



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership April 09, 2015

The 2015 Library Legislative Day was held Thursday, February 5, 2015. 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. James Pawlak, ENMU-Ruidoso, NMCAL President, represented the academic libraries in the Senate and Peggy Johnson, SFCC, 2014-15 Academic Librarian of the Year, represented us in the House.

A NMCAL Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled with the Higher Education Department staff on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Major items of discussion are: 1) to revise the List of Acceptable Library Resources for Expending GO Bond Funding New Mexico Academic Libraries, dated October 30, 2007, and 2) to review the distribution of the 2014 Library GO Bond funds.

Needs Assessment and 2016 Statewide Library Conference. The NMLA Legislation Committee gave its highest priority to the passage of House and Senate memorials asking for a statewide assessment of library needs and the holding of a Statewide Library Conference in 2016. A New Mexico Assessment Task Force has been formed, and met for the first time on March 6th in Los Alamos, with a second meeting scheduled for April 17th in Santa Fe.

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