

NMRT Board Member Final Report

1. Office Name: Vice President/President-elect

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

3. Discuss/summarize your involvement with your committees this year: The VP Planning Committee did a fantastic job of helping me formulate my Presidential theme. I gave them a brief overview of my interests, and they came up with the title “Finding Your Balance: Seeking Professional and Personal Fulfillment.” Late in the year, the committee was charged with developing a survey relating to generating revenue for the organization. The survey has been completed but has not yet been distributed.

4. Based on your year’s experience in this office, what future directions do you see your office or NMRT needing to take this year or the following year?

The most important thing the VP can do is work to build a strong professional relationship with the President and other Board members. I worked well with the President, but I probably could have done more to get to know the other board members better. Items for NMRT to address specifically in the coming year include a possible dues increase, development of other revenue generating activities, and consideration of conference attendance requirements for officers.

5. What tips or hints do you have that might help your successor carry out the duties of this office?

My successor has been on the board for several years, so she has a good awareness of the current work and needs of NMRT. My biggest struggle was trying to learn everything in just one year. I would recommend getting into the habit of setting time aside each day for NMRT work to get into the habit prior to taking on the role of president. I would also recommend working as far ahead as possible when appointment time comes so that she can recognize which committees might have openings remaining by early June and can actively recruit to fill those.

6. Please address the role of the board member as coordinator. For example, projects between membership promotion, diversity & recruitment and student outreach would need to be coordinated. How might activities such as this be handled by board members efficiently and smoothly? Your thoughts here will be most helpful for future boards.

I would recommend that all board members become familiar with the charge of all committees, not just the ones they supervise. This basic knowledge will help them to recognize where projects may overlap. Board members should never hesitate to contact one another for advice or conversation if they have concerns about the activities of their own committees or any other.

7. Date of report: 31 July 2013

8. Submitted by: Emily A. Prather-Rodgers

