

# NEW MEXICO STATE LIBRARY

New Mexico State Library Commission  
Thursday, April 28, 2016  
Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces

## COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

- Norice Lee, Professional Member, Chairperson
- Dean Smith, Professional Member, Vice-Chairperson
- Cynthia Shetter, Public Member
- Elizabeth Martinez, Public Member
- Absent: Millie Pogna, PED Member

## STAFF PRESENT

- Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer, State Librarian
- Bradley (Brad) Carrington, Technical Services Bureau Chief
- Carmelita Aragon, State Data Coordinator

### 1. Call to order (Lee)

Meeting called to order at 12:11

### 2. Approval of Agenda (Lee)

Approved (unanimous)

### 3. Introductions (Lee)

### 4. Approval of January 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Lee)

Approved (unanimous)

### 5. Public Comment

No members of the public in attendance

### **6. State Library Matters (Peiffer and NMSL Staff)**

#### • *State Library Budget and GO bonds*

see also discussion under Library Development Bureau

Ms. Peiffer reported that most agencies worked to reduce budgets by 4%. For NMSL's reduction she worked closely with the bureau chiefs. We froze the funding for several vacant positions and cut funding for many other line items such as subscriptions and contracts. Mr. Smith asked if the positions were deleted; Ms. Peiffer responded that they remain, but without funding. The library cut public service hours, eliminating mornings and 3 afternoons in the Southwest room. The library administration is especially pressed, having vacancies now in both its accounting and mailroom positions.



- *Update on Statewide Library Assessment and Conference*

Ms. Shetter reported on the good progress. We have a consultant in place and community conversations scheduled. The costs are low due to use of DCA's National Hispanic Cultural Center. Ryanne Cooper (chief, Development Bureau) is in charge of fundraising. The commissioners discussed possible keynote speakers.

- *Rural Library Services and Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped*

Ms. Peiffer reported on bookmobile staffing: we have a new manager for the Northeast route, but still have 3 vacancies to fill. Technical Services and Development are helping with cataloging and weeding. Due to staff and bus repair problems many of the weekly routes have been cancelled; patrons are concerned, even calling the Governor's office! In June we hope to issue an RFP for a new bookmobile. We have the capital funding and it must be expended within 3 years; it takes 2 years to build a customized bookmobile. NLS will make a site visit to LBPH soon. The consultant will inspect our equipment and make recommendations. Books by Mail is promoting LBPH service to its patrons using large print books.

- *Library Development, including Tribal Libraries*

Please see attached report. Regarding the State Grants in Aid the commissioners discussed the deleted requirement (spend \$1.50 per capita on collection development). Mr. Smith noted problems for mid-size libraries and the problems they have in meeting collection development goals. Deleting this requirement weakens collections. Regarding the GO Bonds Mr. Smith noted the strong support we get from Bernalillo and Sandoval voters. Ms. Peiffer added that the Navajo Nation has its first bricks-and-mortar library in Torreon, replacing a former bookmobile stop.

- *Public Services*

Please see attached report. Ms. Martinez asked about the New Mexico Humanities Council selection process for the Pulitzer books reading program. Regarding Letters about Literature Ms. Peiffer noted the hard work contributed by the judges. Ms. Martinez remarked on the potential to change children's behavior based on the heroes in the books they read. Regarding the shared regional depository for federal documents that is currently being established by NMSL, UNM, and NMSU, Ms. Lee noted that is a remarkable way that depositories are beginning to collaborate in order to meet space and other needs.

- *Technical Services*

Please see attached report. Ms. Lee gave thanks for NMSL's RDA training offered at no cost. Mr. Carrington gave the commissioners copies of his bureau's 5-year report; Ms. Peiffer will share with the commissioners the 5-year report for the entire library. These reports were commissioned by Secretary Gonzales and were mapped to Gov. Martinez's administration priorities. Mr. Carrington discussed resource sharing possibilities. Ms. Lee noted that NMSU is already using a courier service (Trans-Amigos Express) but there may be cost-savings with a statewide plan. . For statewide resource sharing Ms.

Peiffer plans to request FY18 funding from the state legislature. Mr. Smith asked how commissioners can support funding requests. Ms. Peiffer will share her requests and the commissioners can write letters of support to Secretary Gonzales.

- *Update on Rule Changes to Grants-In-Aid, New Mexico Administrative Code*  
See discussion under Library Development

## 7. Commission Discussion

- *DIA Activities & PSAs (Martinez)*

Ms. Martinez emphasized how successful the promotion had been, especially since we started less than a year ago. She thanked Deanne Deakle, NMSL Youth Services Coordinator. There are 3 more PSAs, filmed at Santa Clara Pueblo. ALA makes all the video clips available for downloading. Ms. Martinez will share the link with the Commissioners.

- *Dates and Locations for Quarterly Commission Meetings (Lee)*

We will aim for Friday July 15th at 9:30 in Santa Fe. Then, in conjunction with NMLA in Albuquerque we will aim for Thursday November 3. Ms. Lee will aim for optimum attendance, perhaps asking for a no-conflict block on the conference schedule.

- *Other:*

Commission agendas and minutes: Ms. Peiffer offered NMSL staff help for the minutes. Ms. Lee suggested that the minutes be more concise and substantial, with a bit less detail. We discussed posting our agendas and minutes. For us it's not required by the Open Meetings Act, but would still help with transparency and communication, especially with librarians state-wide. The State Library offered to publish them on its website or its blog (the Hitchhiker).

PED work with NMSL: Mr. Smith suggested that more librarians work with PED, for example there is no NMSL staff on the PED commission. Ms. Peiffer reported that the Governor's office is working with a few public libraries to help with the NMSL summer reading program kick-off. Ms. Martinez noted an interest among the pueblo teachers and librarians for more work with PED. Ms. Lee will ask Ms. Pogna for more advice on working with PED.

## 8. Adjournment (Lee)

Meeting adjourned at 2:13

### Attachments

- Library Development Bureau report
- Public Services Bureau report
- Technical Services Bureau report