

1. Office Name: Leadership Director

2. Office Term: 2009-2011

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

1. to structure formal opportunities for involvement and/or training for professional association committee experiences on the national, state, and local levels;

Maintaining contact with committee chairs and improving communication and publicity for NMRT.

2. to provide a wide variety of programs to assist, encourage, and educate people who are new to the profession;

I shall assist my committees in fulfilling their charges.

3. to offer a variety of leadership training and opportunities to help those approaching the end of their NMRT eligibility to make the transition to future positions in the Association and the profession; and

I would like to see more leadership opportunities through programming. There are plenty of actual opportunities for leadership and we need to increase their awareness.

4. to develop and implement ongoing programs for library school students that encourage professional involvement and networking.

N/A

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 plan on utilizing ALA Connect as a tool to coordinate the tasks of the committee chairs. I will email committee chairs monthly in order to provide clear communication of the committee chairs' goals and be readily available as a resource. This will ensure that committee chairs have ample opportunity to communicate with me and complete their charges. Whether I communicate through Facebook, ALA Connect, the ALA wiki, or another tool, I will be available to assist these committee chairs and provide them with the tools for success.

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 would like to work with Emerging Leaders in hopes of attracting new members to NMRT. I think it's great that we are sponsoring all ELs with NMRT memberships. I think it would be great if we could reach out to the Emerging Leaders and the Young Librarians (formerly known as Young Turks) and see how we can work together to provide a voice for those that are interested in becoming more active in ALA.

I envision leadership programming and ensuring members are aware of opportunities within the organization. I think we may need to have links on the NMRT page to our social networking areas such as Twitter and Facebook, in addition to creating a strong presence on ALA Connect. Thereby improving publicity overall of NMRT but most importantly of the awards that we grant. It would be interesting if we could get video of the Annual Program as well as podcasts.

6. Date of report: 9/9/09

7. Submitted by: Amy Harmon