

NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: Networking Director

2. Office Term: 2008/2010

3. How do you plan to help committees address the four NMRT goals?

The committees supervised by the Networking Director (3M/NMRT Social, Local Arrangements, Midwinter Social, Booth, Orientation) 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.

Last year, 3M funded scholarships (thank you!), but wasn't able to contribute to the NMRT Social due to the economic situation. The 3M/NMRT Social Committee collaborated with the Student Reception Committee to present an NMRT Awards Reception at Annual 2009. The 3M/NMRT Social committee's activity this year will be determined by whether or not 3M is able to donate, which we may not know for some time.

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 am enthusiastic about ALA Connect and hope to see a lot of the committee interaction move there.

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?

This year the focus of the Networking Director and the committees will have to be documentation. Last year the Booth Committee saw major changes which need to be documented. We need a new handbook entry for the combined Social Committee, in case we need to have a combined social/awards ceremony again, and for the historical record. All entries need to be updated so that incoming chairs who have not been on the committee have a clear understanding of the work to be done.

Intercommittee work is already happening, both between Networking Director committees and with committees from other areas. I am inspired by the idea of having meetings of the committee chairs - I think it will greatly improve awareness of the big picture.

6. Date of report: 9/04/2009

7. Submitted by: Linda Crook