

NMRT Board Member Progress Report

1. Office Name: NMRT Networking Director

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2010-2011

3. What kind of interaction have you had with your committees thus far this year? What support have you been able to provide them?

The bulk of communications with my committees has been via email, though I was happy to meet the Orientations Committee and the Midwinter Social committee at Midwinter in San Diego, and to act as document courier between the two committees to get Midwinter Social's informational flyers to the Orientations Committee.

I've been working most with the newly-named Membership Pavilion Committee (formerly Booth Committee). The chair, Tracy Stout, and I have been in touch and working out questions on what needs to be accomplished this year and in what order to get changes made as this committee is making transformative changes. I will continue to assist as best I can to help make changes as smooth as possible and to facilitate communications with other committees.

I regret that I have not had the opportunity to provide support to others of my committees. In some cases, it is because they do exceptional work on their own: with very little help and only some consultation with the board on the matter of EBSCO bag sponsorship and the issue of other giveaways, Orientations has been operating smoothly on its own. Orientation at Midwinter was fantastic, and extremely well-attended.

The Midwinter Social was likewise very successful, with limited need for support from me. The committee did a great job of scouting and securing an innovative venue and created a welcoming atmosphere for all NMRT members.

I've not been able to glean any information from the chair of the Local Arrangements Committee and I hope that that situation will be rectified soon.

There have been joint communications with Awards/Reception since the joining of the committees for the NMRT/Merritt Fund reception at Annual, but as this has become a larger event, it feels as though my role to provide support has been muddled. I am doing my best to stay in touch with the chairs of Awards/Reception to reestablish that chain of contact, but again, this is proving difficult at this time.

4. What would you still like to accomplish in your office before the end of your term?

I would like to assist Tracy Stout in fully completing the transition of the Booth Committee to its new iteration as the Membership Pavilion Committee and all of the

changes that that entails. I would like to include the Local Arrangements Committee in the information exchange on this, but need to work on the communications front there.

I need to engage more fully with the Awards/Reception Committee to make sure that they are fully included in all aspects of planning and execution of the newly formed joint NMRT/Merritt Fund reception at ALA Annual.

5. Date of report: February 24, 2011

6. Submitted by: Julie Kane