

NMRT Board Member Progress Report

1. Office Name: Councilor

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

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

I have continued to represent the round table at ALA Council meetings and councilor forums.

Council votes: “A Resolution on Member Access to Electronic Lists of ALA” was referred to the Task Force On Electronic Member Participation (which I am a member). I voted not to refer this to the task force as I felt NMRT members would be in favor of simply making the decision to allow for open electronic list access. The task force and some members of Council asked that list owners consider opening any lists for read only access to non-members with the exception of those lists used for awards deliberations and the like.

“Resolution on Providing Accessible Workstations at ALA Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences” was passed. I voted in favor of this resolution. This resolution will hopefully set in motion increased availability of workstations for persons with disabilities (larger monitors, wheelchair accessible workstations, screen reader software, etc.) as well as other assistance for conference attendees.

I abstained from voting on the Social Responsibilities Round Table sponsored “Resolution on the Crisis in Kenya”. This resolution was passed. As noted by James Casey, Councilor-At-Large, “Councilors opposing this resolution were concerned about its lack of clarity and lack of stated plan for dissemination. Some were concerned about the lack of official support from the International Relations Committee and Committee on Legislation for this Resolution.”

“Resolution on the Confiscation of Iraqi Documents from the Iraq National Library Archives” was passed. I voted in favor of this resolution as it calls for the return of cultural documents to Iraqi repositories by the United States and British military forces.

A new ALA Web site design is targeted for June 2008.

Beginning with Midwinter 2009 in Denver, all members will need to have a valid conference registration before being allowed to register for hotel accommodations.

I have encouraged NMRT members to run for Councilor-At-Large and provided information and guidance for members running for NMRT Councilor 2008-2011. I have worked to recruit new NMRT members and encourage active participation on committees. I have informed NMRT membership of ALA Council discussions and resolutions as appropriate. Provide opportunities for NMRT members to inform me of issues they

would like brought to ALA Council. Collaborate with other ALA Councilors on appropriate resolutions.

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

I would like to pull together information for the incoming Councilor to make that transition as smooth as possible. I would also like to continue receiving feedback from members about resolutions and association policy so I may continue representing NMRT interests.

5. Date of report: 2.12.2008

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