

Appendix II  
Responses to letter

I'm the new Chair of NMRT of Texas Library Association. I'm appointing new officers and wanted to talk with you before I appointed a new ALA affiliate from Texas NMRT. In talking with Jon Marner, one of our past ALA affiliates, and from an article on the ALA NMRT web page, I gather that this whole structure is in question right now. So before proceeding with a new appointment, I'd like more information as to whether to appoint now, wait and see, or what. Will the decision be made at Annual Meeting this summer in San Francisco? I can give you Texas NMRT's comments as to the usefulness of affiliates etc. You can reach me by email or phone at 409-862-1982.

Looking forward to hearing from you .

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I rec'd your letter from the prior Chair of NMRT about 2 weeks ago. Sorry for delay in my response.

If the comment is still useful, I'd wonder if it would work to have the presidents of each state's library association distribute information to the state NMRT or closest relative once it's developed by a committee/task force at ALA/NMRT.

I've not heard anything from ALA during my few months in this position. Perhaps the change will help.

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This is in response to your letter of March 12th. I am afraid that I was unaware, until I received your letter, that there was such a thing as the Affiliates Council. As Chair of NCLA's New Members Round Table, I knew that we were supposed to have an ALA Affiliate as one of our officers, but in the three and 1/2 years that I have been active, at least, there has not been an Affiliate. We are presently in the process of assessing interest and getting together a slate of officers for the next biennium; we had already selected someone to be the ALA Affiliate for 1997-99 when I got your letter. I intend to forward your letter to her, Gail Findlay, for her reaction.

As for my reaction, either of the options you describe would be acceptable to me. My only regret would be that now that we finally have someone to take on this job, it is being abolished!

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Thank you for your letter concerning the proposal you are making to ALA NMRT regarding the Affiliate's Council. I agree with you that the time has come for Affiliate's Council to take on a different form that will be more