

## Committee Planning Report

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**\*\*Type of report being submitted:** Committee Planning Report

**\*\*Date:** September 11, 2012

**\*\*Committee Name:** Online Discussion Forum

**\*\*Supervising Board Member:** Megan Hodge

**\*\*Chair, Co-Chairs, Assistant Chairs:** Jo Alcock (Chair)

### **\*\*Committee members:**

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**\*\*Committee Charge:** The purpose of the committee is to offer online participation to all members, including those unable to attend Midwinter and Annual Meetings. Discussions will be held on the NMRT-L email list. The committee will also investigate other ways of communicating. Summaries of monthly discussion topics will be posted online.

### **\*\*Project Description / Goals:**

- Host online discussions for NMRT members on pertinent topics (suggested by committee members, supporting the presidential theme where possible)
- Investigate new ways of supporting online discussion and networking through the year and at the Midwinter and Annual conferences
- Investigate the use of the ALA Online Communities

### **\*\*Specific Objectives (numbers, tangible end-products):**

- Schedule and hold monthly discussions on nmrt-l, facilitated by a different member of the committee each month

- Summary of each discussion posted to nmrt-l by the discussion facilitator at the end of the month (we will also be investigating ways to archive these for future reference, possibly via ALA Connect or NMRT blog)
- Work with LLAMA/NMRT New Leaders Discussion Group to organize at least one (ideally three) follow-up discussion through this group
- If approved, trial synchronous chat (either via ALA Connect or Twitter) to see if this is something which could complement asynchronous discussion

**Financial Report Section:**

<b>Your budget appropriation (see budget)</b>	a. 0
<b>Amount which you have spent so far this year</b>	b. N/A
<b>Your estimated additional expenses this year</b>	c. N/A
<b>Total of amount spent and additional "estimated" expenses for this year (b+c)</b>	d. N/A
<b>Difference between budgeted amount and total expenses from above (a-d)</b>	e. N/A

**f. Vendor support planned or anticipated for the year (either money or in-kind gifts), list here:**

N/A

**g. Vendor support requested:** (From the above list, what, if any, has been requested from the Exhibitor Contact and Relations Committee?)

N/A

**h. Vendor support received:** (From the above list, what if any, has been received?)

N/A

**Specific Needs/Support (non-financial):** (For the categories below, please include approximate date service needed)

**a. Web Support (help with webpage creation, web form creation, web database, web database, scripting, etc)**

N/A – we will be using existing technologies (nmrt-l list and ALA Connect). The webpage will just need to be updated once the schedule is finalized.

**b. On-site conference volunteers:** (include estimated numbers needed and brief job description)

N/A

**c. Publicity planned for the committee (posting to other discussion lists, official press release for webpage, etc.):**

Schedule to be publicized via nmrt-l, committee page on NMRT website, and NMRT social media. We will be using the NMRT Publicity Form for this.

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