

**New Mexico State Library Commission**

Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North (New Mexico Library Association Conference)

**November 2, 2017**

**Minutes**

Present: Dean Smith (Chair), Norice Lee (professional librarian representative), Cynthia Shetter (Vice-Chair)

Members absent: Elizabeth Martinez (member of the public), Danielle Johnston (Public Education Commissioner, Public Education Department representative)

Guests: Joy Poole, Co-Interim State Librarian; Ryanne Cooper, Co-Interim State Librarian; Michael Delello, Department of Cultural Affairs Deputy Secretary (DCA)

Audience: 15 people in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dean Smith at 11:04 a.m.

Approval of agenda

Ms. Shetter moved approval; Ms. Lee seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of July 12, 2017 minutes

Ms. Shetter moved approval; Ms. Lee seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Comments by DCA Secretary Veronica Gonzales (or representative)

- Mr. Delello reported on the search for a new State Librarian. Mr. Smith chairs the search committee; its members are Teresa Naranjo of the Santa Clara Pueblo, Cassandra Arnold of Carlsbad Public Library, and Elizabeth Martinez of the NMSL Commission. The committee is using Bradbury Miller Associates to distribute the recruitment announcement; we will not order any additional services from the consultant.
- Related Questions and answers from Mr. Delello:
  - From the audience: Will this be a local search? No, it will be a national search; a national search is the past practice and the preferred practice.
  - From the audience: What are the requirements? A Master of Library Science.
  - From the audience: Is this a political position? The State Librarian does serve at the Governor's pleasure; it is primarily a technical position, not political.
  - From the audience: Are candidate demographics important? Yes. New Mexico's culture is very diverse.
  - From the audience: Could the compensation be increased? No, the maximum in this pay grade is \$90,000. Even though the State Library is the largest division in DCA we are limited by the pay band.



- Mr. Delello added that we seek a strong library advocate, an energetic librarian with passion and creativity, a librarian that will impress the legislature.
- Secretary Gonzales granted advisory council status to the New Mexico State Library Foundation, enabling per diem reimbursement for its board members. <<http://statelibrarynmfoundation.org/>>

### State Library Matters

- Please see attached report.
- Rep. Ben Ray Luján sponsors the Library Innovation Space Act. We hope that we can make New Mexico number one in something nationwide! <<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3496>>
- Moving the Southwest collection: related questions and answers from Ms. Poole and Ms. Cooper and bureau chiefs:
  - From the audience: Why is the Library moving its Southwest Collection? The Governor is centralizing human resources services and needed space for an expansion of the State Personnel Office. One of its new Centers of Excellence will locate in the Carruthers building, using the space vacated by the Southwest Collection. The General Services Department (GSD) is hoping to fund the moves using its capital building repair fund. The funding chances are good and the work is likely to begin in January.
  - From the audience: Will this have an impact on library services? Library patron services will actually improve: there will be only one service desk (nearer to the library entrance) and all of our collections will be on one floor. We will be filling currently open space and will be better able to patrol the library space for security. The public will begin using the second floor entrance to the building; first floor will be staff only. Staff can escort patrons of the Library for the Blind and the State Archives, both of which will continue to be served on the first floor. During the move the Library will be closed for 6-8 weeks; we will use the contractor who recently moved some UNM collections to NMSL.
  - From Ms. Lee: Will the move interfere with State Archives service? For several years the State Archives has been squeezed for space; this move won't bring them any relief.
  - From Ms. Lee: Is this permanent? The Governor plans for it to be permanent.
  - From the audience: How does this plan relate to a previous plan for State Archives to rearrange the building? That plan was not funded (cost estimated at \$60 million), but it is hoped that the archives service can eventually move also to the second floor.
  - From Mr. Smith: Is there security service for the archives? No, the Library contracts for service limited to the library space. There is no security service for the lobby, the public restrooms, nor for areas outside



- the building. We have security cameras recording outside activity, but GSD won't read them unless there is a police report.
- From Ms. Lee: Does staff have access to a "panic button"? No, but we do have code language that we use over the public address system.
  - From the audience: Will patrons have alternate access to the collections during the move? No, but the Library will continue to answer the phone and e-mail, and will continue to process Interlibrary Lending requests.
  - From the audience: When will the library resume regular opening hours? Once we fill our three vacant public services positions.
- Repeal and replace 4.5.8 NMAC (Go Bonds)
    - <<http://164.64.110.239/nmac/parts/title04/04.005.0008.htm>>
      - last updated in 2006; no longer reflects current practice; make more parallel to 4.5.2. Needs definitions for furniture and fixtures. Proposed revision is now in legal review; once ready (probably in the spring) it will be advertised and opened for comments, edits, etc.
      - From Mr. Smith: During the review period is it easy to make comments? Yes.
      - From Ms. Shetter: Why are libraries signing a contract before getting the Notice of Obligation? Answer: Please attend a session this afternoon on these NMACs.
      - From the audience: Couldn't we have "soft" meetings prior to the formal comment period? We could have them at an NMLA meeting. Answer: Law requires a formal hearing in Santa Fe.
      - From the audience: Please explain the GO Bonds distribution formula. 10% of money divided equally to all; 90% divided based on census data
      - From the audience: What about GO Bond money for tribal libraries? Please attend the NMAC session later today.
  - Revise 4.5.2 NMAC (State Aid)
    - <<http://164.64.110.239/nmac/parts/title04/04.005.0002.htm>>
      - Was repealed/replaced over a year ago; now needs clarification.
  - Mr. Smith says "welcome back" to Ms. Cooper
  - Strategic plan
    - No report
  - Budget updates
    - No report

### Library legislation

- Library Legislative Day, Friday January 26, 2018
  - From Joe Sabatini (audience): We will promote the 2018 GO Bond. We have no table.
- From Ms. Shetter: The NMLA lobbyist is Larry Horan. We are trying to get a Department of Information Technology consultant to help us file applications for the e-rate matching grants.

Old Business: NMSL Foundation

- From Mr. Delello:
- Board is fully staffed and at work.
- We have received a \$3000 grant from the J.F. Maddox Foundation in Hobbs; our goal is to raise \$10,500 for an initial professional launch for the Foundation. Will apply for Gates, McCune, Kellogg and IMLS grants. We have subcommittees on grant funding and development funding.
- We have an approved operational agreement with DCA.
- We want to fund rural economic development programs based at libraries; train librarians to help young entrepreneurs.
- We're hoping to have help from Anne Hillerman and Michael McGarrity.
- From Ms. Shetter: You could ask NMLA for logo help; they had a contest.
- From Ms. Lee: You could ask NM Consortium of Academic Libraries for logo help.

New Business

- Libraries Transform New Mexico follow-up conference
  - Please attend the session later today.
- Search committee for State Librarian
  - Please refer to the discussion during the DCA report.

Next meeting

In Santa Fe during Library Legislation Day; details TBD.

Ms. Lee moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Shetter; passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.