

NMRT Board Member Final Report

1. Office Name: *NMRT Councilor*

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): *2011-2014*

3. Discuss/summarize your involvement with your committees this year:

- *Attending NMRT Executive Board Meetings (online and in person)*
- *Representing NMRT at all ALA/APA Council Meetings at Midwinter and Annual Conferences.*
- *Communicating issues to the membership via email and the NMRT Councilor Blog.*

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?

- *I would like to see more NMRT issues and concerns brought before Council. The NMRT Councilor and the other members of the Executive Board could work on resolutions to bring before Council that brings awareness and concerns to the broader body.*
- *I would also hope that the future NMRT Councilor would continue providing in-depth coverage of the inner workings of ALA and Council to the membership through some sort of technological means.*

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

- *Despite personal opinions, remember that you are representing a larger group than yourself when voting on issues brought before ALA Council.*
- *Don't forget to poll membership if you can to see how they view issues.*
- *Try to make the inner workings of ALA as transparent as you can. For many, the foray into this huge, often times confusing association can be daunting. Try to break it down. Trust your impressions.*

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.

Possibly providing a more agile technological platform to confer, share ideas, work on common documents, etc., than ALA Connect can provide.

7. Date of report: *July 26, 2013*

8. Submitted by: *Susan L. Jennings, NMRT Councilor*