

NMARL

April 1, 2005 - Noon - 1:30

Gold Street Café, 218 Gold Avenue, Albuquerque, NM

Record of Informal Discussion

A small group of NMARL board members discussed NMARL issues last week at a lunch meeting. As a quorum of board membership was not present, a formal meeting did not take place. The members present were Joani Shedivy, Angela Murrell and Kathleen Knoth. Greta Pullen, Senior Librarian, History & Literary Arts at the National Hispanic Cultural Center joined the group as a guest.

Joani and Angela worked at the NMARL table in the Exhibit Hall. ACRL and NMARL materials were distributed and a few surveys were completed. One new member joined on the spot. Next time we will create a colorful poster to place behind the table. Some folks we spoke with confused NMARL with NMCAL and AARL of NM. Angela described NMARL as having a professional development focus, (as opposed to NMCAL which is an organization of library directors formed for legislative reasons and AARL NM which is a cooperative consortium working at the institution-level).

The new web page www.nmarl.org is up and running. The NMARL listserv is now a link on the top page.

The two NMARL-sponsored programs were well-attended. Angela will compile the results from the brainstorming session during "Professional Development Opportunities for Support Staff" and email them to the program attendees and NMARL board members. Joani will also add these to the NMARL web page.

We still need to fill vacant NMARL board positions (current and upcoming)

- Vice-President/President-Elect (*Angela becomes President June 2005*)
- Secretary/Treasurer (*Cassandra's term ends June 2005*)
- Four-Year Graduate Programs Representative
- Four-Year College Representative
- Library Staff Representative

Kathleen Knoth is going to pursue a NMARL-sponsored library/museum tour for librarians and library staff throughout the state. She is going to work with Greta Pullen, Senior Librarian, History & Literary Arts at the National Hispanic Cultural Center on a possible tour this summer.