



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership August 01, 2019

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the NMCAL Business meeting held February 07, 2019, the day before Library Legislative Day held in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

February 07, 2019 – Progress report given to the NMCAL Directors during the NMCAL Business meeting held the day before the 2019 Library Legislative Day activities, in Santa Fe, NM.

February 08, 2019 - Library Legislative Day was held. Librarians were recognized during opening ceremonies in each chamber. Delegations representing types of libraries and geographical areas were introduced in the Senate by Senator Bill Soules and in the House by Representative Deborah Armstrong. Ruben Aragon, New Mexico Highlands University, NMCAL President, represented us in the Senate and Sharon Jenkins, Library Director, New Mexico State University-Alamogordo, 2018-19 Academic Librarian of the Year, represented us in the House.

May 13, 2019 – The NMCAL Legislative Committee met at the CNM library in Albuquerque, NM. Major items discussed were.

- ✓ Mr. Jonas Armstrong, LFC Senior Fiscal Analyst, Capital Outlay and Mr. Eli Guinee, State Librarian in attendance. Discussed the 2020 Library GO Bond initiative.
- ✓ Reviewed the distribution spreadsheet of the 2018-23 Library GO Bond funds.
- ✓ Discussed what to present at the NMCAL Directors Retreat, July 31-August 2, 2019.

June 07, 2019 – A NMLA legislation delegation meeting was held at the Martha Liebert Public Library in Bernalillo. Primary purpose was to discuss the 2020 Library GO Bond initiative. Ruben attended this meeting.

July 16, 2019 - Email went to the NMCAL_DIR-L@LIST.UNM.EDU address, updating the library directors on the status of the 2018 Library GO Bond. The bond is scheduled to be sold at the end of July. Once sold, NMHED staff will issue grant agreements to each NM Academic Institution probably in early to mid-August. Once signed by the Institution and returned to NMHED, funds will probably be made available around the 1st of September.

July 29, 2019 - Latest version of the NMCAL 2016 Library GO Bond draw down report sent to the membership.

August 09, 2019 – A New Mexico library legislative delegation will be meeting with the Governor's staff to discuss State library legislation. Poppy will represent the academics.

Miscellaneous:

- ✓ Email correspondences with NMHED took place. Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Director of Capital Projects, on items pertaining to the 2018 NM Academic GO Bond, collaborative project, etc. In addition, Ms. Loretta Marquez, has assisted in providing the numbers pertaining to the 2016 draw down expenditure reports.
- ✓ Email correspondences with Joe Sabatini pertaining to the 2020 NM Library GO Bond initiative.

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