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New Mexico Representative MPLA Board Report

- Hotel Update for Albuquerque Conference – NMLA Board Members and Conference Planners have been very concerned about some of the problematic issues involved in registering for rooms at the Doubletree Hotel. On January 9th the Local Arrangements Committee met with the Doubletree meeting planner and presented all of the documented problems and issues. Solutions to the problems are now posted on the conference website. Updates and advice for making hotel reservations are on the conference website: <http://www.nmla.org/abq2007/confhome.htm> The Doubletree room block is nearly sold out. The Local Arrangements Committee is working to make agreements with additional hotels that will provide easy access for all conference goers.
- New Mexico Library Association – The next NMLA meeting is planned for January 12th – weather permitting. A planning retreat will be held in the morning at which time the NMLA Board will discuss the future of NMLA and outline possible steps to reorganize the association. Issues of concern are a lack of membership interest in running for leadership positions, the job responsibilities associated with the Vice President position, how the Special Interest Groups might be better integrated into the Association, member recruitment, and member retention.
- New Mexico GO Bond – New Mexico voters passed the GO Bond C initiative on the ballot in November. The bond will legislators to grant public, school, and academic libraries in New Mexico as much as \$3 million each.
- Legislative Day – The New Mexico Library Association and the New Mexico State Library will be hosting Library Legislative Day at the New Mexico capitol on January 25th.

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