

NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: President

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2012-2013

3. How do you plan to help committees address the four NMRT goals? (If it does not apply, put N/A.)

My presidential theme is "Growing Your Professional Skills". I want to help NMRT members grow their networking, public speaking, communications and other professional skills no matter where they are in their library career. There are many different opportunities for library science professionals today and often times we find ourselves in jobs requiring skills that may not have been covered in library school classes.

4. How do you plan to create a positive committee experience? What type of support do you plan to provide to chairs and committee members, and how often do you plan to provide such support?

I've held orientation sessions for the committee chairs & board members. Notes & recordings from those sessions are posted on ALA Connect. We've held a leadership chat via ALA Connect as well at the end of August. I plan to continue those chats every 6 weeks or so to keep the communication flowing among the committee chairs & board members.

I'm actively responding to questions received via email and giving direction to start some initiatives as well.

5. What future directions do you see your office or NMRT needing to take this year or the following year? What kind of strategies do you envision for addressing projects that affect committees outside of your supervision?

Fundraising is a big concern for NMRT this year. I plan to work with Curtis & other board members to plan out some short-term & long-term strategies for fundraising. I've asked Linda to lead a task force to engage our NMRT alumni members in these efforts as well.

We are also looking to continue the Association Professional Options Fair at ALA Annual this year. Preliminary conversations are started with how NMRT can work with the Diversity office to make this event happen.

We are planning on sponsoring another Emerging Leader this year as well as submitting at least one project proposal to that group. Discussions around streamlining the reporting & archival process are underway as well as transferring the NMRT Archives database to ALA from LSU.

6. Date of report: September 11, 2012

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