



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership January 27, 2022

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the 2021 NMLA Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico and online. The NMCAL meeting was held on October 21, 2021, during the conference.

October 21, 2021 – Progress report given to the NMCAL Directors Business hybrid meeting at NMLA.

October 27, 2021 – Ruben Aragon, April Kent, Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislative Chair, and Kate Alderete, NMLA Vice-President/President Elect, attended the Legislative Finance Committee hearing at the State Capitol, Santa Fe, NM. Steve Olson, Analyst, LFC presented on the 2022 NM Library GO Bond. Joe Sabatini gave a brief statement on the importance of the bond to NM libraries. Copies of the GO Bond White Paper prepared by EveryLibrary were given to all LFC members.

November 12, 2021 -- Ruben Aragon, April Kent, Kathleen Knoth, Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislative Chair, and Dean Smith, NMLA President had an online meeting with John Chrastka, founder of the EveryLibrary Institute, to discuss possible future projects with the group building on the white paper. EveryLibrary presented the difference between their 501c3 non-profit research side in their work on the white paper and how they could help NM libraries in their 501c4 role as a PAC in helping us build voter support which would include maintaining a website and then providing advocacy.

November 17, 2021: Members of the NMLA Legislative Committee and the NMCAL Legislative Committee met online to discuss if we should move forward with EveryLibrary's proposal. Joe Sabatini is following up with EveryLibrary on this in regard to costs involved.

December 7, 2021 - The NMCAL Legislative Committee held a zoom meeting to prepare for the January 27, 2022, NMCAL meeting and for the January 28, 2022 Library Legislative Day. Training subcommittees gave updates on the How to Spend GO Bond B Funds training and the How to Advocate for GO Bond B training. Plans for future surveys on use of GO Bond B were discussed.

January 7, 2022 – Ruben Aragon, April Kent, Patricia Lopez, NMHU Library Office Coordinator, and Valerie Nye met online to review Library Legislative Day logistics.

Miscellaneous:

- ✓ Email correspondence with NMHED took place. Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Director of Capital Projects, on items pertaining to the 2018 and 2020 NM Academic GO Bond Distribution, collaborative project, and expenditures.
- ✓ Email correspondence with Steve Olson, LFC Staff, Fiscal Analyst regarding the 2022 Library GO Bond initiative.
- ✓ Steve Olsen is no longer the staff analyst with the LFC.

Dates For Your Calendar:

- ✓ **Library Legislative Day – January 28, 2022**

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