

NMRT Board Member Progress Report

1. Office Name: President

2. Office Term: 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?

The chair of the President's Program Committee, Beth Overhauser, has taken the lead in preparations for Annual. The governance chair, Andrea Mullarkey, has been invaluable help to me as I navigate my presidential duties. I have worked most closely with Vice President Janel Kinlaw, whose intelligence and common sense I rely on heavily. Our communication is primarily via email, and we communicate almost every day, often several times a day. I have stayed in contact with the Board via our meetings, two electronic meetings in the Fall and one at Midwinter. We had a "Leadership Chat" on Connect in December which gave an opportunity for Board members and Chairs to connect with each other.

As a representative of NMRT, I have participated on the Round Table Coordinating Assembly, and on its Task Force for the Future, which presented draft recommendations at Midwinter. The RTCA is a very interesting Assembly, and I encourage Board Members to attend the meetings. Some round tables send four or five representatives. I also attended the Midwinter meeting for the Training, Organization, and Leadership Development Committee.

Over the past several months the LLAMA/NMRT Joint Committee on Collaboration has taken form and begun a series of New Leadership Discussion Sessions. NMRT took the lead for the Midwinter Discussion, and presented three panelists on the topic "How can professional organization involvement enhance your day-to-day job?" There were 32 attendees (including members of the Committee). LLAMA will take the lead on the next discussion session at Annual, and we will continue looking at possibilities for collaboration, including the NMRT Annual Program, the Resume Review Service, and Mentoring.

Use of ALA Connect has created some gaps in communication between the Committees & Directors and the President and Vice President. I had hoped the Leadership Chats would help fulfill this function, but I may start asking Board members for monthly reports, especially as Annual approaches, to avoid missing any more key deadlines. I would also like to remind all Board members, Chairs, and Committee members to cc me and Janel on all NMRT email communication, especially with Staff Liaison Kim Redd. We need to stay in the loop and we don't mind getting lots of email!

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

Top priority is to the budget. With the apparent loss of vendor scholarship sponsorship, we need to reprioritize and reallocate funds in order to cover the gap, both for this year and future budget years. We will continue to lay the groundwork for fundraising efforts. I will also be looking at

forming one or more task forces to tackle the NMRT Timeline and NMRT Forms projects.

One of my goals for this year is to increase the use of program evaluations. As I work with the Committees preparing for Annual, I will help ensure that all programs and services have methods for obtaining feedback.

5. Date of report: 2/10/2012

6. Submitted by: Linda Crook