



**New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries**

## **NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report**

**Presented to the NMCAL Membership**

**April 08, 2010**

### **Summary of major items addressed.**

#### ***January 28, 2010 – Library Legislative Day – State Capitol, Santa Fe, New Mexico.***

Legislative Day was reasonably successful in spite of a snowstorm which prevented many library supporters from attending. The PAC staffed a table in the Rotunda for distribution of library information. Five librarians were presented on the dais in each chamber. In the Senate, five members spoke briefly about the importance of libraries. Over 80 library supporters wore gold PAC t-shirts supporting the bond issue.

#### ***March 19, 2010 - NMCAL Legislative Committee Meeting – Albuquerque, N.M., University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library.***

Major items of discussion were; **1)** provide an update of the 2010 Library GO Bond B, **2)** the need to begin advocating for the GO Bond, **3)** address concerns to State Legislators regarding the distribution of GO Bonds equability between academic, public, school and tribal libraries, **4)** to recommend that the tribal libraries be folded into the other categories to assure equitable distribution and **5)** determine our charges for 2010-11.

### **Information Items:**

SB 1, 2010 General Obligation Bond B signed for \$7 million. The GO Bond will equally divide 6 million between academic, public, and school libraries (2 million each), and 1 million for tribal libraries. The GO Bond will be on the November 2nd ballot. However, early voting will begin on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **2010-11 Recommended Charges:**

The following charges will be submitted for NMCAL Executive Board approval.

1. Advocate (NM Legislature, Council of Presidents, Higher Education Department, etc.) for the New Mexico libraries GO Bond initiative for the 2010 legislative session.
2. Advocate with the Higher Education Department for an increase in the inflationary percentage of the funding formula.
3. Discuss, review, and begin to push for a legislative line item supplemental funding for New Mexico academic libraries.
4. Increase the level of collaboration with NMLA on legislative matters impacting academic libraries in New Mexico.