



**NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report
Presented to the NMCAL Membership
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This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the NMCAL Business meeting held Thursday, January 26, 2017, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The NMCAL group held this in conjunction with the New Mexico Library Legislative Day (January 27, 2017).

April 6, 2017 – NMCAL Executive Board meeting held in Las Vegas, NM, in conjunction with the NMLA Mini-Conference. Ruben attended.

June 16, 2017 - The NMCAL Legislative Committee met in Albuquerque. The following were some of the major items discussed/reviewed: revisions made in the NMCAL webpage on items concerning the Legislative Committee; reviewed on how we felt Library Legislative Day went; Mr. Gerald Hoehne is again our contact with NMHED; and the need to schedule meetings with key individuals, i.e. Linda Kehoe, CUP, NMACC, NMICC.

June 21, 2017 – The 2016 Library GO Bond distribution spreadsheet emailed to the NMCAL group. Because of the delay with the NM Legislative Special Session, funds may not be available until September 2017.

July 06, 2017 – Melveta, Barbara, Peg and Ruben in-person, and Beth by teleconference met with Ms. Linda Kehoe, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee. We primarily discussed the 2018 Library GO Bond initiative.

August 02, 2017 - Latest version of the NMCAL 2014 Library GO Bond draw down reports sent to the membership.

Several email correspondences with NMHED took place. Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Director of Capital Projects, on items pertaining to the 2016 NM Academic GO Bond Distribution, collaborative project and an invitation for him to attend our 2017 retreat. In addition, Ms. Loretta Marquez, has assisted in providing the numbers pertaining to the 2014 draw down expenditure reports.

Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislative Committee Co-Chair on July 5th, submitted a request on behalf of the library community for a 2018 Library General Obligation Bond bill for \$17.5 million. The legislative language used in the 2016 SB 122 retained for 2018.

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