

Committee Progress Report

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****Committee Name:** Online Discussion Forum

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****Activity in Current Reporting Period**

a) Projects completed (For example, any procedures, tip sheets, checklists, etc. created during this period):

1. Five monthly discussions have been led on the NMRT-L on the following topics:

- November, Searching: Ethics of job hunting, how to research an institution
- December, Applying: preparing effective resumes and cover letters, interview skills, how to get feedback
- January, Getting hired or rejected: negotiating salaries and benefits; what to do about rejection
- February, Finding your niche: local associations, joining committees in ALA
- *No discussion in March*
- April, Conferences: funding, best ways of getting to know people, do you go to learn or meet people? what's worth paying for

b) Projects in progress but not yet completed:

Committee members to summarise and add discussions to NMRT website

****Action Items/Issues To Be Resolved (What is left to do, based on your Planning Report? Have there been any substantial changes in plans since then? What items, if any, have been deferred until next year?):**

In the planning report we indicated that we would also:

2. Investigate new ways of supporting online discussion and networking through the year, and at the Midwinter and Annual conferences

This item has not yet been actioned, and it is recommended that it be deferred until the 07-08 Online Discussion forum commences.

3. Investigate the use of ALA Online Communities for NMRT

We have completed some preliminary investigations of ALA Online Communities, but as the NMRT section is already set up and is being investigated by other committees and NMRT Board Directors, we will focus on making recommendations about how the Online Discussion Forum might work in an Online Communities environment, and forward a report on this by the end of May 2007.

Financial Report Section:

Your budget appropriation (see budget)	a. 0
Amount which you have spent so far this year	b. 0
Your estimated additional expenses this year	c. 0
Total of amount spent and additional "estimated" expenses for this year (b+c)	d. 0
Difference between budgeted amount and total expenses from above (a-d)	e. 0

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