



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership January 26, 2023

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the NMCAL Business meeting held at the New Mexico Library Association on October 28, 2022 via zoom.

October 27, 2022 – The NMCAL Legislative Committee, mainly Barbara Lovato and April Kent provided a presentation at NMLA pertaining to academic informing and spending of Library GO Bonds.

October 28, 2022 – The NMCAL Legislative Committee presented a progress report to the NMCAL group at the Business meeting held during NMLA.

November 08, 2022 – Election day. Library bond issues were successful statewide in the 2022 New Mexico General Election. State General Obligation Bond 2, providing \$19,266,000 for public, academic, public school and tribal libraries passed with 400,228 yes votes and 382,410 no votes, Bond 2 won with 62.67% in favor, 3.6 percentage points lower than attained by library bond issue B in 2020. Mora was the only County which had a higher approval rate this year compared to 2020. The largest declines in support were in Lea, Curry, Chaves, Roosevelt, Eddy, Otero and Valencia Counties. Seven counties, Catron, Chavez, Curry, DeBaca, Lea, Quay and Union, rejected the measure. Taos was once again the banner county for support at 77.5% yes, followed by Santa Fe at 74.4% and McKinley at 74.3%.

December 14, 2022 – NMCAL Legislative Committee had a zoom meeting to plan for the NMCAL Business meeting on January 26, 2023. Also, preparation for Library Legislative Day on Friday, January 27, 2023.

January 04, 2023 – Requested permission from Executive Board to purchase Thank You candies for legislators. Approved unanimously.

January 06, 2023 – NMLA Legislative Committee zoom meeting. The urgent question is whether we should resume having Library Legislative Day at the Capitol, or continue with the Zoom format. If we return to the Capitol, we would need to get the use of a Committee room.

Miscellaneous:

- ✓ Email and telephone correspondence took place with a Resource Sharing Committee member a time or two, in regards to the RFP for the collaborative project.
- ✓ Email and telephone correspondence with NMHED took place. Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Director of Capital Projects and Loretta Marquez, Financial Coordinator on items pertaining to the 2018 and 2020 NM Academic GO Bond Distribution, collaborative project, and expenditures.
- ✓ Both NMCAL Legislative training sub-committees, 1) informing and 2) spending GO Bond funds have continued working on their presentations for the 2022 Annual NMLA Conference in Albuquerque, NM.
- ✓ Mr. Joe Brown is the newest member at NMHED. His title is Capital Analyst, Capital Projects Division.

Dates For Your Calendar:

- ✓ 2023 Library Legislative Day will be on Friday, January 27, 2023.

Submitted by: Ruben F. Aragon (NMHU), Renee Goodwin (CNM), Poppy Johnson-Renvall (CNM), April Kent (NMHU), Kathleen Knoth (UNM-Taos), Barbara Lovato (UNM-Valencia), and Katherine Terpis (NMSU).