

# NMRT Board Member Planning Report

**1. Office Name: Vice-President / President Elect**

**2. Office Term: 2008-2009**

**3. How do you plan to help committees address the four NMRT goals?**

1. To structure formal opportunities for involvement and/or training for professional association committee experiences on the national, state, and local levels;

I look forward to appointing members to committees for the coming year. I am interested in other ways NMRT can collaborate and be involved beyond the round table, including other round tables, divisions, and associations of interest to members. In addition, I would like to work with the President, Past President, board members, and chairs to assess committee experience, workload, and opportunities.

2. To provide a wide variety of programs to assist, encourage, and educate people who are new to the profession;

I will continue to support the President and Past President's development of online and virtual activities that complement conference activities. In addition, I will work with the President to evaluate meetings and programs planned for the Annual conference to enhance those events for greater member participation. In collaboration with the Outreach Director, I would like to explore how to connect our members to programs offered by other round tables, divisions, interest groups, and association.

3. To offer a variety of leadership training and opportunities to help those approaching the end of their NMRT eligibility to make the transition to future positions in the Association and the profession;

As mentioned in #1, I am interested in other ways NMRT can collaborate and be involved beyond the round table, including other round tables, divisions, and associations of interest to members. Our liaison program provides one opportunity for the round table to connect to the association. The report of the Alumni Relations Task Force will help to inform what steps we should take to continue member success beyond the round table.

4. To develop and implement ongoing programs for library school students that encourages professional involvement and networking.

I plan to support the work of NMRT's committees focused on library student participation and success. SASCO, SCOTYA, and the Student Reception committees reach out to library school students with opportunities for mentoring, to welcome them to the association at Annual conference, and recognize their chapter efforts with an award that includes a travel stipend. With the assistance of the President, Outreach Director, and Vice Presidential Planning committee, we can consider exploring new and better ways to

involve student involvement in the round table as well as supporting student chapter efforts. Online and virtual involvement will continue to be a priority.

**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?**

As supervising board member for the Vice Presidential Planning Committee, I plan to work very closely and collaborate with this team as they help me brainstorm ideas for my presidential year, including initiatives and programming. They will help keep me on task, and I will help them by being responsive and providing the information and resources they need so we can all be successful. Based on the good advice from past Vice Presidents, I will strive to be clear about my goals for the committee. I will view this committee as one that will help remind me that this process and experience should also be fun, and the members reflect my competent and fun energy. I will provide the support to the committee as they need it.

For other committees, I will provide positive support as needed. The committee chairs and supervising board members are in place to facilitate most of this support, but if something falls through the cracks I am available to help get things moving again. I can also provide input if asked, or make a committee aware of any information I gain through other association activities.

**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?**

The role of virtual participation and online collaboration for Annual conferences will play a role in planning for the next year. I plan to work closely with the President as we pilot and fine tune these initiatives. At the same time, we need to explore opportunities and options for members to get together at conferences and in other venues. Our vacant Fundraising Coordinator position needs resolution. The membership survey deserves another look to identify what progress we have made on areas of concern and what still needs attention.

For projects and committees outside of my supervision, I plan to remain in contact with the President, Directors, and Board members. Committee chairs and Directors cc me on all appropriate committee electronic discussions, providing me with an opportunity to better understand the work of those committees and their members.

Finally, I would like to work with our ALA Liaison and the ALA Director for Membership Development to continue initiatives and explore other collaborative opportunities that support the round table membership and association.

**6. Date of report: September 8, 2008**

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