL, 2) 2014 Library GO Bond, 3) Our collaborative project, and 4) library technology plans.