



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership July 30, 2020

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the NMCAL Business meeting held January 30, 2020, the day before Library Legislative Day held in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

January 30, 2020 – Progress report given to the NMCAL Directors during the NMCAL Business meeting held the day before the 2020 Library Legislative Day activities, in Santa Fe, NM.

Action at the New Mexico State Legislator – 2/18/20 – Senate Bill #207 passed by a margin of 41 yes, 0 no. **2/20/20** - House passed bill with a margin of 66 yes, 0 no.

March 11, 2020 - Governor Lujan Grisham completed her review of legislation passed by the 2020 session of the New Mexico Legislature. She signed SB #207 – 2020 CAPITAL PROJECTS GO BOND ACT (Munoz, Neville, Smith), which has bond issues to be considered by voters on the November 3, 2020 general election ballot. Library Bond Issue B will provide \$9,500,000, which included \$3 million each for public, academic and public school libraries, and \$500,000 for tribal libraries.

June 17, 2020 – The NMCAL Legislative Committee had a zoom meeting to prepare for our presentation at the July 30, 2020 NMCAL Directors Retreat.

June 24, 2020 – April Kent and I had a zoom session with Mr. Gerald Hoehne, New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED), Capital Projects Director. Discussed mainly drawdown procedures, updating general guidelines for expenditures of Library GO Bond funds and presenting at the NMCAL Directors Retreat on July 30, 2020.

July 06, 2020 - Latest version of the NMCAL 2016 and 2018 Library GO Bond draw down reports were sent to the membership.

July 20, 2018 – NMLA Legislative Committee had a zoom meeting. Joe Sabatini, Chair of the NMLA Committee conducted the meeting. Major items of discussion were 1) library services during the COVID-19 pandemic and 2) upcoming November 3, 2020 election, specifically Bond B.

July 28, 2018 – April Kent and I had a zoom session with Steve Olson, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), Capital Outlay Funding/Monitoring. I gave him an overview of NMCAL and close working relationship with Linda Kehoe and Jonas Armstrong. Also, discussed with him about presenting at our NMCAL Directors Retreat on July 30, 2020.

Miscellaneous:

- ✓ Email correspondences with NMHED took place. Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Director of Capital Projects, on items pertaining to the 2016 and 2018 NM Academic GO Bond Distribution, collaborative project. In addition, Ms. Loretta Marquez, has assisted in providing the numbers pertaining to the 2016 and 2018 draw down expenditure reports.
- ✓ NMCAL Directors Retreat; Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Capital Projects Director, New Mexico Higher Education Department and Mr. Steve Olson, LFC, Capital Outlay Funding/Monitoring will be presenting on Thursday, July 30th. Our Committee will do a PowerPoint presentation on the 2020 Library GO Bond.
- ✓ **Remember to vote on November 3, 2020.**

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