NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: President


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

I am directly supervising Governance, President's Program & Membership Meeting (goal 2), Online Collaboration Ad Hoc Task Force (goal 4), and the Alumni Relations Task Force (goal 3). NMRT continues to take advantage of technology to provide opportunities for our members to participate virtually, and that is a priority for me.

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?

A positive committee experience happens when a committee has clear goals and direction, and when members feel comfortable asking questions. I'm finding that being copied on all committee emails keeps me in the loop, and allows me to answer questions quickly. By making committee appointments over the past few months, I've been in touch with every single person serving on a committee, and that makes me more approachable.

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?

Some of the initiatives I am working on include revamping our liaison program, transitioning the Annual Program to a fully online program, exploring ways for our alumni to stay actively involved, and looking at how new technologies can help our members collaborate virtually.

6. Date of report: August 22, 2008

7. Submitted by: Laurel Bliss