



New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries

NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report

Presented to the NMCAL Membership

April 27, 2011

Summary of major items addressed.

January 28, 2011 – Library Legislative Day – State Capitol, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Legislative Day was primarily the same as it was the year before. A number of librarians from academic, public, school and tribal were in attendance. Librarians from the four identities were present on the dais in each chamber. A small candy bar and bookmark were given to each State and House legislators by the academics.

April 08, 2011 – Meeting with Linda Kehoe, – Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Ruben Aragon and Ben Wakashige met with Ms. Kehoe. Major items discussed were to begin the process for the 2012 Library GO Bond initiative and to find out dates of Legislative Finance Committee's hearings.

April 15, 2011 – NMCAL Legislative Committee Meeting - Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Major items discussed:

- Summarized Library Legislative Day activities.
- Advocating methods – Request NMCAL members to share experiences and ideas in getting the word out to voters.
- Representative(s) from our Committee to serve on the NMLA Legislative Committee.
- Process and deadlines for odd/even year GO Bond initiatives.
- The need to update our informational brochures, flyers, etc.
- Review our charges.

NOTE:

- ✓ Three year cycle for Library GO Bonds; example, Library GO Bond 2008 was available to spend on July 1, 2009. So you have fiscal years 2010, 2011 and then 2012. Funds must be spent by June 30, 2012.