



New Mexico State Library Commission

November 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Commissioners: Norice Lee (Chair), Dean Smith (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Martinez, Millie Pogna, Cynthia Shetter; New Mexico State Library: Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer (State Librarian), Bradley Carrington, Lori Thornton

Audience: 22 attendees

1. Call to order by Commissioner Lee at 10:20 a.m.
2. Introductions: Commissioner Shetter reappointed to a full term.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Commissioner Shetter; Second by Commissioner Martinez. Agenda approved
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Commissioner Smith; Second by Shetter. Minutes approved
5. Public Comment: no public comment
6. State Library Matters (Peiffer, State Librarian):

Progress on 2016-2018 NMSL Strategic Plan

- The State Library began to update its 2012-15 plan. Started by attempting to refresh the plan, but decided that it was more of a goals-and-objectives list. Still working on a plan to highlight strategy, including our LSTA plan and Libraries Transform plans.

State Library budget and GO bonds

- Regular legislative session required a Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) cut of 4%; special session required an additional cut of 5.5%. Furthermore, DCA permanently lost 3% in reserves and non-recurring funding.
- The State Library has a 20% vacancy in staffing.
- FY17 State Aid awards are the same as FY16, but will probably be cut for FY18.
- Please support the GO Bonds

Statewide Library Assessment and conference

- Siobhan A. Reardon and Julie Todaro gave inspirational speeches, filled with timely advice. A New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) program later in the day will give a full report on the assessment conference, including statistical findings.
- Next steps: Ms. Peiffer and Ms. Carol Hoover will work with New Mexico Library Foundation (NMLF). They are planning for more focus groups and possibly another conference next year.

State Library bureau reports

- Written reports by NMSL staff will be posted on the website along with the meeting minutes.
- Administration: RFP specifications published for two bookmobiles. Funding still seems to be available. NMSL is trying to hire a chief for the Development Bureau and a librarian for the Southwest Collection. We used year-end federal

fund (LSTA) balance to fund AWE tablets for public libraries (non-Internet tablets for digital and early literacy; pre-K to grade 8).

- see attached reports from the other bureaus
- Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) comments: Mr. John Sandstrom suggested LBPH use UNM and NMSU students as interns, giving them studio experience. Another member of the audience asked about the factors determining which local books are recorded.
- Public Services Bureau comments: Mr. Sandstrom and Commissioner Lee discussed how ERIC is redacting the digital version of many of its publications. Commissioner Shetter added that the National Archives is digitizing many of the materials requested by its patrons.

7. & 8. Presentation on legislative do's and don'ts- Anne Green-Romig (DCA Director of Legislative Affairs) and Commission discussion

- DCA presenting its budget request to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) on Friday November 17th.
- DCA's cumulative percentage cut bigger than any other agency's
- have to cut \$1.8 million for rest of FY17
- not much operating budget; not many contracts that could possibly be cancelled; all unused capital funds have been swept
- for budget-cutting, choices are limited to mostly staffing
- will not ask for an increase for FY18
- Legislature will recommend a budget; Executive will recommend a budget; Appropriations committee will pick which one to enact.
- DCA considers long-term closures, e.g., Camino Real
- increased admission fees are working
- Commissioner Lee asked what can the commissioners do? Ms. Green-Romig advised emphasizing important services; libraries serve every community, county and tribe. Source your support more from NMLA than from the Commission or the State Library.
- Audience comments: Libraries help to build the economy, connect job-seekers and employers, strengthen literacy skills. The New Mexico Municipal League has an advocacy plan. Help our patrons with advocacy efforts. Write thank-you notes to the newly elected legislators and invite to your library! Compliment them on all aspects of their legislation--not just the library aspects. If you are talking to budget people be sure to have your numbers; they might not be as interested in anecdotes.
- Commissioner Shetter discussed Legislative Day (January 27, 2017). Mr. Joe Sabatini will be updating our Legislative Day booklet and publishing it on the NMLA website. Ms. Pat Hodapp asked for an advocacy template that small libraries could use. Commissioner Martinez emphasized making the most of your personal contacts. Commissioner Shetter noted that library budget trouble is similar to general municipal budget trouble statewide.

9. Dates and Locations for Quarterly Commission Meetings

- afternoon of Thursday January 26 at State Library [post meeting note: meeting will be the morning of the 26th].
- Legislative Day is January 27, 2017

10. Old Business

- Commissioner Pogna discussed her work with charter schools, which aren't administered by the Public Education Department (PED). Commissioner Lee asked about establishing, strengthening the libraries' connection to PED. Does a connection need to be established via statute? Keep this on the Commission agenda.

11. New Business

- Commissioner Martinez and DCA Deputy Secretary Michael Delello discussed setting up a foundation for the State Library. Let us start a task force. Commissioner Shetter advised to set a meeting date, file paperwork to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) organization, and have a workshop at the next NMLA conference. Commissioner Martinez volunteered to take the lead on this effort, with assistance from Commissioner Lee. Commissioner Smith can report on the workings of The Albuquerque Public Library Foundation.

12. Adjournment, Motion by Commissioner Lee; second by Commissioner Shetter.
Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.