

NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: Past President

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2009-2010

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

My work for the coming year relates peripherally to the four NMRT goals, rather than directly. Some of my activities in the coming year are:

- a. The President and I will be selecting an applicant to the Emerging Leader program, one who will be receiving \$1000 from NMRT to attend Midwinter and Annual.
- b. I'm the supervising board member for the Nominating Committee, and will work to get a slate of candidates in place by December, for approval at the fall e-board meeting.
- c. I'm chairing the Budget Task Force, which will be looking closely at our revenue and expenditures. The goal is to determine the best use of our funds, and to make recommendations to the President for adjustments to the budget.

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 believe the key to a positive committee experience is regular communication. The committee chair should feel comfortable taking problems to their board member, asking advice, and discussing the work of the committee. I anticipate frequent emails with the chair of Nominating, particularly as the slate of candidates comes together.

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?

I think NMRT is very good at self-evaluation and responding to changes in circumstances. We are flexible and creative thinkers, and we need to continue to focus on ways to help our members grow in the profession. I see the Past President's role as a supporter of the President's agenda, as well as a trusted sounding board for new ideas.

6. Date of report: August 26, 2009

7. Submitted by: Laurel Bliss