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New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries

Retreat at ENMU, Portales, NM

August 5 - 6, 1996

Members Present: Ed Dowlin, Ruben Aragon, Russ Gladstone, Steven Pla, Rollah Aston, Linda Schappart, Jennifer Minter, Steve Rollins, Randy Gaylor, Stan Ruckman, Bruce McLaren, Jerry Klopfer, Ben Wakashige, Ann Bancroft, Mary Weaver, Tim Greer, Robin Angeley, Lucie Yassa, Charles Townley, Kris Warmoth, Betty Reynolds, Kay Krehbiel, Judith Anspuch, and Isabel Rodarte.

Meeting was convened at 1:15 pm by President Ed Dowlin.

Minutes from last meeting were approved as distributed bye-mail.

Announcements: Randy Gaylor reported that NMCHECS meeting will be held in Farmington November 6 - 8.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Isabel reported a current balance of \$10,655.14 before expenses for the retreat (copy attached). Membership dues letters were distributed. Members not present will receive theirs in the mail. E-mail addresses were requested from members not receiving minutes via e-mail.

Study of Database Use: Charles Townley reported that his study showed database users like comfort, convenience and ability to control the databases. Faculty usually assign papers based on their own familiarities. Data collected was based on FirstSearch statistics. Conclusion: It is more expensive to have a locally mounted database with same interface as compared to FirstSearch. He will continue to study and collect data on the impact of interfaces, FirstSearch, CDROM, main frame, off-campus use, downloading capability.

LEIAN - NMCAL Report: Stephen Rollins distributed list of twenty-one NMCAL FirstSearch database subscribers. We now have ports for fifty-one simultaneous basic package users. A few databases will have fewer ports to reduce their costs. New databases will appear on library screens mid September. Cost effectiveness is determined at \$.55 per search or \$2.75 for each full text article downloaded. Compare this figure to subscription cost. Report to him any lockouts you may encounter noting database occurring on and time it occurs.

Subscription costs are based on FTE as opposed to number of searches for two reasons. 1) Joining members have no history as to use of databases. 2) Smaller libraries eventually may not be able to afford subscriptions if they have high usage.

It was suggested that training for FirstSearch be provided by NMCHECS or NMARL with NMCAL subsidizing some of the expenses. No action taken but Ed will take it back to the Executive Board and perhaps appoint a Training Committee.

Automation Committee: Stephen Rollins reported all their work was dedicated to FirstSearch. State library has \$300,000 to pay for library connections to Internet.

Collection Development Committee: Randy Gaylor stated that acquisitions budgets are decreasing especially at smaller libraries and if weeding is taking place then collections are shrinking given increasing costs of books

and purchasing power. He said that he would like to see more truths reflected in each institution's report in order to have a valid report to present to the legislature.

Formula Funding Committee: Stephen Rollins reported that CHE does not seem receptive to formula revision idea. In addition, they have reduced book unit cost to \$37 from \$48 and used this figure to generate the current formula.

Ben Wakashige Report: Ben explained Texshare exists to support and enhance resource sharing among 4 year public academic libraries. It also permits development of linkages with other states for purpose of sharing. It has 52 members. Texshare received \$1 million from legislature for a biennial period. He believes its success is due to inkind services by its members, working groups and committees. Services provided are: library cards which is similar to NMCAL's passport; access to electronic databases; electronic communication; document delivery; ILL protocol; collection development (\$10,000 is given to members for helping to catalog a collection they agree to share); training which is a forum that presents the plan to administrators and other decision makers. Ben recommends that New Mexico try to come up with a comprehensive plan to include academic, public, and school libraries. We should aim for providing full images and not just full text.

Western Governor's University: Ed reported that this idea originated in Utah as a means of saving money and not placing much money into higher education. He will be attending a library consortium meeting in Utah August 10 about WGU. He asked that NMCAL fund this trip for him. No action taken.

NMCAL Brochure: Stan Ruckman will work on the revision of the original document for NMCAL to reflect accomplishments of the organization. This brochure can then be used to present to legislators. It was suggested that Stan include the following accomplishments since 1989: reciprocal borrowing, formula funding revision, growth of membership, strengthened library resources with bond issue monies; FirstSearch project; Web page; Listserv and email; Committees have gathered statistics and conducted different studies. To be included also are projects presently working on such as Off-site storage; promotion of WGU; Formula revision. Stan will run it by NMCAL members via email for comments within the next ten days.

Statistics Committee: Jenny Minter explained some changes from the 1994 form. The IPEDS report is due November 15, 1996. Send it earlier if possible. Do not leave anything blank. Your estimate is better than theirs!!

Resource Sharing Committee: Mary Weaver recommended that all members keep passport certificates on file for more accurate reporting in the future. please complete "ILL Traffic in NM" form and return to Mary asap to establish where ILL is going so that we can put a package together to request proposals from courier services.

Legislative Information Committee: Stephen Rollins reported that NMLA wants to introduce a bill for Internet training for librarians or students. This bill is for \$250,000 and will be introduced by senator from Gadsen. It was suggested that NMCAL attempt to justify our requests for money by using the virtual university idea. Charles volunteered to draft something like the Texshare program and justify our requests by including electronic services to residents of NM. It should also include delivery services, passport, training, full text access, and library as delivery points for- distance education. Ben recommended that we obtain full endorsement and support from NMLA.

Statewide Contracts: Stephen Rollins stated that Karen Watkins would be glad to work with NMCAL on this. Jerry will look into contracts for bindery and supplies.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

ATTACHMENT: TREASURY REPORT

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BALANCE: We have \$10,655.14 in the Treasury.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD 12/9/95 - 8/5/96

DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
4/23/96		Wire transfer fee from Bank of America	\$15.94
4/24/96	101	Isabel Rodarte, reimbursement for lunch	62.48
6/13/96		Wire transfer from Los Alamos National Bank	11.62

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 90.04

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD 12/9/95 - 8/5/96

4/23/96		Balance forward from NMCAL account Bank of America	7753.79
6/13/96		Balance forward from NMCAL - LRC Council	2975.36
7/24/96		Interest earned	16.03

TOTAL INCOME 10,745.18