

NMRT Board Member Final Report

1. Office Name: Past President

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

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

I worked closely with the Nominating Committee and the President to form the slate of candidates for the 2010 elections. I recommend starting right away on this task.

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 continue to have problems with continuity from year to year with committee work, and with keeping committee members up to speed on changes that have happened. For instance, Board members frequently get asked questions on policies that changed in previous years. People have old information, and are basing their actions on outdated procedures.

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

I see the role of the Past President as being an advisor to the Executive Board, a keeper of institutional memory, and a voice for NMRT within ALA. It requires taking a step back, as you're no longer the person who solves problems for the entire round table.

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.

It's harder for the Past President to be a coordinator, since they aren't copied on all committee emails. This is where their role as advisor comes into play, particularly in support of the President and any initiatives they might have.

7. Date of report: 6/1/2010

8. Submitted by: Laurel Bliss