

# NMRT Board Member Final Report

**1. Office Name:** President

**2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006):** 2008-2009

**3. Discuss/summarize your involvement with your committees this year:**

Supervising four committees (including one ad hoc and one task force) was difficult at times. I had regular communication with two committee chairs, but did not maintain routine contact with the other two. As a result, their work became less effective. I answer many questions from directors and other committee chairs, and that was distracting.

**4. Based on your year's experience in this office, what future directions do you see your office or NMRT needing to take this year or the following year?**

We have several exciting new initiatives that will develop over the next few years. Having a Fundraising Coordinator in place will allow us to move past the identified barriers and prioritize the tasks associated with the position. Providing free NMRT memberships to Emerging Leaders will hopefully attract them to becoming involved in NMRT. Our new e-journal should also improve the visibility of NMRT within the profession. Expanding the Resume Review Service to all ALA members, through ALA Connect, is a wonderful way to highlight this important service.

**5. What tips or hints do you have that might help your successor carry out the duties of this office?**

Most of the job is problem solving and making sure people get their work done in a timely manner. Keep your own goals and projects a priority. Work with the Vice President closely, so that both of you are in the loop.

**6. Please address the role of the board member as coordinator. For example, projects between membership promotion, diversity & recruitment and student outreach would need to be coordinated. How might activities such as this be handled by board members efficiently and smoothly? Your thoughts here will be most helpful for future boards.**

This issue came up with the group involved with organizing the Awards Reception, which is a combination of the Student Reception Committee, supervised by the Outreach Director, and the Social Committee, supervised by the Networking Director. Having multiple chairs and directors made it unclear who really was in charge, and that's something that I should have clarified at the beginning to simplify the process.

**7. Date of report:** 6/25/09

**8. Submitted by:** Laurel Bliss



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