Committee Progress Report

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**Type of report being submitted:** Committee Progress Report

**Date:** 3/31/2014

**Committee Name:** NMRT Professional Development Grant Committee

**Supervising Board Member:** Kate Kosturski

**Chair, Co-Chairs, Assistant Chairs:** Melanie T. Kowalski

**Committee members:**
- Alsion Coltin
- Demacia Donahue
- Julia Frankosky
- Nicole Brock

**Committee Charge:** Choose one recipient for the NMRT Professional Development Grant.

**Project Description / Goals:** Funding for the award was confirmed by the NMRT Board at ALA Midwinter Philadelphia (January 2013). After approval, the NMRT Professional Development Grant Committee has developed and promoted an application for the award. After the April 1 submission deadline, the committee will work together to evaluate all applicants and select a 2014 recipient.

**Specific Objectives (numbers, tangible end-products):**

Last year, the committee received 20 applications for the grant. This year, the committee hopes to increase this number to 25 applications. By focusing on increasing our pool of candidates, we hope to select a strong candidate with the skills to give back to NMRT and promote the profession.

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f. Vendor support planned or anticipated for the year (either money or in-kind gifts), list
here:
None. The NMRT Board will determine funding opportunities for next year’s grant.

g. Vendor support requested: (From the above list, what, if any, has been requested from the Exhibitor Contact and Relations Committee?)
None

h. Vendor support received: (From the above list, what if any, has been received?)
None

Specific Needs/Support (non-financial): (For the categories below, please include approximate date service needed)

a. Web Support (help with webpage creation, web form creation, web database, web database, scripting, etc):
The web team has worked with the committee to make all necessary updates to the website.

b. On-site conference volunteers: (include estimated numbers needed and brief job description)
n/a

c. Publicity planned for the committee (posting to other discussion lists, official press release for webpage, etc.):
The committee has distributed emails to professional listservs (see: here ). We have worked with Kirby McCurtis to ensure distribution to the NMRT blog, Facebook, and other NMRT social media presences. The announcement has been posted to ALA Connect for further distribution as well.

**Report submitted by:**
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