NMRT Board Member Planning Report

1. Office Name: ALA Councilor

2. Office Term (Date: Ex. 2005-2006): 2016-2019

3. How do you plan to help committees address the four NMRT goals? (If it does not apply, put N/A.)

I will apply the goals, as a test, to each council issue before voting. The slate of resolutions that is currently up for vote at midwinter is thin, so there isn’t much to share – it will flesh out as we get closer to voting, which happens the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of each MidWinter meeting and Annual conference.

4. How do you plan to create a positive committee experience? What type of support do you plan to provide to chairs and committee members, and how often do you plan to provide such support?

I will report back on the “bigger” news of ALA Council. NMRT, as organization that serves as introduction to the larger ALA, should be in the role of instructing members on the issues current to the organization. I’ll do this via email – please make sure I have access to the larger listserv, of course.

5. What future directions do you see your office or NMRT needing to take this year or the following year? What kind of strategies do you envision for addressing projects that affect committees outside of your supervision?

I would personally like to see NMRT take a leading role, along with the Ethnic Caucuses, in representing underrepresented groups within librarianship. My strategy is a small one: take small steps towards increased inclusion; helping (not hindering) those underrepresented groups to lead the changes. In my specific role, that means keeping in mind that issue while voting on council resolutions.

6. Date of report: 10/20/2016

7. Submitted by: JP Porcaro