

# **NMRT Board Member Progress Report**

**1. Office Name: 3M/NMRT Professional Development Grant Committee Chair**

**2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2011-2012**

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

I began the term by contacting my committee members, explaining the work that we would be doing over the course of the committee's term, and pointing them to the committee timeline and wiki page, so they could get a sense for what the award is about, its history, and how we would select winners.

I sent my committee the previous draft of the call for applicants, and requested any changes or edits. We also created an online form (powered by Google Docs) to accept applications, and committee members edited and approved.

Each committee member signed up to distribute the call for applicants to a number of listservs, as well as volunteered to post to Facebook groups, Twitter, and any other library-related social networks they participate in. The calls for applicants went out a few times.

When all the applications were in, committee members read the applications and scored them on a rubric. We met virtually during ALA Midwinter to discuss our top candidates and select winners.

I tried to support committee members by giving helpful hints about signing up for listservs and advertising the award. I asked frequently if people needed additional information, help, or support.

Unfortunately, over the course of the committee's term, two committee members dropped out. It was, at times, difficult to get committee members to respond or offer opinions, but when the most important work of the committee was undertaken (selecting winners) everyone who participated was engaged and thoughtful about the process.

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

There are some open questions about whether 3M will continue to fund this award; my biggest priority is to ensure that we have funding for the current year, and to secure funding for the award going forward from an alternate source, if possible.

**5. Date of report: 2/16/2012**

**6. Submitted by: Laura Krier**