

NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: President

2. Office Term: 2011/2012

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;*
- 2. To provide a wide variety of programs to assist, encourage, and educate people who are new to the profession;*
- 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*
- 4. To develop and implement ongoing programs for library school students that encourage professional involvement and networking.*

My Presidential Theme is “Making and Maintaining Connections.” I will help address the four NMRT goals by creating partnerships with other groups, such as LLAMA and RMRT, to strengthen programming and networking opportunities. I will also reach out to NMRT alumni to create paths for NMRT members moving into other parts of ALA.

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?

The overdue Board & Chair orientation will be held as an online chat in the next few weeks. It shall be followed by additional online chats to be held each month (except months when there is a Board meeting, October and January). We will use these chats to discuss progress being made by committees, challenges being faced, and to improve communication and connections throughout NMRT leadership.

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?

As I said in last year’s Planning Report, the difficult economic environment continues to have serious repercussions for new librarians. As the Board works together on a Strategic Plan we will explore different ways to prioritize our budget. I hope that NMRT will be able to provide increased funds for professional opportunities, starting with increased support for Spectrum Scholars.

6. Date of report: 9/16/2011

7. Submitted by: Linda Crook