

# NMRT Board Member Progress Report

**1. Office Name:** Cory Lampert

**2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006):** 2010-2012

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

The interaction with my committee falls into three areas:

- Regular e-mails (I initiate) to check in with committee chairs to ask about status of committee work / deadlines as outlined in the NMRT Handbook (roughly monthly)
- Questions from committee members about general NMRT procedures / process as they relate to their committee charge (varies by committee)
- Interaction via ALA Connect (general monitoring)
- Interaction via Google Docs and Skype sessions (initiated by committee chairs)
- Discussion from NMRT President and Board as related to decisions that concern committee charges, major projects, and future of NMRT (as needed)

The main issues that have come up so far have concerned:

- budget allocations
- consideration of enhancements to committee work (proposing new methods such as a newsletter, web site changes, web form enhancements, etc.)
- communication and documentation (Handbook revisions, timelines, etc.)

Support is primarily provided by being available and engaged with NMRT priorities. The bulk of communication happens electronically via email, ALA Connect, or through web-based applications (Google Docs, Skype, Doodle, etc.).

I continue to try and be an accessible, friendly, and knowledgeable source of information for committee chairs. I've tried to provide timely responses and connect chairs to people with answers if I cannot answer a question. Primarily the lines of communication are between chairs, executive board, ALA staff liaison (Kim Redd), or the Web Committee. This year, committees are working well independently. I've had some success this year encouraging committee chairs to become proactive so they learn NMRT processes and lead their committees. I also see an increasing role for Board members to identify NMRT talent and cultivate this for future committee appointments and leadership opportunities.

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

- Further understand the potential for and any limitations of current Outreach efforts and think about ways to optimize these efforts; specifically sharing information between events/awards committees and outreach/liason committees.
- Help to document discussions and decisions from the Board in a way that assists the Outreach Director and committee chairs, closing any communication gaps that may exist
- Encourage exemplary committee chairs to consider leadership roles with NMRT

- Try to encourage a positive and meaningful experience for NMRT members through the committees I supervise and my interactions with the Board and ALA
- Think creatively about current work and suggest / recommend areas of new development.

**5. Date of report:** 2/21/2012 **6. Submitted by:** Cory Lampert, Outreach Director