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Meet the NMRT Board: Shelly McCoy, Outreach Director

by Shannon Tennant, Footnotes Committee

Shelly McCoy is the Outreach Director for NMRT, overseeing some of the most well known committees: Booth, Diversity, Membership Promotion and Relation, Orientation, Student and Student Chapter Outreach (SASCO), and Student Reception. She brings to the job lots of experience in NMRT, which includes serving on several committees, chairing several different committees, volunteering at the placement center and the booth, and working as a liaison to her library school. In ALA she's also involved in LAMA, serving as the chair of the Building and Equipment Section publications committee.

Reading, writing, and publishing have always interested Shelly. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh in English Writing (Public Relations) and English Literature. She has several articles to her credit in Info Career Trends and the Shy Librarian, and she is planning to publish another article later this year.

It was the promise of writing that drew Shelly into librarianship. Like many of us, Shelly's first job in a library came during her undergraduate years. She was determined not to become "one of those grouchy old ladies," but was persuaded by the library director to consider the career when she found out that librarians wrote too. She was able to get her library degree at Pitt while working full-time in the engineering library. She began working at the University of Delaware in 1999 and was just promoted to Head of the Digital User Services department.

Shelly's favorite thing about NMRT has been the chance to Network. In her nearly five years with NMRT, she has had the chance to meet and work with so many librarians who will later move on to the other ALA divisions. She remarked that it's good to begin building these relationships early in our careers.

Shelly's hobbies include traveling with her husband, especially to Pitt football games, baking, having cookouts, and bowling. She also included dancing on the list, and some of us remember her smooth moves from the 3M/NMRT social in Toronto. At the moment, she's

reading Chicken Soup for the Baseball Fan's Soul. She bought it for her husband for Christmas, but says that she's enjoying it despite not being much of a baseball fan. She also enjoys the novels of Nora Roberts, and she's looking forward to exploring the pre-prints that she picked up at the Midwinter conference.

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NMRT and ALA Hold Elections

by Laurel Bliss, Chair, Nominating Committee

The nominating committee will be hosting an online candidate forum on nmrt-l from February 16-March 14. The first week (February 16-22) will be for candidates for Vice President/President Elect, the second week (February 23-29) for candidates for Secretary and Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer Elect, and the third week (March 1-7) for candidates for Director. The fourth week (March 8-14) will be dedicated to candidates for ALA President and ALA Treasurer. Candidates will have the opportunity to answer questions posed by the nominating committee and by individuals.

Remember: In order to participate in or read the online candidate forum, you must subscribe to nmrt-l. To subscribe to the list, send the following message to LISTPROC@ALA.ORG: SUBSCRIBE NMRT-L Your-first-name Your-last-name.

Read about the candidates for NMRT offices on the Nominating Committee's web pages, on the NMRT website (http://tinyurl.com/39y74). Biographical information will be posted as received.

NMRT members can vote online or by paper ballot. Voting begins on March 14, 2004. All votes are due to ALA by April 23, 2004, and election results will be announced on May 3, 2004. More information is available on ALA's site, at http://tinyurl.com/yubqk.

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Fun in the Sun in San Diego

by Shannon Tennant, Member, Footnotes Committee

When the Footnotes editor asked me to write this article, I was a little hesitant. Sure, I did fun things in San Diego, but I don't want people (especially my boss) to think that all I did was have fun on the library's nickel! So for the record, and for any co-workers that might be reading this essay, I did attend meetings, programs, vendor receptions, and the exhibits. The activities listed in this article were only extras. But what extras they were! San Diego was my favorite conference city ever. There were so many things to see and do that I will just have to go back, darn it. So here are a few highlights:

The Maritime Museum of San Diego (http://www.sdmaritime.com/)

Shannon Tennant with the HMS Surprise at the Maritime Museum.

This museum was not on my original list of "things to see in San Diego." But it was right across the street from my hotel, and one morning I had an hour free so I decided to visit. And what should be moored there but the HMS Surprise! I have to confess that I am a devotee of the Patrick O'Brian novels about the British navy, and I saw "Master and Commander" twice. So I was ecstatic to have the opportunity to tour the ship and stand where Jack Aubrey (aka Russell Crowe) stood. The museum itself consists of five ships of different types and periods; in fact many of the collections and the museum shop are actually in a ferryboat called the Berkeley. I was overwhelmed by the number and detail of the model ships in the collection, many created by the same guy (who obviously had way too much free time.) And there was a large exhibit about tuna - the fishing and the canneries. I eat a lot of tuna, so that was sort of neat. But the best part was undoubtedly touring the ships.

