



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership January 27, 2016

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the 2015 NMLA Annual Conference, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The NMCAL group held a business meeting during the Conference on October 22, 2015.

November 13, 2015 - The NMCAL Legislative Committee met in Albuquerque to discuss and prepare for the 2016 Library Legislative Day activities.

November 19, 2015 – A NMLA delegation, along with Ms. Veronica Gonzales, Secretary, Cultural Affairs Department provided preliminary discussions on the 2016 Library GO Bond initiative to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC). Peg Johnson, SFCC and Ruben Aragon, NMHU attended the hearing.

January 15, 2016 – NMCAL Legislative Committee members met with Ms. Brandee Pacheco and Ms. Kathy Fernandez, with the Legislative Finance Committee staff. Due to an emergency, Ms. Linda Kehoe was unavailable. We were informed that the LFC revised the dollar amount distribution from \$3.1 million for academic, public and school and \$700 thousand for tribal, to \$3.5 million to academic, \$3 million for public and school and \$500 thousand for tribal.

January 26, 2016 - Latest version of the NMCAL 2012 and 2014 Library GO Bond draw down reports were sent to the membership.

Miscellaneous: The 2016 Library Legislative Day is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2016. Librarians will be recognized during opening ceremonies in each chamber. Delegations representing types of libraries and geographical areas will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Bill Soules and in the House by Representative Deborah Armstrong. Barbara Lovato, University of New Mexico - Valencia, NMCAL President, will be in the Senate and Valerie Nye, IAIA, 2015-16 Academic Librarian of the Year, will represent us in the House.

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