

NEW MEXICO  STATE LIBRARY

New Mexico State Library Commission
October 27, 2022, 11:00AM
Marriott Pyramid North, 5151 San Francisco Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM
Minutes

Present: Dean Smith (Chair), Cynthia Shetter (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Martinez (Member of the Public), Eli Guinnee (NM State Librarian)

Attending Virtually: Norice Lee (Professional Library Representative)

Absent: Michael Taylor (Public Education Department Representative)

Guests: John Sandstrom, New Mexico State University; Sarah Obenauf, NM State Library; Kat Gullahorn, NM Library Foundation; Bradley Carrington, NM State Library; Margaret Neil, Santa Fe Public Library; Joe Sabatini, NM Library Association; Andrea Corvin, NM State Library

1. Call to Order

Chair brought the meeting to order at 11:00AM

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda

First Motion: Shetter

Second Motion: Martinez

Passes

3. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2022 meeting

Motion to approve minutes

First Motion: Shetter

Second Motion: Martinez

Passes

4. State Library Report

Guinnee reported the NM state library is nearly 100% staffed and is actively recruiting for existing and anticipated vacancies.

Technical Services Bureau Chief, Bradley Carrington, gave a brief update on the SALSA catalog migration, adding that any New Mexico library may join the consortium and utilize the current state-wide pricing agreement to do so.

Guinee mentioned the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBPD) is paving the way, both in New Mexico and nationally, by distributing scribe minis to local “pilot” libraries. LBPD will remove its unused and outdated mechanical equipment soon, freeing up square footage to add travelling exhibit storage, a large print collection, and other future projects. Guinee reminded the Commission that librarians and teachers can certify potential users when applying for LBPD services.

Guinee shared that the Development Bureau’s Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator, Cassandra Osterloh, has been assisting some tribal libraries with construction projects; specifically, planning and design funding.

Guinee said a large influx in funding has driven new projects and initiatives. Senator Heinrich has earmarked \$890,000 toward distance learning for early childhood education and adult readers. Also, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending deadline has been extended through June 30, 2023, on a case-by-case consideration.

Guinee emphasized that statewide access to e-resources continues to be a big priority. Federal IMLS grant funding was used to add \$25,000 in digital content to the Palace Project platform. New Mexicans now have e-access to the highly requested, New York Times. STEM and poetry e-resources have been added to the Gale eBook collection, with more on the way.

Guinee still plans to use Federal LSTA funds toward a statewide courier service. He is working on a hub and spoke model to facilitate materials distribution and hopefully, sharing. Guinee welcomed the Commission’s input while he continues to explore logistical possibilities and strategies.

Guinee then took questions from the Commission. Smith inquired about the cost of the scribe minis. Guinee responded that \$11,000 in ARPA funds will be used to purchase additional scribe minis. Martinez asked for an update on the Poetry Center. Guinee said that although the center is already accessible, an opening celebration is scheduled for November 18, 2022, featuring Poet Laureate, Lauren Camp.

5. Old Business

Guinee provided an update on State Grants in Aid waivers. Those libraries that requested and were granted one, have since accepted their waivers.

6. Public Comment

John Sandstrom (NM State University) commented that New Mexico libraries continue to struggle with taxes linked to digital content procurement. Mr. Sandstrom asked why digital content suppliers/the State of New Mexico must collect tax on digital services as they aren't physical goods. Shetter replied that the New Mexico Municipal League is working to update the legal language to be introduced in a legislative bill soon. Guinee noted that this is also being explored at the state executive level.

Martinez mentioned she received the New Mexico Library Association's 2022 Amigos Award for serving on the New Mexico State Library Commission.

7. Next meeting date(s) and location

12:00PM on January 27, 2023 in the Commission Room at the New Mexico State Library, 1209 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, NM 87507

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

First Motion: Shetter

Second Motion: Martinez

Passes

Meeting adjourned at 11:59AM.