

NMRT Board Member Final Report

1. Office Name: Networking Director

2. Office Term: 2008-2010

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

I have been involved with my committees to varying degrees, primarily via email. The Orientation Committee ran itself very well and needed very little support. I worked closely with Booth, as we transition from having our own booth in the exhibit hall to being part of the Membership Pavilion. I worked very closely with the 3M/NMRT Social Committee, which became part of the conglomerate NMRT Awards Committee after vendor funding was lost. Local Arrangements Committee stayed in close contact but was very successful on its own. The Midwinter Social Committee was very communicative and active, but struggled in the end because so few members could attend the 2009 Midwinter Conference. The new MW Social Committee is off to a great start.

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?

The largest issue for this coming year will be the NMRT Awards Reception. We will have to decide what form it takes in the future based on availability of vendor funding and success of this year's Awards Reception. If the Reception is continued in the form it has taken this year, committees will need to be re-structured and a clear line of responsibility created. Handbook entries for the Awards Committee, the 3M/NMRT Social Committee, and for the Booth Committee will need to be updated based on new procedures. We will need to consider a name change for the Booth Committee.

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

Things that I will be trying this year will include encouraging Committees to make use of ALA Connect and setting a schedule for checking in with chairs.

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.

Board members should explore the opportunities provided by ALA Connect, and should give feedback for future directions if there are needs which aren't yet well met.

7. Date of report: July 7, 2009

8. Submitted by: Linda Crook (formerly Linda Shippert)