Coronado Island (http://gothere.com/coronado.htm):

Two blocks down the bay from the Maritime Museum is the ferry terminal with boats to Coronado Island. Unfortunately, my friends and I went on Sunday which was the coldest, greyest, foggiest day of our trip, but on a nice day there must be a wonderful view of the skyline and the bay. After about a 30 minute ride, we arrived on the island only to discover that it was a lot bigger than we thought - it was several miles to the Hotel Del Coronado and we just didn't have time to get there. So we made the best of it and had a very nice lunch at a Hawaiian-themed restaurant. Then we shopped at a variety of small stores and watched the people. That evening, we attended the SIRSI reception at the famous "Hotel Del". I had never heard of it, but apparently all the rich and famous have stayed there for over 100 years. They filmed "Some Like it Hot" there, and there were pictures of lots of other celebrity guests in the gift store. And SIRSI did us proud with a lot of lovely food, especially desserts, and a band. It was almost as good as the 3M/NMRT reception, except that no one danced. Maybe all the librarians shook their groove thangs after we left.

Tijuana, Mexico (http://www.tijuana.com/):

As soon as I found out from the NMRT website that Mexico was only a 30-minute trolley ride away, I knew I had to go. I had never been to Mexico, but I'm sure Tijuana (or "TJ", as the drunken college students call it) is not Mexico at its best. We took a taxi to the Avenue of the Revolution, and had a wonderful traditional dinner at a restaurant called Café La Especial. The only music was provided by strolling guitar players, which was quite a nice change from the thumping disco beats pouring out of every other venue on the street. Then we strolled the strip, not choosing to favor any of the plethora of bars and discos with our custom. I have to confess I don't find a burly man yelling "hey baby, come in here" a tempting invitation anymore, and one or more of these men could be found at every establishment. However, if this is your cup of tea (or rather tequila), then you will love Tijuana. We also did some shopping, and we were able to resist the temptation of sombreros and cheap vanilla, though not of half price liquor. Ahhh, Kahlua.

The San Diego Zoo (http://www.sandiegozoo.org/):

I may not have heard of the Hotel Del Coronado, but even I had heard of the San Diego Zoo. Too much Discovery Channel, no doubt. My friend and I spent three hours there, and it was NOT enough time. The zoo is huge, and full of animals I couldn't even pronounce much less identify. I enjoyed watching the Galapagos tortoises - they had just been fed and were somewhat feistier than you would expect. But the best part of the visit was the baby panda. The zoo has a four-month old panda, and we happened to be there during visiting hours. I don't know if you've seen adult pandas, but I visited the Washington zoo last time the ALA conference was in DC and those pandas did nothing but lie there. I couldn't see what all the fuss was about. Stuffed (or taxidermied) pandas would provide much the same effect at considerably less cost. But the baby panda, only four months old, hadn't had time to be indoctrinated into the panda code of conduct. She tried to climb a tree stump and looked very cute in the attempt. Her father, on the other hand, could have been comatose except for one twitch of the paw as we left. The zoo also has a cool sky-ride that provides an overview (if you'll pardon the pun) of the whole park. It is not to be attempted by the acrophobic, however, since it is very high off the ground.

Mission San Diego (http://www.missionsandiego.com/):

I've lived my whole life on the east coast, and I know very little of California history except that there was a gold rush and an earthquake (well, several earthquakes.) So I was very interested to visit a Spanish mission, in fact the first Spanish mission in California. It was founded in 1769 by Father Junipero Serra and is the site of the grave of California's first Christian martyr, Father Luis Jayme. (I mention these facts because they seemed to be common knowledge to my friends who were raised in California - staples of the fourth-grade state history class.) The building is not the original 18th century edifice; it's a 20th century reconstruction of the 19th century plans. But it's very pretty -white, with an interesting church and some beautiful mosaics of the Stations of the Cross.

