New Mexico State Library Commission
Meeting held at the State Library of New Mexico, Santa Fe
October 11, 2019
Minutes

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

Guests: Eli Guinnee, New Mexico State Librarian; Nick Schiavo, Deputy Director, Department of Cultural Affairs; Dale Savage, New Mexico State Library Development Bureau Chief, John Mugford, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; Geraldine Jojola, Pueblo de Cochiti Public Library; Lynette Schurdevin, Rio Rancho Public Library; Maria Sanchez-Tucker, Santa Fe Public Library

Meeting Called to Order 10:07am

State Library Report

Eli Guinnee provided an update on State Library Activities. The Department of Information Technology is releasing funding for the ten Broadband for Libraries pilot project sites, dependent on an MoU, and has indicated it will accept a waiver to certification. The State Library has submitted a $350,000 IMLS grant to expand Libraries as Launchpads. The new Poet Laureate program will open nominations in late October, select the Poet Laureate in November, and have a contract in place by January 1; a New Mexico Poetry Center is being developed in the State Library.

In response to requests from the legislature, the Legislative Finance Council has recommended that the Department of Finance and Administration conduct a survey of public library building repair and new building needs. This survey will inform the potential development of a dedicated state library construction funding mechanism. Currently libraries receive capital funding through local ICIP or by sponsorships of a legislator.

John Mugford, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, shared information on the transition to Download on Demand. The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is planning a name change to Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, following a similar change of the National Library Service.

State Grants in Aid Waiver Request Review

The following libraries received State Grants in Aid denial letters; 11 of the 14 libraries below submitted appeal letters to request a waiver, which were reviewed by the Commissioners.

Rio Rancho Public Library

Director Lynette Schurdevin presented information in support of an appeal letter.

Motion to recommend waiver (Smith/Martinez) passes
Pueblo de Cochiti Library

Education Director Geraldine Jojola presented information in support of an appeal letter.

*Motion to recommend waiver, with contingency that the library confirms by October 18, 2019, that they can submit an annual report meeting all requirements by October 31 (Smith/Martinez) passes*

Santa Fe Public Library

Director Maria Sanchez-Tucker presented information in support of an appeal letter.

*Motion to recommend waiver (Martinez/Smith) passes*

Eagle Nest

*Motion to recommend waiver (Shetter/Martinez) passes*

Eleanor Daggett Memorial Library Chama

*Motion to recommend waiver, with contingency that the library confirms by October 18, 2019, that they can submit an annual report meeting all requirements by October 31 (Shetter/Martinez) passes*

Espanola (Appeal Letter not received)

*Motion to recommend Denial (Shetter/Smith) passes*

Jemez Pueblo Community Library

*Motion to recommend waiver with contingency that there is acknowledgment of tribal support by October 31 (Shetter/Smith) passes*

Laguna Public Library

*Motion to recommend waiver (Smith/Martinez) passes*

Marshall Memorial Library Deming (Appeal Letter not received)

*Motion to recommend denial (Shetter/Smith) passes*

Santa Ana Pueblo Community Library

*Motion to recommend waiver (Shetter/Martinez) passes*

Silver City Public Library

*Motion to recommend waiver (Shetter/Martinez) passes*
Sunland Park Community Library (Appeal Letter not received)

Motion to recommend denial (Shetter/Martinez) passes

Torreon Community Library

Motion to recommend waiver, with contingency that the library confirm by October 18, 2019 that they can submit an annual report meeting all requirements by October 31 (Shetter/Smith) passes

Zuni Public Library

Motion to recommend waiver (Smith/Martinez) passes

Library Legislative Day

Library Legislative Day will be January 31, 2020.

Old Business

Commission Martinez presented an update on the New Mexico State Library Foundation, which is holding a fundraiser on October 16. The Foundation recently sponsored a tribal library retreat at the Isleta Pueblo.

New Business

Commissioner Martinez requested that the new Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator attend the next meeting to discuss tribal library issues.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 30, 10am at the State Library Commission Room.

Motion to adjourn at 12:40 (Shetter/Martinez) passes