

NMSL COMMISSION

July 12, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Norice Lee, Elizabeth Martinez, Dean Smith, Cynthia Shetter

Guests: Kathleen Peiffer, State Librarian

Michael Delello, Deputy Secretary, Department of Cultural Affairs

The meeting was called to order by Chair Norice Lee at 12:05 pm.

For the agenda, item 12 “update on the State of New Mexico Foundation” was moved to item 10. Also, it was noted that the correct name is “State Library of New Mexico Foundation”. The agenda was approved with those changes. Motion by C. Shetter, seconded by D. Smith. Motion passed.

**NOTE: Final, corrected agenda needs to go to Brad Carrington for posting to the Commissioners’ web site.**

The April 5, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion by C. Shetter, seconded by E. Martinez. Motion passed.

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Comments by Deputy Secretary Delello:

The DCA budget was cut severely in the last special session, from a recommended 1.5% cut to a 5.5% cut. State grants to libraries were not cut; the State Library absorbed the cuts. Arts in Public Places funds were used to supplement DCA’s budget for FY18. The deficit is in the museum and historic sites division. FY19 will be a challenge depending upon oil and gas revenue. The International Folk Art Festival and Platinum Music Awards will be happening soon in Santa Fe.

Regarding the Camino Real historic site: it is temporarily closed. It may close permanently, with the collection transferred to another agency.

DCA did not receive any capital funding in FY18. Deputy Secretary Delello is working with DFA to find recurring funds. DCA reserves are still low. DCA Administration is making the case for the link between cultural affairs and tourism.

Comments by State Librarian Kathleen Peiffer:

NMSL Strategic Plan has been sent to DCA Administration for approval.

The State Library budget in FY18 will be the same as in FY17, including the cuts made in FY17.

Follow-up to the statewide assessment and conference will be on October 17 at the Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque. Siobhan Reardon will again provide the keynote, and task force chairs will provide their reports. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss the reports and make recommendations for policy avenues to pursue.

**NOTE: Bureau reports were provided to Commission members ahead of the meeting. No questions were raised about the information contained in them.**

The Commissioners asked for an update on the Torreon Library. K. Peiffer was able to provide the update with information supplied by Jean Whitehorse, Navajo Nation Outreach Librarian. In short-

- The Northeast Bookmobile still stops at Torreon once a month
- The Torreon Community Library is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm
- The library is being kept open by a library aide
- The general collection has a variety of materials, including childrens' books in English and Navajo
- The library has a circulation system
- There are five board members for the library
- A graduate student from the University of Arizona is doing her internship at Torreon
- The library is promoting Navajo Language Program, Navajo Leadership Program, wool dying workshop and Navajo Code Talkers presentation

The commissioners suggested working with Nathaniel Lujan at Isleta since he is part Navajo. Also, the suggestion was made to contact the American Indian Library Association to ask if they would send a letter of support to the Navajo Nation regarding library services. **K. Peiffer will take care of that request.**

Regarding the LSTA five year plan, the review of the previous plan was sent to IMLS and approved. The new five year plan has been submitted to IMLS and is under review. Our IMLS program manager will be in New Mexico July 17-21 on a site visit.

Commission discussion: D. Smith has concerns regarding communications from the State Library regarding their decision –making process. He read email comments from some small libraries that were having difficulty meeting State Library guidelines. Change is necessary, but it needs engagement from the customers. The tone of the emails has been brief at best. M. Dellelo, K. Peiffer and returning Library Development Bureau Chief Rynne Cooper will work on the tone of future communications. When regulations are revised, it is important to involve the library community (especially public and tribal library directors).

Upcoming meetings:

@ the NMLA Conference, November 2, 11 am

January 2018 on Library Legislative Day, Santa Fe

@ the NMLA Mini-Conference, April 2018, location Silver City (?)

Summer 2018 will be held outside Santa Fe, possibly in Artesia

State Library of New Mexico Foundation organizational meeting was held on June 13, 2017. All necessary documentation was approved and has been filed. The board currently has six members, but with room for eleven-suggestions are welcome. The Foundation does need an additional director due to Rynne Cooper's resignation after she accepted a position at the State Library. The Foundation is working on a web site, logo and email address. The Foundation is also accepting names for an advisory council. Their next meeting is on July 27, 3 pm at the Bourbon Grill in Santa Fe. **NOTE: DCA is currently working on an operating agreement with the Foundation.**

K. Peiffer shared information on the FY18 federal budget for IMLS. **The commissioners asked her to share information from ALA-Washington and COSLA and they may be able to get op-eds in their local newspapers.**

Elections: Dean Smith was nominated for Chair of the NMSL Commission. Motion made by N. Lee, seconded by C. Shetter. Cynthia Shetter was nominated for Vice-Chair of the NMSL Commission. Motion by D. Smith, seconded by E. Martinez. **Both motions passed.**

The replacement of Millie Pogna on the Commission will happen after the Public Education Commission meets next week. The NMSL Commissioners asked for a copy of the statute(s) regarding their Commission, as they may have suggestions for change. **Kathleen will get them a copy by week's end. Kathleen was also asked to check with Marian Royal on any connections she may have with PED.**

C. Shetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by D. Smith. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer