Native American Libraries Special Interest Group (NALSIG)

Indigenous Nations Library Program

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NALSIG Meeting, September 28, 2006

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September 28, 2006 – Isleta Pueblo Library
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Clyde Henderson, Meeting Facilitator
Present: Paulita Aguilar, Elena Arellano, Patricia Bradley, Jill Connor, Cynthia Crespin, Clyde Henderson, Judy Hooks, Ann Lefkofsky, Melverna Lujan, Joyce Medina, Irving Nelson, Danielle Sarracino, Angela Samuels, Liz Terry, Elizabeth Wacondo, Mildred Walters, Jean Whitehorse, Maxine Zuni

Agenda:
- Call to Order @ 1 pm, Clyde Henderson
- Introductions
- Approval of the Minutes
- Announcements/Communications
- Reports
  - ✓ NMSL – Mildred Walters
- Native American Health Information Services – Patricia Bradley, UNM Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center
- NALSIG Membership – Paulita Aguilar
- Program for '07 NMLA/MPLA Conference
- Fund Raising
  - ✓ Membership fees
  - ✓ Attending professional conferences
  - ✓ Conference Anyone? (ALA, etc.)
  - ✓ Who is attending a conference?
  - ✓ Give a report or share experience at the next NALSIG meeting?
  - ✓ Communication
- American Indian Student Day @ UNM – Paulita Aguilar
- NMLA Intellectual Freedom Task Force Survey – Paulita Aguilar
- Wrap-up
  - ✓ Next meeting date?
  - ✓ Assignments?
  - ✓ Agenda items?

Introduction to Isleta Pueblo Library – Maxine Zuni
Maxine gave an overview of her library: three staff members; monthly themes for children and elderly tribal members; reference collection; 76 periodicals; teen area with computers; Southwest Collection; computer lab with 15 machines; and collection includes audio and visual materials.

Announcements
1. Judy Hooks announced that SIPI has a new President, Dr. Jeffrey Hambly.
2. Elayne Silversmith sent an announcement via email about the Four Corners Storyteller Conference, Oct. 13-14, and the Southwest Writers Institute Lecture on Nov. 10 with Sherman Alexie.
3. Navajo Studies Conference at UNM, Nov. 1-4.
4. Esther Martinez Library Naming at Ohkay Owingeh.
5. Ann Lefkofsky gave an update on the 2006 GO Bond and the NMLA Legislative Committee Toolkit available on the NMLA website.
6. Teresa Naranjo proposed, by phone call to Clyde Henderson, a special meeting. Clyde will follow-up.

NMSL Report – Mildred Walters and Anne Lefkofsky
1. Leadership Institute held in June was successful and Mildred is the process of creating a report. There will be follow-up activities, such as archival collections workshops and training.
2. Grants are not being distributed on a timely basis by the finance department and contract payments are being held up too.
3. Update on the NMSL Development Department: five consultants available; Gates Grants are distributed by NM Foundation and monies spent on computers, software, and peripherals.
4. NMSL is paying for access to WorldCat. OCLC is creating a NM group catalog and offering some discounts on cataloging services.

Native American Health Information Services – Patricia Bradley, UNM Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center (HSLIC)
Patricia provides Native American health information services to New Mexico Native Americans.
1. Native American Health Research Database and Native Health History Database are searchable databases with a variety of health related article citations. All articles can be requested through an interlibrary loan service offered through the program.
2. Provides health information training and tours of the HSCLIC upon request.
3. Pamphlets about the program are available to all tribal librarians for distribution to their patrons. To request pamphlets, contact Patricia Bradley at 272-0664 or pbradley@salud.unm.edu.

NALSIG Report – Clyde Henderson
1. Submitted a budget of $350 for this year and it was approved by NMLA.

NMLA Membership – Paulita Aguilar
1. Paulita talked about the benefits of membership.
2. NALSIG consists of less than 50% NMLA members.
3. Need to increase membership so that NALSIG can continue to request a budget, members can have voting rights, and communicate via NMLA lists.
4. Paulita will look into membership discount for those joining for the first time.

NMLA/MPLA (Mountain Plains Library Association) Conference
1. NMLA/MPLA Conference will be held in Albuquerque, March 14-16, 2007.
2. Clyde will submit a NALSIG program proposal.
3. Possible program – highlight 3 tribal libraries, feature programs and community members, and include pictures.

Fund Raising
1. Members asked about the status of fund raising done through silent auctions. Current NALSIG leadership did not have any information about past auctions. Is fund raising for Friends of NM Tribal Libraries? Is this a question for Mary Alice Tsosie?
2. To raise funds to subsidize NMLA membership, attendance at conferences or library courses includes raffles, bake sales, and auctions.
3. New Mexico Library Foundation does provide scholarships for NMLA wanting to take classes.

Communication
1. Members complained about receiving emails directed to particular individuals. Solution: Members should send emails directly to the individual rather than to the list.
2. Members complained of not receiving emails about meetings on a timely basis. Solution: Danielle of Acoma Library will contact tribal libraries by telephone.

NALSIG meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. Agenda items at the bottom of the list were not addressed.