

Committee Final Report

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****Goals, Objectives, Projects completed (including, but not limited to, any procedures, tip sheets, checklists, etc. created during the reporting year):**

The Web Committee accomplished a number of general goals, reached a few objectives, and completed some projects in the 2008-2009 year. Our annual goal of maintaining NMRT related web pages was accomplished. In the majority of cases this was accomplished in a timely fashion, but sometimes an update request would be miscommunicated either in the referral to the web liaison or when the request was communicated to only one web committee member. It is our view that the web committee guidelines address these issues, but the guidelines should be promoted more frequently.

The objectives of setting up and configuring ALA Connect, the new version of ALA Communities, was accomplished mostly by the ALA offices. The NMRT Web Committee did participate in Beta testing and gave feedback on the site to ALA in its early stages. It seems that much of Connect is being handled centrally, though the Web Committee was prepared to help whenever needed. The objective of training all committee members in the ALA Collage content management system (CMS) was slowly accomplished over the year. The infrequency of courses and short notice made scheduling difficult, but only one committee member ended the year untrained.

The following projects were completed:

****Action Items/Issues To Be Resolved – What plans/projects remain which will be carried over or postponed until next year? Have there been any substantial changes in plans requiring a reconsideration or cancellation of projects? Information regarding such will be helpful for future chairs and planners.**

The NMRT Blog (NMRT Notes <http://www.nmrt.ala.org/notes/>) has only recently been put to use. The Web Committee has set up accounts for a few NMRT Board Members and Web Committee members. There are only administrative accounts set up at this time so other users and roles will need to be defined manually. The Wordpress software may need to be updated, which was communicated to ALA.

The suggestion of requiring ALA Collage CMS training of potential committee members in order to have more members trained in the web system through the year. There is always opportunity with the NMRT Wiki and Blog, which require little training or setup. It would be preferred if more members had Collage CMS training earlier, so training offered at ALA Annual 2009 is being suggested to incoming new members. The retention of past members would also allow the committee to have sufficient web liaisons.

The NMRT web file structure is not completely cleaned up. It is suggested that future years apply some time to clean up and reorganization that is not just driven by updates and ALA infrastructure changes.

Financial Report Section:

Your budget appropriation (see budget)	a. \$0
<i>Amount which you have spent this year</i>	b. \$0
Difference between budgeted amount and amount spent (a-b)	c. \$0

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