

NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: Leadership Director

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2011-2013

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

Goal 2 ("provide a wide variety of programs to assist, encourage, and educate those new to the association and the profession"): The Online Discussion Forum Committee hosts monthly discussions on topics relevant to new librarians on NMRT-L, Endnotes publishes educational articles and book/website reviews that are useful for professional development, and the Annual Program Committee puts together a program each year to provide a continuing education opportunity for people who cannot attend the ALA Annual Conference. Additionally, the Professional Development Attendance Award, Shirley Olofson Memorial Award, and Professional Development Grant provide financial assistance for NMRT members to attend the ALA Annual Conference and its events.

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 introduced myself to my committee chairs in July and have asked them to include me in all e-mails they send their committee members. I plan to monitor discussions in ALA Connect as well, and to check in at least monthly regarding progress on what the NMRT Handbook indicates are that month's responsibilities.

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?

The Professional Development Grant committee is currently without a vendor sponsor, meaning that it will not be awarded this year if we cannot find one. The NMRT Staff Liaison and NMRT Fundraising Coordinator are both working to find a sponsor.

Because most of my committees need to publicize for applicants/submissions, working closely with the NMRT Secretary is essential both to prevent message duplication and ensure thorough dissemination.

6. Date of report: September 6, 2012

7. Submitted by: Megan Hodge