

Committee Final Report

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****Type of report being submitted:** Committee Final Report

****Date:** July 2, 2012

****Committee Name:** President's Program Planning Committee

****Supervising Board Member:** Linda Crook

****Chair, Co-Chairs, Assistant Chairs:** Beth Overhauser

****Committee members:** Kirby McCurtis, Li Zhang, Denise Gehring, Tinamarie Vella

****Goals, Objectives, Projects completed (including, but not limited to, any procedures, tip sheets, checklists, etc. created during the reporting year):**

Our committee conceived, planned, and implemented the President's Program at ALA Annual in Anaheim. Since Linda Crook focused on networking and mentorship during her year as NMRT president, we presented a program called Networking: What Works? We invited a featured speaker (Courtney Young) to give an insider look at hiring, and invited five current NMRT members to give Pecha Kuchas about their success with networking. This format allowed for a variety of perspectives and gave multiple early-career librarians the opportunity to contribute to a national-level program. Coordination of so many speakers (and their slide decks) was a challenge, but delegation among the committee and close communication with the contributors helped the program succeed. More than 60 people attended – a significant increase from previous years. Program evaluations were almost entirely positive.

****Action Items/Issues To Be Resolved – What plans/projects remain which will be carried over or postponed until next year? Have there been any substantial changes in plans requiring a reconsideration or cancellation of projects? Information regarding such will be helpful for future chairs and planners.**

In consultation with Kim Redd at ALA, we determined that A/V equipment would be within our budget in Anaheim, though previous President's Program committees have not been able to afford this type of equipment. In general, lack of clarity about the costs was one of the more difficult aspects of organizing our event.

The NMRT board used the first ten minutes of our program for a brief Membership Meeting, which helped introduce attendees to the actual organizational aspects of NMRT. Theoretically, merging the President's Program and a Membership Meeting could increase the budget for A/V or other needs, since each has a separate budget line.

Suggested topics for future programs included how to engage with local/state ALA chapters and mentoring. I highly recommend following the committee timeline in the NMRT wiki.

Financial Report Section:

Your budget appropriation (see budget)	a. 800
Amount which you have spent this year	b. ?
Difference between budgeted amount and amount spent (a-b)	c. ?

Please note, emails to confirm the actual costs of our program's A/V rental and service charges have gone unacknowledged through 7/5/12. I will update this report if dollar amounts are made available.

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