

Mentoring Committee Progress Report 2012

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Activity in Current Reporting Period

a) Projects completed (For example, any procedures, tip sheets, checklists, etc. created during this period):

The NMRT Mentoring Committee launched a new call for participants that closed on January 27th. We were able to have our online application forms updated in advance of launching the career mentoring initiative. We had great success using our NMRT liaisons to spread the word. We've had over 60 applicants, with more mentees than mentors. This seems to be an ongoing issue and not just for NMRT. Because NMRT has a 5 years or more of professional experience requirement to be a mentor, many of NMRT's own members cannot participate as mentors. People grow away from NMRT as they become more experienced.

Co-chairs Aimee Babcock-Ellis and Kari Weaver have talked to Joe Goetz of ACRL Instruction Section Mentoring Program about partnering and it seems ACRL also gets

more mentees than mentors. Kari Weaver is the NMRT representative to the Young Professionals Subcommittee of the ALA Mentoring Committee and wants to bring this issue up, because it is probably an ALA-wide issue that affects retention of young or new professionals. The co-chairs hope to reach out to other mentoring programs within ALA that are listed in the taxonomy under “mentoring”.

b) Projects in progress but not yet completed: We will be discussing preliminary plans for the Conference Mentoring program and the Mentor-Mentee Social planned for the Annual meeting.

Action Items/Issues To Be Resolved (What is left to do, based on your Planning Report? Have there been any substantial changes in plans since then? What items, if any, have been deferred until next year?):

Finish matching career mentoring pairs.
Send monthly mentoring

Financial Report Section:

Your budget appropriation (see budget)	a. \$225
Amount which you have spent so far this year	b. \$0
Your estimated additional expenses this year	c. \$225
Total of amount spent and additional "estimated" expenses for this year (b+c)	d. \$225
Difference between budgeted amount and total expenses from above (a-d)	e. \$0

The current outstanding budget will be spent for the Mentor-Mentee Reception at Annual in Anaheim, CA in 2012.

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