

NMRT Board Member Final Report

1. Office Name: President

2. Office Term: 2011/2012

3. Discuss/summarize your involvement with your committees this year:

I have nothing but praise for the President's Program Committee and the Governance Committee, both of which accomplished their goals under their own initiative and with very little guidance.

I assisted other committees as needed throughout the year, but found that the President, Vice-President, and Directors were not included in the communications as they should have been. All committees using email should remember to cc these three officers on all messages, and everyone is encouraged to move interactions to ALA Connect. Please make your posts public, so others can follow the work of your group.

4. Based on your year's experience in this office, what future directions do you see your office or NMRT needing to take this year or the following year?

Sounds like it's time for some fundraising! And conference scheduling will be different and exciting! And we'll have to figure out a better way for Board members to attend Executive Board meetings remotely!

5. What tips or hints do you have that might help your successor carry out the duties of this office?

It is a pleasure to know that my successor and her successor are well-informed and well-equipped to face the challenges of this office. I am very lucky I could rely on the Vice President for helpful suggestions, clear thinking, and reliable assistance. It would be presumptuous for me to offer her tips and hints.

Thank you, Janel, for all your help and support.

6. Please address the role of the board member as coordinator.

One thing we all need to be reminded of is that **it's okay to ask for help**. NMRT is a safe place to learn and to try new things. During my time on the Board I have asked for help a lot, and probably should have asked for more, but I certainly couldn't have been successful without the support of the other members of NMRT leadership. Help each other, and ask for help when you need it.

7. Date of report: July 28, 2012

8. Submitted by: Linda C. K. Crook