

Committee Final Report

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

****Date:** June 2, 2015

****Committee Name:** Nominating

****Supervising Board Member:**

Megan Hodge, President of NMRT
Emily Prather-Rodgers, Past-President of NMRT
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****Chair, Co-Chairs, Assistant Chairs:** Tammy Ivins, tammyivins@gmail.com

****Committee members:**

Jessica Sender
Africa Hands
Rachel Jaffe

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

- Solicit input and nominations from NMRT membership.
- Provide candidates with information on each office such as responsibilities, expectations, and other pertinent information.
- Confirm intent to run and eligibility of each potential candidate for presenting the slate for board's approval.
- Request board meeting to approve the slate of candidates before ALA ballot deadline.
- Provide candidates with all the necessary paperwork and requirements for the ballot, forums and any other projects that help disseminate information on the candidates and election.
- Conduct and complete an on-line candidate forum before election begins.
- Disseminate voting information to the NMRT members

This year, we also tried to save more documentation, including: email templates, press-release templates, working documents, etc. We also updated the committee's timeline to have more details. These files have been added to the committee's ALA connect page (as a zip file) and are available on Google Drive here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B7VbNMSs1Du-M0k4cFFKTURwQVv&authuser=0>.

****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.

- Replacing the youtube videos with blog posts (one NMRT notes) for the Online Forum was successful. The chair & supervising board members agreed that this is be a permanent change. This is a substantive change to be aware off (note that some committee documentation may have lingering references to the “videos”... ignore this, or treat it as if it refers to the Online Forum).
- Again, this year we experienced many candidates “falling out” out at the last minute (which means we run the risk of not having a full slate, plus causing much work for our ALA liaison). We need a way to make sure the candidates fully understand what they are committing to at the time they accept the nominations. Another issue that was raised by our supervising board members was the fact that the board is approving a slate with little info about the candidates; we need a way, outside of requiring conference attendance they year before, for the board to evaluate the slate. To resolve this issue, the committee chair & supervising board members recommend this change for next year’s committee: **ask the nominees to answer the Online Forum questions when they accept the nomination and before being approved by the board.** This will require nominees to think early about the commitment, and give the board more info on which to base their approval. The answers can be saved by the nominating committee and presented in the spring as the Online Forum (this has a third benefit: the nominees won’t have to answer two sets of questions in the spring, since they will have to answer the ALA ballot questions in the spring). **Note: the wiki & timeline have already been updated to reflect this proposed change,** but the new committee chair and supervising board members can evaluate how it goes and whether it should be kept.

Financial Report Section:

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

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