



**NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report  
Presented to the NMCAL Membership  
August 02, 2018**

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the NMCAL Business meeting held January 25, 2018, the day before Library Legislative Day held in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**January 25, 2018** – Progress report given to the NMCAL Directors during the NMCAL Business meeting held the day before the 2018 Library Legislative Day activities, in Santa Fe, NM.

**January 26, 2018** - Library Legislative Day was held. 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 Liz Thomson. Jolene Manus, Library Director, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, NMCAL President, represented us in the Senate and Kathleen Knoth, Library Director, University of New Mexico-Taos, 2017-18 Academic Librarian of the Year, represented us in the House.

**March 7, 2018** - Governor Martinez completed her review of legislation passed by the 2018 session of the New Mexico Legislature. She signed SB 94 - GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS (CISNEROS), which has four bond issues to be considered by voters on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot. Library Bond Issue B will provide \$12,750,000, including \$4 million each for public, academic and public school libraries, and \$750,000 for tribal libraries.

**July 6, 2018** – The NMCAL Legislative Committee met in Santa Fe to prepare for our presentation at the August 2018 NMCAL Directors Retreat.

**July 17, 2018** - Joe Sabatini, Chair of the NMLA Legislative Committee contacted Ruben regarding the date for the 2019 Library Legislative activities. We will discuss at the NMCAL Directors Retreat in August.

**July 31, 2018** - Latest version of the NMCAL 2014 and 2016 Library GO Bond draw down reports were sent to the membership.

**Miscellaneous:**

- ✓ 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. In addition, Ms. Loretta Marquez, has assisted in providing the numbers pertaining to the 2014 and 2016 draw down expenditure reports.
- ✓ NMCAL Directors Retreat; Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Capital Projects Director, New Mexico Higher Education Department will be presenting on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Committee will do a PowerPoint presentation on the 2018 Library GO Bond.
- ✓ **Remember to vote on November 6, 2018.**

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