

NMRT Board Member Progress Report

1. Office Name: Member Services Director

2. Office Term: 2011-2013

3. What kind of interaction have you had with your committees thus far this year? What support have you been able to provide them?

A number of questions come up, which I have sometimes been able to answer (hooray for two-year terms) and have sometimes had to forward up the chain. I was able to help out the Mentoring Committee by finding a couple of Alaskan mentors, when they were having trouble meeting the demand.

I think that I have been responsive when asked for things, but I believe I could be more proactive in reaching out to my committees, to see how they are doing.

This is a side point, but I was also tasked with organizing the move of our database and the update of the forms, and that seems to be kind of stalled. It doesn't seem like anyone feels qualified to just *go* with making a form or database design, or creating a workflow, or with any other part of it. I think it's going to be very difficult to accomplish this without some kind of external impetus, like the Emerging Leaders group would have been.

My recommendation: create a task force next year, rather than trying to add this to the Web and Archive committees' workloads. Have the task force go through the same training as the Web Committee, so they know Drupal, and maybe have them trained by the Archives committee, as well. And, finally, don't give them any other committee assignments.

4. What would you still like to accomplish in your office before the end of your term?

I want to be more proactive in reaching out to my committees and staying up to date with the work they are doing.

If possible, I would like to help Web & Archives make some real progress on their joint project, as well. However, I am at a loss about what to do.

5. Date of report: April 2, 2013

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