Things I did not see in San Diego but definitely will catch on a subsequent visit:

- **Whale watching** - in January the gray whales migrate past the San Diego harbor. I just didn't have enough time to spend all morning waiting for them.
- **Balboa Park** - the zoo is located in the park, but there is so much MORE! Gardens, an art museum, natural history museum, aerospace museum - the only thing to compare it to is the Mall in Washington DC.
- **Legoland** - I have to confess I really want to see an entire land made of Legos. But the brochure said it was primarily for children under the age of 12, so I chose to stick to the more grown-up attractions this trip.

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NMRT Hotel Available at 2004 ALA Annual Conference

by Bill Jenkins, NMRT Treasurer

Based on feedback from members, NMRT has acquired a block of rooms at the Quality Inn Plaza during the 2004 American Library Association Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

The Quality Inn Plaza, an official conference hotel, was selected for its low rates and convenient location (1/4 mile from the convention center and across the street from Pointe Orlando, an open-air shopping, dining, and entertainment complex.) The Quality Inn Plaza has handicapped accessible rooms, non-smoking rooms, a pool, and a business center. All rooms have a microwave and refrigerator.

Rooms are available from Thursday, June 24 through and including Tuesday, June, 29. Rates are $72 single/double, $77 triple, and $82 quad.

To reserve a room in our block (60 rooms on peak nights), please use the following URL: http://www.expoedge.com/its/0406libmco/start.asp?group=NMRT

If you have any questions, problems, comments, please contact Bill Jenkins, NMRT Treasurer, at wcj1@cornell.edu. As this is NMRT's first year trying this, NMRT is eager to gather feedback and to have this work for as many members as possible.

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Learn to Lead at 2004 NMRT President's Program

Do you feel stuck in your job and want to "move up"? Are you new to the library profession and wondering how to become more of a leader? Find out at the 2004 NMRT's President's Program, scheduled for the 2004 American Library Association Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. The program "Leading the Way: Developing Leadership Skills for New Library Professionals" will feature four panelists, three of whom are relatively new to the field of librarianship, and one of whom trains library professionals to foster leadership and career skills. The speakers work in various settings (academic and public libraries) and all four will share their experiences and advice about developing leadership skills.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., with the location to be announced shortly. For more information, email Ron Peterson, Chair, NMRT President's Program Committee, at ron.peterson@jhu.edu .

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Membership Program Promises New Insights for New Librarians

The 2004 NMRT Annual Membership Program is scheduled at the 2004 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, on Saturday, June 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program will feature guest speakers Elaine Yontz and Ann Snoeyenbos, who will be offering practical advice on breaking in and succeeding in librarianship. Time will be allotted so that the speakers may address questions from NMRT members.

Elaine Yontz is Associate Professor in the Master of Library and Information Science Program at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia, where she teaches courses in foundations, cataloging, and youth literature. She formerly taught in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Before she became a full-time educator, she worked as a cataloger and manager of cataloging in the George Smathers Libraries of the University of Florida. She served as President of ALA/NMRT (1995-1996). Her talk is entitled "Get Hired Soon! Maximizing Your Post-Graduation Employability."

Ann Snoeyenbos is a tenured librarian at the New York University Elmer Holmes Bobst Library. Her responsibilities include collection development, reference, and instruction for West European Social Science and for Food Studies. She is a competitive triathlete, owns her own triathlon training company, and works several part-time jobs related to triathlon and sports marketing.

Her talk, entitled "Balance Your Life; Balance Your Career," will draw upon her years of experience in NMRT (1991-2002), combined with insights from her "other" life as an athlete.

Both spearkers are contributing authors of the forthcoming Librarian's Career Guidebook, edited by former NMRT President Priscilla K. Shontz (Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2004).

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Midwinter Orientation Proves Helpful to All Attendees

by Stephanie DeClue, Member, Footnotes Committee

For dozens of NMRT members, the 2004 American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting officially kicked off with the NMRT Midwinter Orientation Session. The purpose of the session was to provide new conference attendees with some guidance about how conferences work, how ALA (and more specifically NMRT) works and how to make the most of the conference. The session began with comments and introductions from moderator Bill Modrow. Speakers included Karen Cook, University of Alabama; Sally Gibson, NMRT Vice-President/President-Elect; Walt Crawford, Senior Analyst for Research Libraries Group and author of First Have Something to Say; and Matt Beatty, San Diego Public Library.

