

NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: Councilor

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2005-2008

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

I want to continue the flow of information between ALA Council and NMRT. Knowledge and understanding of ALA Council is important for our membership, so as I better understand the organization I can increase the knowledge and understanding for our members. I intend to forward messages from the ALA Council listserv on the NMRT listserv when appropriate, or provide summary messages of discussions when appropriate. I would like to write an update for Footnotes as well, so that all members are informed.

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 continue to be accessible and responsive to committee chairs and board members so that I represent our membership well on ALA Council. My previous service on NMRT committees and as an NMRT chair has demonstrated my ability to be organized, efficient, and thorough. I hope to continue that performance as a Councilor. It will help lend itself to working effectively with committee chairs and board members. As programs and initiatives develop over the next year, I want to be a part of those discussions with appropriate committee chairs and board members. I will continue to keep my eyes and ears open in Council and at ALA Membership Meetings. This will allow me to continue filling in the blanks during NMRT Board meetings and general discussions with NMRT members.

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?

Now that I have my first year as NMRT Councilor under my belt, I want to be more proactive in providing information to the membership and getting the word out about my role. I am now at a point where I have a good sense of what information to filter down to the board, committee chairs, and the membership. ALA Council can be a huge source of information, but it can also be information overload. I will continue to collaborate with the board to get things done and provide leadership and guidance on ALA issues. I

continue to encourage NMRT members to contact me about any issues they may have or resolutions they might want investigated. I am off to a good start in this area, but plan to do more in terms of my visibility particularly at NMRT events and meetings. I look forward to continuing in my role as NMRT Councilor.

6. Date of report: 16 October 2006

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