

Board Minutes

Name of Group: New Members Round Table Executive Board

Type of Meeting: Midwinter Board Meeting

Date Submitted: April 5, 2007

Date and Time: January 22, 2007, 8:00am-10:00am PST

Place: Washington Convention Center, Seattle, Washington, Room 308

Name of Chairperson: Amanda Roberts, President

Name of Recorder: Kara Whatley, Secretary

Officers in Attendance: Kara Whatley, Secretary; Gina Costello, Parliamentarian; Katie Dunneback, Member Services Director; Amy Ferguson, Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect; Catherine Collins, Treasurer; Linda Shippert, Footnotes Reporter; Courtney Young, Councilor; Kimberly Sanders, Staff Liaison; Nadine Flores, Past-President; Marissa Priddis, Footnotes Co-chair; Samantha Hines, Outreach Coordinator; Andrea Cheney, Liaison to LHRT Annual 2007 Local Arrangements Student Reception Committee; Nanette Donohue, Vice-President/President-Elect; Amanda Roberts, President

Signature of Recorder/Secretary on Official Copy of Minutes: Kara M. Whatley

Body of Report:

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03am by Amanda Roberts with 8 voting members present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Catherine Collins moved to approve the minutes from the 2006 Annual Board meeting and the January 2007 E-Board meeting. Corrections were noted by Nannette Donahue. The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officer Reports

A. Nanette Donohue, Vice-President/President Elect's Report:

Nanette Donohue reported that she is currently working on NMRT committee appointments and the new NMRT strategic plan. Her NMRT Presidential theme will be "Thinking Ahead: the Future of Library Leadership." In keeping with that theme, two task forces are being formed, one for internships and

one for marketing and branding. A series of nine one-hour, online leadership lectures is also in the works. Additionally, there will be an online NMRT orientation. The new content management system for the ALA website is coming soon, and the NMRT website will be reorganized and a blog will be incorporated.

B. Katie Dunneback, Member Services Director's Report:

Katie Dunneback reported that everything is going well with *NMRT Footnotes* and with the NMRT Orientation program.

C. Catherine Collins, Treasurer's Report:

Catherine Collins reported that she and Amy Ferguson attended the BARC-sponsored "ALA Finances 101" training on Friday, and she highly recommended this training for any budding NMRT officers. Catherine is working with BARC to share information about how NMRT organizes and manages its budget with other ALA groups who could benefit from NMRT's highly structured budgeting process. She is currently looking into cutting down NMRT's audiovisual costs.

D. Amanda Roberts, President's Report:

Amanda Roberts distributed a survey flyer that she is encouraging the NMRT membership to complete, either in paper or via online forum at <http://communities.ala.org>. This survey asks NMRT members "how are we doing," and the results will be used as the focus of the NMRT Membership meeting at the 2007 Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. 3M NMRT Social

The social has a budget of \$30,000, and \$21,000 of that is donated by 3M. There are currently no guidelines on how the social committee is run, and we need to start to create those guidelines to ensure continuity of operations from year to year and committee to committee. The beginning of this process was a conference call with 3M that has already taken place. Several ideas on how to further the process of setting guidelines for this committee were discussed, including setting up an apprenticeship for new chairs of this committee because the chair will need both NMRT experience and experience working with 3M. Further discussion on this topic was deferred until the spring board meeting.

B. NMRT Candidate Slate

The issue, raised in the January E-Board meeting, of the number of candidates proposed to run for Member Services Director in relation to the online candidate forums was revisited. It was decided that the candidate slate is fine as is.

V. Draft Budget

The NMRT draft budget was presented to the board. The motion to approve the budget was put forth by Kara Whatley and seconded by Nadine Flores. The following issues were then discussed:

- a. The NMRT budget is based on a calculation of the current year's membership dues minus 5%.
- b. The current year's 3M donation should be \$21,000 rather than \$12,000.
- c. There is a question about the usual \$1500 donation from HighSmith. It has not yet been given, but Tanzi Merritt is pursuing the donation.
- d. The budget for the 3M/NMRT Social is at the discretion of 3M because it is their event that we co-sponsor. Audiovisual fees are included in 3M's contributions.
- e. *Footnotes* is looking to see what their budget should be. *Footnotes* alerts are \$75 per alert and are scheduled in August, November, February, and May. Katie Dunneback will notify Kim Sanders if an email alert does not go out so that Kim can follow-up as some alerts have not been going out.
- f. \$1000 should be added to the last line of the budget.
- g. The NMRT carryover is quite high for several reasons. First, there was a committee reorganization. We have also planned but not purchased a permanent exhibits booth for NMRT, and those funds are in the budget. Additionally, ALA requires that we keep four months reserve for unexpected expenditures.

It was moved that the budget be approved as amended, and by a vote of 8-0 the amended budget was approved.

VI. Visitors

ALA Presidential Candidates were recognized to address the board.

A. Nancy Davenport

As ALA President Nancy Davenport would work to have ALA meet twice per year in urban areas, which are filled with students and a diverse population. These meetings would give ALA the opportunity to host a recruitment fair, bringing prospective librarians from diverse backgrounds to the showroom floor and allowing them to talk with deans of library schools and to meet with Spectrum scholars. Additionally, she would increase the number of travel grants available to ALA Conference attendees, expanding on the NMRT model. She would also work for more support staff involvement in the organization, including a certification program accredited by ALA and short professional development programs co-located with ALA conferences.

B. Jim Rettig

As ALA President Jim Rettig would champion ALA advocacy in Washington. He would also work with SLA, MLA, and other professional library associations to further the growth of diversity in librarianship. He is aware of the high rate of attrition in the profession by librarians under the age of 45, and he wants to work to retain those professionals by engaging them in ALA. He would work to create an ALA Allied Professional Association that would provide more post-MLS certification programs and that would be a strong advocate for better compensation for all library workers.

- Archives proposal
- Orientations proposal
- Launch Yourself Program
- Annual 2008 Program (Nanette)

VII. Other Business

VIII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

Kara Giles wants to do a program at the 2007 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., with NMRT that discusses a service component in the MLS and teaching new librarians how to do programming. The program will be a panel discussion and a model program, and it will be titled "Quality Library Programming for Newbies." There is no funding commitment needed from NMRT as we will only be co