The first speaker was Karen Cook. She titled her speech "ALA 101: How ALA Works." Cook urged all attendees to get involved in ALA at any level. She cited five reasons why everyone should be involved in ALA: to learn about the profession, to improve your skills, to network with other professionals, to serve the profession of librarianship and to serve your at-home library community. She encouraged the attendees to go to as many conferences as possible and reminded the audience that there are many grants available to help defray the costs of conference attendance. She also recommended that attendees not only get involved in ALA, but also to get involved with their state and local library associations. Cook stressed volunteering as the best way to get involved.

Next to speak was Sally Gibson, who re-emphasized to the audience the importance of getting involved in NMRT and explained how easy it was to get appointed to a committee. Gibson fielded questions from the audience about how the ALA is organized and how NMRT involvement can lead to involvement in other areas of ALA.

After a brief discussion period, the attendees were treated to a visit from ALA President Carla Hayden and the ALA Executive Director Keith Fiels. Hayden stressed the importance of voting in ALA elections and volunteering. She reminded the audience that the ALA Executive Board works for the organization and that they are always available for questions.

Walt Crawford spoke about how to break into the world of library publishing. He stressed the premise of his book First Have Something to Say and told the audience that there are numerous publications that accept submissions from first time writers. He advised would-be writers to publish their second draft, noting that too many writers create draft after draft and tend to wring the life out of their writing.

The session closed with Matt Beatty of the San Diego Public Library. Beatty pointed out some of the

many interesting things to do in San Diego and explained how the public transportation systems worked. His sightseeing suggestions included the Hotel del Coronado, the San Diego Zoo and whale watching. He fielded numerous questions from the audience about transportation costs and the logistics of traveling from one place to another.

The session also included four door prizes, three $25 gift certificates to the ALA Store and a copy of Walt Crawford's book, which he happily signed for the winner.

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NMRT Orientation Session in the Works for Annual Conference

by Jessica Kopecky, Member, NMRT Orientation Committee

Nearly 70 people attended the 2004 ALA New Members Round Table Midwinter Orientation Session on Saturday, January 10, at the San Diego Convention Center. The orientation session is a time for new conference attendees to learn more about navigation of ALA and the current Midwinter Meeting or Annual Conference, find out what to do and where to eat in the conference city, meet other newcomers, and much more.

At the 2004 Midwinter Orientation Session, there were five speakers at the session. Karen Cook talked about how ALA works. Sally Gibson, NMRT Vice-President/President-Elect, spoke of NMRT initiatives and how the get the most out of Midwinter. Carla Hayden, ALA President, and Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director, dropped by to welcome the group and share their insights about ALA. Next was Walt Crawford, Senior Analyst at the Research Libraries Group, who spoke about publishing in the library field. This is the topic of his newest book, First Have Something to Say: Writing for the Library Profession. Last but not least, Matt Beatty from the San Diego Public Library and the local spokesman told attendees about places not to miss while in sunny California.

In-between speakers, door prizes were awarded. Prizes included an autographed copy of Walt Crawford's newest book and gift certificates to the ALA store at the conference. Participants were also given tote bags filled with information about some of the various divisions, sections and round tables within ALA and coupons to a few attractions in San Diego.

Plans are already in the works for the orientation session in Orlando. Be sure to attend for more tips on ALA and how to make the most out of the 2004 ALA Annual Conference, plus more wonderful door prizes! Stay tuned to the NMRT website for more information, http://www.ala.org/nmrt.

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NMRT President's Column

by Beth Kraemer, NMRT President

Greetings from snowy Michigan!

I am pleased to report that NMRT events at the 2004 ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego were quite successful. The Social event at Hennessey's Tavern was well attended and fun was had by all; in addition, the Resume Review Service had a very good response at their booth. And you may have read Walt Crawford's glowing review of the NMRT Orientation Program in the February issue of Cites and Insights: Crawford at Large; if you have yet to read it, be sure to check it out at http://cites.boisestate.edu/. Many thanks to the committee chairs and their members who put together a great showing for NMRT!

As we look forward to the 2004 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, our committees are working very hard to develop useful and interesting programs, including the 3M/NMRT Social, Conference Orientation, the President's Program, and the Membership Meeting and Program. We're also teaming up again with Highsmith, Inc. to present the FISH! workshop that was a casualty of the SARS concerns at Annual 2003 in Toronto. The Resume Review Service will be back in action again, and we'll have lots of information about NMRT available at our NMRT Booth in the exhibit hall. I want to encourage everyone to join us for as many NMRT events as can be fit in to the busy conference weekend. I look forward to seeing you all in Orlando!

