



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership October 22, 2015

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the NMCAL Retreat at Isleta Pueblo, held August 6-7, 2015.

August 7, 2015 – Mr. Gerald Hoehne and Mr. Ron James, NMHED, in coordination with the NMCAL Legislative Committee members presented at the NMCAL Retreat. They provided a power point presentation and were open for discussion and questions.

August 13, 2015 – Mr. Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair of the NMLA Legislative Committee submitted a final draft of wording to Ms. Linda Kehoe, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), to begin the processing for creating a bill for the 2016 Library GO Bond initiative. The proposal now stands as \$17,500,000 total with academic, public, and school having equal allocations of around \$5,500,000 (\$16,500,000), and Tribal Libraries around \$1,000,000.

Wording for the academic libraries segment of the bill is, “(2) to the higher education department, five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) for supplemental library resource acquisitions, including books, equipment, resources and collaborative library resources and information technology projects, at academic libraries statewide;”.

August 31, 2015 – The, “General Guidelines for Expenditures of Library GO Bond Funds”, document was approved. The signed two-page document, is available via the NMCAL and NMHED websites.

October 5-7, 2015 – Changes to the NMCAL webpage pertaining to legislative sections were submitted to Ms. Carol Boyse at NMSU.

October 16, 2015 - Latest version of the NMCAL 2012 Library GO Bond draw down report was sent to the membership via e-mail this week. The only activity reported for the 2014 Library GO Bond was the drawdown of \$1,054,567 for the collaborative project.

October, 27-30, 2015 – Ms. Linda Kehoe will present the 2016 Library GO Bond initiative at the LFC hearing.

January 28, 2016 – Library Legislative Day will be held at the State Capital, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Unfortunately, no information table for libraries will be available in the Rotunda.

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