

**Question 1: Why are you interested in this position?**

Since I first became active in ALA, NMRT has been the “place” that I call home. NMRT has helped me become a better librarian and get involved in our professional community through professional development opportunities and the chance to take on leadership roles early in my career. I am interested in the Vice-President/President-Elect position, because I see the need for an organization that supports people early in their career and I know that NMRT does this well. I plan to use my time as Vice-President/President-Elect to promote NMRT among new librarians and more experienced librarians who might have never seen the benefit of being involved in a professional organization.

**Question 2: What skills and experiences do you bring to the position?**

When I joined NMRT worked on committees for about four years, chairing both the Orientations Committee and the Resume Review Service Committee. I am currently serving a two-year term on the NMRT Board as the Leadership Development Director overseeing five committees charged with providing leadership and professional development opportunities. It is important for the Vice-President/President-Elect to be visible and communicative in order to help keep NMRT functioning effectively. My organizational skills and willingness to be available to support NMRT make me a great candidate for this position.

**Question 3: As Vice-President/President-Elect one of your responsibilities will be preparing for your Presidential term the following year. How will you work with the current President to advance her/his initiatives while planning for your own presidency?**

I think that communication is key. I would make sure that I am always on the same page as the president and would look for ways to help them advance their initiatives. I would also make sure to keep the lines of communication open between myself and other board members so that I could support the needs of all NMRT constituents when planning my own presidency.

**Question 4: What do you hope to learn if elected?**

If elected I hope to learn more about how NMRT functions within ALA. By learning more about how NMRT functions within ALA, I hope to find new opportunities for collaborations that will support ALA and NMRT members.

**Question 5: If elected, what time management skills will you employ to ensure that your NMRT duties remain a priority?**

I have the good fortune to work at an institution that not only expects and supports my participation in professional organizations like NMRT, but also provides ample time for me to be fully involved. Because of this, I know that it will be easy for me to balance my job duties and my role as Vice-President/President-Elect.