

Candidate Forum Questions

- Question 1: Why are you interested in this position? I would like to be secretary of NMRT because I want to be involved in this round table on a more in depth level. I want to help guide its future. I believe in the goals of this group and feel very passionate about connecting new members to ALA and to the resources they need. From my own experience I understand how valuable NMRT is.
- Question 2: What skills and experiences do you bring to the position? I am currently managing many communications and engagement strategies in my current role in OCLC Member Relations. I am highly organized and used to working with many individuals with different working styles. My responsibilities include meeting planning, programming and agendas, logistics, budgets, and social media and outreach. I am also the founder and chair of a new professionals group at OCLC and feel this experience will significantly help me in this role.
- Question 3: As Secretary ([more information](#)) your responsibilities include coordinating NMRT social networking presence on the appropriate tools. What do you feel is the best method to get information to the NMRT membership, and why? What is your plan for coordinating NMRT's social networking presence? I believe that more is less. I have learned through experience not to spread your communications or the staff in charge of them too thin. You lose quality in the messaging and you end up duplicating your efforts. I think the best method to get information out can change just as often as technology does and should always be evaluated. I trust the list-serv is still a very popular option as most people use it for their current jobs. LinkedIn and Facebook groups are great for communicating information and events and facilitating connections and dialog among members. Instagram is also a great medium for showing fun and unique photos of a group. I also feel strongly about having a central place to point people when they want to learn more about a group or organization. I believe ALA has some structure to their site but what I often see is out of date information or none at all. I think this could be improved as well.
- Question 4: What do you hope to learn if elected? I hope to learn how groups within ALA conduct business and help further the mission of ALA. I want to learn how successful meetings are conducted and how to help new members to ALA and NMRT make connections and grow in their careers.
- Question 5: If elected, what time management skills will you employ to ensure that your NMRT duties remain a priority? I am very organized and a hard worker. I am passionate about the goals and mission of NMRT. I believe in setting deadlines and sticking to them and that working as team is so important to being successful in any endeavor.