

NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: Councilor

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2008-2011

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

I have several things I would like to do to increase NMRT knowledge of what their spot on Council does to them:

1. Increase communication between Council and NMRT. This includes forwarding and/or summarizing Council items of interest to NMRT listservs and relaying the NMRT opinion on Council items of interest.
2. Work with Council to increase transparency and e-participation within ALA, which are two values NMRT places an emphasis on.
3. Develop new mechanisms to increase NMRT membership's knowledge of Council.

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?

My first challenge is to learn more about Council and see what role I play in it as the NMRT representative. Additionally, I want to remain active within NMRT and the Board so I continue to know what values NMRT has and use those to represent it on Council.

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?

As stated previously, a big part of my office in the next year will be getting use to the policies and procedures of Council and figuring out my role within it as the NMRT representative. I also want to relay my experiences to the NMRT membership and find ways to get them more knowledgeable about Council and its role within ALA.

6. Date of report: 09/05/2008

7. Submitted by: Jenny Emanuel