

Members Present:

Randy Gaylor, Stan Ruckman, Tim Greer, Steve Rollins, Lucie Yassa, Eleanor Guenther, Norice Lee, Sylvia Medina, Inga Waite, Charles Townley, Ruben Aragon, Mike Mabe, Betty Reynolds, Kathleen Knoth, James Pawlack, John McCance.

Meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. President Randy Gaylor called the meeting to order. He expressed our appreciation to Lucie Yassa and her staff for hosting the meeting at their facility.

Minutes:

Betty moved, Ruben seconded motion to approve minutes as presented via e-mail.

Treasurer's Report:

Pres. Gaylor reported that one library has not paid dues and asked that they contact Isabel to take care of it.

Round Robin Report (in brief):

St. John's College is getting ready for accreditation.
SFCC and UNM are facing increased enrollments due to lottery scholarships.
Betty Reynolds of NM Tech and Stan Ruckman of NMSU-Alamogordo announced their retirement plans. This would be their last attendance at a NMCAL meeting.
Dine College is getting ready to automate the library in the spring of 1998.
Kathleen Knoth is now permanent full-time employee at Taos Education Center.
Lucie Yassa welcomed everyone to the beautiful newly renovated Miller Library and extended an invitation to the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies.
Mike Mabe is the new Library Director for San Juan College and was attending his first NMCAL meeting.

Steve Rollins reported the following update on Funding Initiatives:

1. The NMCAL proposal for Extended Learning Funds was favorably received by CHE and was ranked 4th of 17 proposals. It was placed in the "needed" category. So far, only seven proposals have received a funding recommendation. The proposal contains two funding components: \$196,000 each year for three years for site licensing of electronic library resources, and funding for instruction on how to use the "electronic library." The instruction money would be allocated to UNM for developing an ITV and /or Web course. If funded by the legislature, the group will receive additional funds for acquiring site license for full text resources. NMCAL could either offset current costs for full text such as Wilson Select or purchase a new
2. product for the group such as IAC's Web service, ProQuest or EBSCO Academic.
3. UNMGL's bid as the Western Governors' University Central Library Resource was also favorably received by WGU. Two representatives from WGU met with Steve Rollins and others at UNM on Nov. 12 to discuss the bid in more detail. If UNM is awarded the contract, the library will receive salary money to operate the Central Library Resource and WGU will become a member of the NMCAL FirstSearch Consortium. Adding libraries to the FirstSearch consortium will reduce overall costs for each library. This is one case where more means less.
4. Steve is working with Karen Watkins and Joe Sabatini on drafting a bill for statewide licenses. The minimum funding level would offer site licensing to public and school libraries and perhaps offer these libraries an opportunity to participate in the NMCAL FirstSearch consortium. Higher

funding levels would allocate money for site license for all libraries in NM and experiment with direct access from homes.

5. Steve has been asked to serve on a State Library committee that will survey p[public and school libraries about the availability of electronic library resources and identify ways of supplying such resources to the public and school libraries. The State Library has approximately \$100,000 to use for site licensing. One the committee identifies which products are needed and affordable, collaboration with NMCAL will be considered.

6. The Santa Fe Institute will be joining our FirstSearch consortium. They are a small research institute affiliated with UNM and Los Alamos employing 60 FTE. Their annual payment to the consortium will be small (\$240) but every dollar helps.

7. An update on the use of FirstSearch during the first two months with the expanded base package:

Total annual cost is \$850,000 for the NMCAL/LEIAN FirstSearch consortium. NMCAL's share is \$330,000. Total number of searches for the NMCAL/LEIAN group are: 145,702 for September 1997; 153,749 for October 1997. Total number of articles retrieved: 12,558 for September; 12,824 for October. This level of activity represents on a pre-school cost basis, a total of \$249,827 worth of service, in just the first two months of subscribing to the new expanded base package. Each library can access their FirstSearch usage statistics by logging on with your institution's administrative account and password to OCLC's Website at www.stats.oclc.org.

8. Charles Townley spoke about the funding formula and how it works. He also asked for revisions and editorial suggestions for the NMCAL Resolutions. Resolutions are:

- Urge CHE, Legislature, and Governor to support \$8 million increase in the academic library formula or to provide severance tax or GO funds for library collection, in electronic and print formats.
- To support efforts of NMLA to provide statewide subscriptions for electronic journals and reference materials and strongly recommends the inclusion of academic libraries at a minimum of \$750,000 statewide.
- NMCAL unanimously support the funding for ELF projects recommended by the CHE.

A motion to accept resolutions was made by Ruben Aragon and seconded by Stan Ruckman. Motion carried by acclamation.

9. Stan Ruckman reported he is working on Collection Assessment Handbook.

Committee Reports:

Statistics Committee: No report.

Collection Development: No report.

Automation:

Resource Sharing: Sylvia Medina reported that she is working on updating Passport Certificate Program Information Forms and will be presenting statistics on the passport program at the next meeting in April.

Next meeting will be held at NMLA in Albuquerque in April with details forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Isabel Rodarte, Secretary/Treasurer as recorded by Sylvia Medina.