



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership January 26, 2017

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the 2016 NMLA Annual Conference, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The NMCAL group held a business meeting during the Conference on November 03, 2016.

November 8, 2016 – The 2016 Library GO Bond B passed with a 64.78% yes vote. The final NM academic libraries distribution list will be completed once the fall 2016 institutional enrollment census data is completed and turned in to NMHED sometime in spring 2017. At this time, I will have the actual FTE data available to calculate the final distribution figures.

November 18, 2016 – Ruben attended the Legislative Finance Committee hearing on the Department of Cultural Affairs Department. Ms. Veronica Gonzales, Secretary, Cultural Affairs Department was there to defend the budget request for the Department, which includes the State Library. A call was made to have as mainly librarians and library supporters in attendance. Ms. Peg Johnson, SFCC, Ms. Valarie Nye, IAIA and Ms. Kathleen Knoth, UNM-Taos, were other NMCAL library directors in attendance.

December 09, 2016– The NMCAL Legislative Committee met in Albuquerque to prepare for the activities associated with Library Legislative Day.

January 25, 2017 - Latest version of the NMCAL 2012 and 2014 Library GO Bond draw down reports were sent to the membership.

Miscellaneous: The 2017 Library Legislative Day is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. Librarians will be recognized during opening ceremonies in each chamber. Delegations representing types of libraries and geographical areas will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Bill Soules and in the House by Representative Deborah Armstrong. Richard Clement, University of New Mexico – University Libraries, NMCAL President, will be in the Senate and Christopher Schipper, Library Director, San Juan College, 2016-17 Academic Librarian of the Year, will represent us in the House.

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