



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership November 02, 2017

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the NMCAL Retreat meeting held August 3-4, 2017, at the campus of the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

August 3, 2017 – Progress report given to the NMCAL Directors during the NMCAL Retreat held at the campus of the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, in Albuquerque, NM.

Mid-August 2017 - The executed grant agreement for the Series 2017 General Obligation Bond appropriation for Academic Libraries (2016 Library GO Bond), was forwarded by the Higher Education Department staff to New Mexico universities budget and finance administrators for approval. As a reminder, all previous Library GO Bond proceeds must be fully expended prior to drawing down from this particular appropriation.

August 28, 2017 – NMLA Legislative Committee meeting held in Bernalillo, NM – Ruben attended. Emphasis of the meeting was to identify points we will present to Linda Kehoe to help her prepare her presentation to the Legislative Finance Committee on October 26. We have several issues to review.

October 3, 2017 – NMLA Legislative Committee meeting held at Albuquerque Public Schools District Library and Technology Services building – Ruben attended. Two major items discussed; 1) to have one-minute summaries describing how the GO Bonds are essential for each of the four types of libraries. We also identified items to handout for legislators at the October 26 LFC hearing and 2) 100% of charter schools have not taken even the first step in spending their bond money. Joe Sabatini suspected that this is because they do not actually have libraries, so they are doing the legally correct thing by not spending it. This is an issue that the NMLA Legislative Committee needs to address.

October 26, 2017 – Legislative Finance Committee hearing, Capital Building, Santa Fe, NM – Peg Johnson and Ruben attended. Presentation given by Joe Sabatini. Senator Smith began by talking about the economy of New Mexico. Senator Hall had a question on why the Supreme Court Law Library is not included in the bond. Linda Kehoe addressed her concern about this at this junction of the bill process. The NMLA Executive Board will look into this.

October 31, 2017 - Latest version of the NMCAL 2014 Library GO Bond draw down reports sent to the membership.

Miscellaneous:

- Continued email correspondences with NMHED took place. Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Director of Capital Projects, on items pertaining to the 2016 NM Academic GO Bond Distribution, collaborative project. In addition, Ms. Loretta Marquez, has assisted in providing the numbers pertaining to the 2014 draw down expenditure reports.
- The 2018 NM Library Legislative Bulletins have begun to be received from Joe Sabatini, Co-chair of the NMLA Legislative Committee. Ruben forwards them to the NMCAL Directors.
- The 2018 Library Legislative Day is scheduled for Friday, January 26.

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