MINUTES
New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries
November 22, 1996
Library - Valencia Campus


Meeting was convened at 10:40 am by President Ed Dowlin.

Motion passed to approve minutes from last meeting as distributed by e-mail.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Isabel reported a current balance of $10,836.02 before expenses for current meeting ($215.80) and FirstSearch training ($957.22). There are still a few members that have not paid their annual dues. Motion passed to approve treasurer's report.

Report by Karen Watkins, State Librarian: Karen stated the need for continued toll free lines to Internet remains and they will be requesting $200,000 for this from the legislature. State library building still lacks furniture, etc. for approximate cost of $3 million. This building should be completed by late 1997, early 1998. Almost every library in every community statewide has access to Internet. There is more need for additional training to the end users. NMLA is supporting more full text databases to make available statewide. Baker/Taylor, Brodart, Reed, and EBSCO have state contracts. They are bid on annually. She will look into library supplies contracts.

Announcements: Randy Gaylor will be offering additional workshops on preservation. Tim Greer would like to offer a workshop at UNM Health Library to show what his library has to offer. E-mail him for a good time to hold the workshop. Nancy Dennis from UNM is our new chair of the automation committee. Valerie Horton of NMSU update email.

Automation Committee Report: Steve Rollins reminded us to report non-availability of ports to him to include database name and date and time. He announced that Nancy Dennis, UNM Library, is our new chairperson for this committee. Kathleen, Nancy, and Barbara reported on the success of FirstSearch training workshops conducted at UNM and Alamogordo. FS can be accessed through both Telnet and WWW. NMCAL members agreed that such training workshops continue and workshops associated with NMCAL activities continue. It was suggested that training should be scheduled around NMLA convention. Judith, UNM Law Library, offered to have librarians attend her section of law search instruction offered from 4:00 - 6:00 pm once a week. Betty Reynolds distributed a list of all known libraries with web pages. If your address is not listed, please submit it to her. She offered to make homework for libraries needing this service.
Statistics Committee: Jenny Minter has received all but four IPEDS reports. NMCAL will purchase diskettes and postage for Jenny to send out these reports.

NMCAL Brochure: Stan Buckman distributed NMCAL brochure and its revision. If anyone has corrections, let him or Ed know by December 6.

Resource Sharing Committee: Ed Dowlin, in Mary Weaver's absence, reported that the ILL statistics have been compiled. However, the figures reported do not match with CCIC. They will work on this and the revised report will be released ASAP.

Western Governor's University: Trip to Utah by Ed Dowlin: The three issues discussed at this meeting were: Libraries should have been contacted first since they are first to establish networks statewide. Libraries should be considered as dissemination systems and access centers. Libraries need more money. Ed is now included in the CHE's list of WGU information.

Legislative Information: Ed Dowlin reported on the meeting he, Linda Schappert, and Isabel Rodarte had with Bruce Hamlet and Liz Jenkins of the CHE. Issues raised at that meeting were the need for: statewide storage, common databases and uniform access systems, training for information super highway, acquisitions formula funding increase, special library needs such as medical and law libraries. Bruce suggested that NMCAL get a presentation ready to present to CEO's, Chief Academic Officers, and CHE to seek support as a legislative program in March. Statewide storage was not accepted by CHE in the past due to the problem with administering it and because College Presidents were not fond of the idea of having it located on their campuses. Ed volunteered to prepare a presentation using PowerPoint. Motion to have the president, Ed, and president-elect put together a presentation passed.

CHE has placed libraries needs as #18 of 20 items on their priority list for the upcoming legislative session.

Stephen Rollins suggested one of NMCAL's priorities be as found on last page of Karen Watkins' handout. It states that electronic full-text databases be funded complete with training.

New Business: Charles moved to recommend Randy Gaylor to serve as 2 year representative/Vice President to complete Stan's term and serve the following term. Randy accepted. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted January 23, 1997 by Isabel Rodarte