Minutes of the first day of the retreat - second day minutes will follow soon. If you have corrections, please let me know. I will revised before the next meeting when the minutes would need to be approved.

Eleanor

The Summer Retreat of NMCAL was called to order by president Norice Lee at Santa Fe, NM at the NM State Library on July 29, 1999 at 1:00 PM. Thirty two persons were present. Handouts included the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for this meeting. Kris Warmuth made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 1999 meeting at Carlsbad, NM. Motion carried. Introductions by name and institution were completed.

State Librarian Ben Wakashige welcomed the group and noted that new furniture had finally arrived. He introduced Director of Information Services (Nancy Fischer) and State Documents Librarian (Marci Smith) who presented a new State Library project called FIND-IT! NEW MEXICO, a web based project that will provide easy access to government information in the State of New Mexico. A handout explained the project and listed Nancy Fischer's e-mail for additional information: nfischer@stlib.state.nm.us

Ben Wakashige indicated that the State Library will continue with ProQuest and will be using $100,000 from LSGA funding. Ben asked for recommendation of databases to obtain. He introduced Pat Seavey who is the new Information Technology Consultant at the State Library. Contact her at: pseavey@stlib.state.nm.us

The legislature formed a State Information Technology Commission but the State Library does NOT have representation on the commission. The State Library is involved in state-wide strategic planning. There are efforts to support regional library consortia but there are no formal breaks for regional library consortia.

Kathy Cantrell, Director of Finance/Commission of Higher Education, was introduced. She had a handout concerning the "Status of Library Formula" which indicated exactly how much each institution would receive under the formula. The recommendations of "acquisition replacement value" were not accepted by the legislature. Kathy recommended that each library director go back to their administrators and communicate library needs and to focus on information technology. She also advised that each director work within their own institution to be sure that the libraries do get what the formula funding promised. She advised against linking the formula to acquisitions, simply get the money in the budget.

Kathy Cantrell indicated that the Commission on Higher Education liked the collaboration of different libraries with the State Library. The Commission heard a consortia proposal last year. The IT plans from each institution are due to CHE by August 16.

There was some discussion concerning that lack of professional librarians in NM schools. Could CHE contract with Texas and Kansas schools to provide scholarships or loans (paid back in service) to increase the number of NM residents going to Library School and returning to NM to work? It was indicated that the Western Governors University does not meet the needs in this area.

Break

Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislative Committee Chairman, was introduced. He explained
some history and the workings of the NMLA Legislative committee. NMLA employs a lobbyist in Santa Fe (Tom Horan). The NMLA President appoints members to the committee. The two NMCAL persons have been Steve Rollins and Charles Townley. Both of these persons are "out of the picture" now with Steve in Alaska and Charles in China. By October, the committee will submit plans to the NMLA Board.

Discussion indicated that NMCAL should have as its number 1 priority, funding for Electronic Data Products in 2001. Ben Wakashige said that the State Library 2001 budget (to be submitted to the 2000 legislature) would be asking for $350,000.00 for electronic resources.

Norice Lee listed the NMCAL standing committees on the board and requested that persons volunteer for committees - or else she would be making appointments.

STANDING COMMITTEES:
1 Legislative
2. Nominating
3. Statistics
4. Collection Development
5. Automation
6. Resource Sharing

The Executive Board members were introduced and the general meeting adjourned until dinner at the Steaksmith Restaurant. The Executive Board went into session at 4:35 PM.

Eleanor R. Kuhl
NMCAL Secretary

(Thus ended the first day...)

TREASURER'S UPDATE:

Current balance: $9,820.02

Expenditures for the Summer Retreat:

Check 104: Steaksmith Restaurant $427.90 (Thursday dinners)
Check 105: Ben Wakashige $67.60 (Break time refreshments)
Check 106: Peas 'n' Pod Catering $305.45 (Friday lunches)

We should all thank Ben for getting those break time refreshments together. ... and for recommending the restaurant and catering service. And thank Norice for making arrangements long distance. My job was so easy - I just wrote the checks!