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Member Profile: Catherine Collins

by Jill E. Grogg, Footnotes Editor

Educational background:
B.A. (major: History; minor: English), University of Texas at Austin, 1988
M.P.A. (Master of Public Administration), University of North Texas, 1992
M.L.I.S., University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, 2002

Professional history:
Catherine Collins began her library career as a student assistant in the Charles B. Sears Law Library at the University at Buffalo. Having just begun library school, Catherine was strongly encouraged by her advisor (whom she calls "the inspiring Dr. Judith Robinson") to get some library experience. With an interest in government and the law, a job in a law library seemed like a good fit and a good entrance to librarianship.

While in library school, Catherine also worked as a Special Project Student (similar to an unpaid internship) in the Acquisitions Department at the University at Buffalo Libraries and as a Graduate Assistant at the Educational Technology Center, which is part of the University at Buffalo Libraries system. Additionally, Catherine worked as an Intern in the Library and Research Center at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. A huge Yankees fan, Catherine noted that this experience was rewarding and fulfilling, truly a dream job. Catherine also commented that her supervisor at the Hall of Fame, Tim Wiles, treated the interns as colleagues and saw to it that they had a real learning experience.

When asked about her current position, Catherine replied that her "current position is actually as Mommy to six-month-old Eleanor." At the moment, Catherine is taking a parental sabbatical to spend time with her daughter. Previous to this sabbatical, she held her first professional library job as a Business Reference/Instruction Librarian at Texas A&M University-Commerce from September 2000-August 2003.

Similar to many librarians, Catherine came to librarianship after living "a whole other life

doing something else." For several years, Catherine worked for various state agencies in Texas as a policy analyst, primarily in the area of environmental policy. Because most of her work involved research and writing, Catherine emphasized that even at this time she was a serious library-user. In 1997, she and her husband re-located to Buffalo so he could complete his PhD. It was in Buffalo that Catherine came to librarianship, as she describes: "There weren't a lot of job opportunities for an unemployed bureaucrat, so I decided to get my M.L.I. S. after reading an article in the paper about the program at the University at Buffalo."

In addition to her professional work experience, Catherine belongs to the American Library Association (ALA) and Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL); she is particularly active in the New Members Round Table (NMRT). Currently, Catherine is a member of the NMRT Nominating Committee and serves as the NMRT Liaison to the Intellectual Freedom Round Table.

According to Catherine, NMRT is one of the most useful organizations to which she has ever belonged. She notes that as a new librarian, she consults NMRT quite frequently, "whether it's professional publishing tips, leadership opportunities, how to navigate the Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences, or where to go to get the best cheesesteaks in Philly."

When asked about the most pressing issues for libraries, Catherine responded that privacy and intellectual freedom are her two biggest concerns as a librarian and as a citizen. Catherine said that had she been asked the same question prior to 9/11, she would have replied, "the viability of libraries in the Internet Age." However, she now believes we've essentially won that battle, that libraries and librarians will be here in one form or another.

"The United States under the Patriot Act and John Ashcroft worries me a lot more than whether our libraries will be housed in buildings or online," Catherine concluded.

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Resumé Review Service Offers Helpful Advice for Job Seekers

by Donna Braquet, Co-Chair, Resumé Review Service Committee

Job Hunting? Nearing graduation? Happy where you are, but always looking?
Then get an edge using the New Members Round Table's (NMRT) Resumé Review Service (RRS)!
More than 60 NMRT members used the RRS in 2003. Be one of the first to use it in 2004.

It's easy. Just visit the RRS site (http://www.geocities.com/nmrtrrs/jobseekers.html) for instructions on e-mailing a resume and/or cover letter and the RRS Committee will handle the rest. The committee will match interests in library type and specialty with a reviewer. Then, in approximately 2 weeks, you will receive comments and suggestions from an experienced reviewer.

The RRS via e-mail is available to all NMRT members. If you have not yet used this service, give it a try. If you have, tell your friends. And if they aren't NMRT members, get them to join. It's only $10 after all.

