

# **NMRT Board Member Planning Report**

**1. Office Name: Networking Director**

**2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2012-2014**

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

Inherently, working on or chairing a committee provides members with the opportunity to develop in a professional association service role, which addresses our first and third goals. Through the programs provided by Networking committees, members are given ways to become more informed about ALA and NMRT, meet other members and network, and learn about the conference and how to get the most out of it, which addresses our second and fourth goals. I will help my committees to work towards these goals by staying in communication with them, being responsive to their needs and questions, and encouraging them to meet their deadlines.

- 1) to structure formal opportunities for involvement and/or training for professional association committee experiences on the national, state and local levels;
- (2) to provide a wide variety of programs to assist, encourage, and educate those new to the association and the profession;
- (3) to offer a variety of leadership training and opportunities to help those approaching the end of their NMRT eligibility make the transition to future positions in the association and the profession, and;
- (4) to develop and implement ongoing programs for library school students which encourage professional involvement and networking.

**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 will encourage open discussion and communication, reminding the chair and members to copy me on all email. In addition, I will be responsive to their questions and requests for assistance, as needed, and stay aware of each committee's deadlines and constructively prompt them when necessary.

**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?**

All of the Board needs to work together on determining ways to increase revenue to the Round Table, since lack of funding seems to be a major point of discussion at the committee and board levels. In addition, we should review the existing committee structure and missions to ensure that we are meeting the needs of a changing ALA membership and utilizing technology, e.g., social media, effectively to meet those needs. Specifically, are there opportunities, such as

Orientation, to provide members with a virtual experience in addition to or in place of a face to face experience.

**6. Date of report: 10/16/13**

**7. Submitted by: Barbara Lewis**