

NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: Networking Director

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2008/2010

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

The committees supervised by the Networking Director (3M/NMRT Social, Local Arrangements, Midwinter Social, Booth, Orientations) are primarily focused on providing networking opportunities and contribute to NMRT goals 1, 2, and 4. To assist them in meeting these goals, I will work to make committee and chair experience positive and assist them with their unique missions.

There are some new and continuing issues that the Committees will be dealing with this year. We will need to continue examining the budget for midwinter social to ensure that it is adequate to reserve an appropriate venue. The NMRT Booth went through a big change as of Annual 2008, so we will be streamlining that process. We will also be working with 3M to iron out details regarding attendance and marketing.

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?

I am available to my chairs as needed, will promptly respond to questions, and will be monitoring the progress and timelines of the committees. I have contacted all my chairs and have already answered questions from most of them. Some of them have impressive plans in place for the year!

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 mentioned above, more investigation needs to be done regarding the midwinter social budget.

Consistent email and listserv communication with committee chairs and other members of the board will ensure that any situations that might affect other committees are identified and coordinated as appropriate. Like interdisciplinary work, intercommittee work can open up exciting opportunities.

6. Date of report: 9/12/2008

7. Submitted by: Linda Shippert