What's being said about the NMRT Resumé Review Service:

- "[My reviewer's] comments on my résumé gave me a boost of confidence. I am definitely going to recommend that people use this service."
- "I just wanted to let you know that I think this is a great service for a recent MLS graduate like me. I would definitely recommend it to other new librarians."
- "The reviewer's comments were right on and what I needed to restructure my resume."
- "Her comments were very helpful, and she gave great feedback and suggestions for improvement." "This is a great service, and I really appreciated it."
- "I think this is a wonderful service, and I'm grateful that it was available. As a recent graduate, I appreciate the experience and help that a seasoned librarian offered me."

If you would like face-to-face assistance, the on-site Résumé Review Service is available during the American Library Association Annual Conferences and Midwinter Meetings to all conference attendees (not just NMRT members). In San Diego more than 120 people visited the RRS Booth and 60 résumés were reviewed thanks to our wonderful volunteers and reviewers.

Questions? Contact Susie Skarl or Donna Braquet, Co-Chairs, Resume Review Service Committee at nmrtrrs@yahoo.com or visit http://www.geocities.com/nmrtrrs/.

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Update information with ALA to receive all *Footnotes*!

As many of you have noticed, the publication format and schedule of *Footnotes* changed with the 2003-2004 year. *Footnotes* is now published four times a year: online in August, November, and February and in paper in May. In order to receive all four issues, be sure that ALA has your current email and mailing address. You can update your information via ALA's website at http://www.ala.org or call ALA at 1-800-545-2433. Questions? Email Jill Grogg, *Footnotes* editor, at jgrogg@library.msstate.edu.

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Volunteer for a Committee

NMRT committee appointments for 2004-2005 are beginning now. If you live in Boston or Chicago consider joining the Local Arrangements or Midwinter Activities committees. Orientation and Booth are great ways to spread the word about NMRT. The Handbook committee and Midwinter Discussion forum are still seeking committee members. Conference attendance is not required and everyone is guaranteed a committee appointment. Interest forms are available on the NMRT homepage or click on http://www.lib.lsu.edu/ALA/nmrt/roster.html. Please contact Sally Gibson, NMRT Vice President/President Elect, at sallyg@creighton.edu with any questions or concerns.

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Kristin Brand and Jessica Kopecky, members of the NMRT Orientation Committee, greet participants for the 2004 ALA NMRT Midwinter Orientation Session on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)

Participants listen to the speakers at the 2004 ALA NMRT Orientation Session on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jessica Kopecky)

Particpants interact at the ALA NMRT Orientation Session on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jason Fleming)

Susie Skarl and Donna Braquet, Co-Chairs, Resume Review Service Committee, pose in front of a busy Resume Review Booth on Saturday, Jan.10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)

Sarah Cohen, a volunteer at the Resume Review Booth, schedules an appointment for an interested participant on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)

