

NMRT Board Member Progress Report

1. Office Name: Leadership Development Director

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2013 - 2015

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

Anytime Emily has emailed the Board and Committee Chairs (now just the Board listserv) I've passed it along to my committee chairs as a "housekeeping" note (i.e. reminders about progress reports, changes in policy, etc.). I have a group set up in my email to make this easy. All committee chairs have my personal email address, mobile number, and work number and are encouraged to use them to reach out to me, in addition to posting on ALA Connect.

The two committees I have been most active with this year have been the Online Discussion Committee and the Professional Development Grant committee. Both have used me for marketing (I have offered to share their events on my personal networks, in addition to the official NMRT channels). The Online Discussion committee has been experimenting with different formats for their monthly discussions, including ALA Connect and Adobe Connect. I've been their liaison to the ALA office to set the options up and answer questions they may have. The Professional Development Grant committee unexpectedly discovered their chair resigned after Midwinter, and I've been key in bringing the new chair up to speed on the work that needs to be done.

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

More training for ALA Committee Chairs! I'd love to do an "ALA 101" session (separate from the Committee Chair orientation) to help break down the mysteries behind ALA. If our mission is to produce the future leaders of ALA, they need to know about the rest of ALA, beyond the NMRT walls, first!

I'd also like to host Committee Chair Chats, to get to know all our committee chairs (not just the ones I supervise) and see how different committees, and different board members, can work together. For example, as former Student and Student Chapter Outreach chair, I would love to hear what that committee has been doing, and how I (and possibly others) can help fulfill their mission.

5. Date of report: 31 March 2014

6. Submitted by: Kate Kosturski, Leadership Development Director