

NMCAL MINUTES OF WINTER MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 2000
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The New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries met at 3:00 PM on February 2, 2000 at the NM State Library in Santa Fe, NM.

Those present included:

Ruben F. Aragon (NMHU); Jan Barnhart (UNM); Holly Buchanan (UNM-HSC); Rose Diaz (UNM); Dennis Davies-Wilson (UNM-Los Alamos); Kathleen Knoth (UNM-Taos); Kay Krebbiel (NM Tech); Eleanor Kuhl (Dine' College); Norice Lee (Dona Ana CC); Sylvia Medina (Santa Fe CC); John McCance (College of the Southwest); Anne Moore (NMSU-Alamogordo); David Myers (NMSU); Brigitte Schimek (NM Tech); Inga Waite (St. John's); Ben Wakashige (NM State Library); Melveta Walker (ENMU-Portales); Fred Wilding-White (NMSU-Grants).

Norice Lee called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The agenda, minutes, and a treasurer's report had been distributed at the door. Ruben Aragon made a motion to approve the minutes. Melveta Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$12,470.54 as of January 31, 2000.

By-Law changes were distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. Inga Waite suggested leaving out "in conjunction with annual NMLA". Another suggestion was made that the ballot could be on the web-site. In 7-B, a statement needs to be added about absentee voting if it is decided to vote at the Spring meeting. Revision of by-laws was sent back to the Board.

Library Legislative Day was discussed by David Myers, NMCAL Legislative Chairman. He distributed a page explaining SB210, the legislative initiative concerning science and Technology. The bill had a hearing and was tabled by the Senate Finance Committee on Monday, January 31, 2000. David also had a suggested letter to be sent to legislators. David also recommended that in the future NMCAL might plan a LLD separate from the NMLA. Confusion this year came from the scheduling of Municipal League Day on the same date as LLD. Municipal League plans to take legislators out to lunch on the same day that NMLA and NMCAL are bringing box lunches to the legislators.

Ben Wakashige also discussed the fate of other legislation concerned with school and public libraries. He commented that getting legislation passed is almost a three year process. First year: exposure; second year: push hard and educate legislators; third year: continue to push hard and hopefully get legislation passed.

Updates from State Library:

ProQuest – a handout called "Magazines Online"

Ben's handout indicated that 66 % of the usage had been academic libraries. It also indicated the top ten academic users in the state and had a chart showing usage from January thru October, 1999 for 37 institutions.

Business Periodicals Database – the RFP is in the process of going through the red tape of government purchasing. We should have access to a business database soon. Contact Pat Seavey at State Library.

Paul Leonis discussed the “Find It! New Mexico” database that is being developed. It now has about 20,000 documents from state agencies. There is an RFP in the process for a software product for the search engine.

Kirsten Shields – a new State Library staff person is the Marketing and Advocacy Consultant.. She had a handout concerning the campaign for April, 2000, which the governor has declared as New Mexico’s Month of the Library.

Holly Buchanan had a two-page handout describing a \$40,000 grant from The National Library of Medicine to promote access to consumer health information in New Mexico and a \$70,000 award from the NM State Library to obtain statewide access to full-text consumer health resources. The product is Gale/Infotrac and each academic library should be contacted by Gale to get included in the health database access.

Committee Reports:

Anne Moore had a handout concerning the Statewide Electronic Resources Task Force. It will be meeting in Alamogordo soon. Contact Anne if you are interested in participating in this group.

Inga Waite reported that the Statistics Committee would be doing a salary survey. Inga also reported that the Academic Library Survey has become optional as a part of IPEDS. David Myers made a motion that all NMCAL members would participate in the optional survey and would submit their library statistics to the New Mexico academic library representative (Inga Waite). Melveta Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay Krehbiel had three handouts from the ILL and Document Delivery Committee. She will find out about an AMIGOS sponsored courier service. Holly Buchanan made a motion to provide \$50.00 for refreshments for the ILL program at NMLA in April at Taos. Anne Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried. Check will be sent to Kay Krehbiel.

Various issues dealing with the Passport program were discussed. UNM wants to issue the Passports for only one semester at a time. Holly Buchanan wants the Passports sold in same way that Health Sciences sells memberships. Group consensus was that Passports would be required to get services at another library. Kay said a packet will be mailed out to each academic library and there will be certain revisions along with staff training and instructions.

Melveta Walker reported for the Distance Education Committee. She shared a guide that ENMU at Portales has developed for all students off-campus. Kathleen Knoth talked about a new initiative at UNM with Dr. Domingues concerning distance education students. Norice Lee shared information about a distance learning conference in Portland, OR that is the same time as NMLA.

Holly Buchanan mentioned a FIPSE grant in the area of distance education. A February letter of intent and a June due date relate to the grant. She suggested it could cover innovative techniques for electronic reference, or maybe a state-wide courier service. Melveta Walker indicated she would check into it.

Jan Barnhart made an announcement concerning a conference March 23-25, 2000 in Albuquerque at the Sheraton for Transborder Librarians. Contact Jan for more information: 277-7175.

Norice Lee reported for the Nominating Committee that there would be three positions to be replaced at the April meeting during NMLA (April 28, 7 AM).

The NMCAL meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Most members adjourned to a dinner at Garduno's at 6:30 PM.

Eleanor R. Kuhl
Secretary