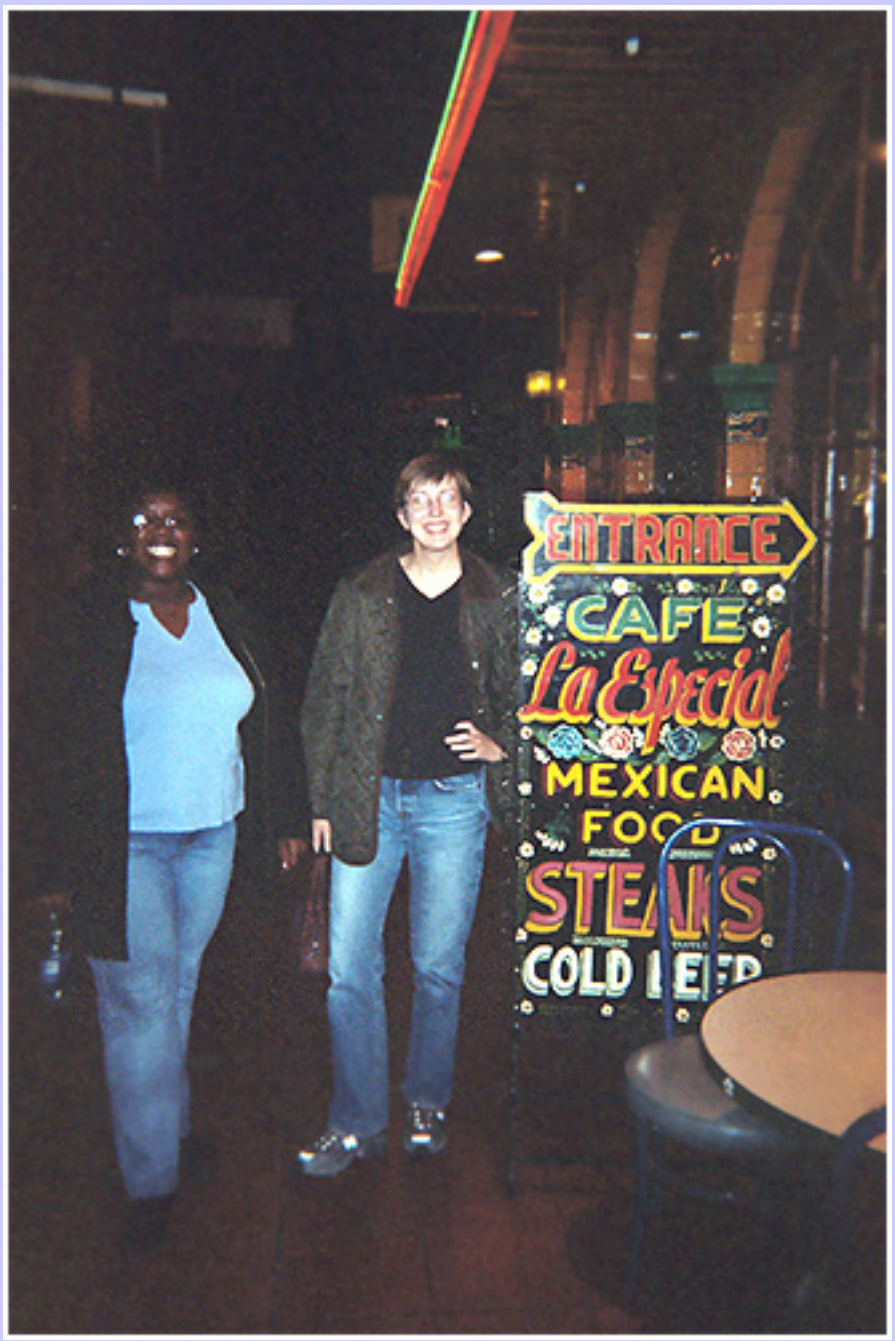
Sally Gibson, Vice-President/President Elect, addresses a crowd at the All-Committee Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)

Marilyn Ochoa, Member Services Director, discusses business at the All-Committee Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jason Fleming)

Sally Gibson, Vice President/President Elect, chats at the SIRSI party at the Hotel del Coronado on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)

Sara Morris, Leadership Development Director, orders a courtesy beverage at the SIRSI party at the Hotel del Coronado on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)

Chrissie Anderson Peters, NMRT Secretary, models a new hat from Tijuana, Mexico. (Photo courtesy of Chrissie Anderson Peters)



Teresa Morris and Shannon Tennant enjoy the local Tijuana cuisine. (Photo courtesy of Shannon Tennant)

Sara Morris, Leadership Development Director, and Jill Grogg, *Footnotes* Editor, pose with a reproduction of an Olmec head on the streets of Tijuana. (Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)

Beth Ashmore gets a hug from the Baker & Taylor kitties in the Exhibits area. (Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)

Aaron Dobbs, Chair, Leadership Development Committee, draws his door prize number from Gaye Hinchliff, Chair, Midwinter Activities Committee, at the NMRT Happy Hour Social Event at Hennessey's Tavern on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)

Stephanie DeClue, Chair, Handbook Committee, proudly wears her door prize number at the NMRT Happy Hour Social Event at Hennessey's Tavern on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Chrissie Anderson Peters)

Tiffani Connor holds a winning door prize number at the NMRT Happy Hour Social Event at Hennessey's Tavern on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. We're not sure what Aaron Dobbs may be doing! (Photo courtesy of Chrissie Anderson Peters)

Debby Andreadis, Chair, Web Committee, smiles for the camera at the NMRT Happy Hour Social Event at Hennessey's Tavern on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Chrissie Anderson Peters)

Donna Braquet, Co-Chair, Resume Review Service Committee, says "Cheers!" at the NMRT Happy Hour Social Event at Hennessey's Tavern on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. (Photo courtesy of Chrissie Anderson Peters)

Meghan Lafferty, Jessica Kopecky, and Eva Sorrell chit and chat with one another at the NMRT Happy Hour Social Event at Hennessey's Tavern on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004.(Photo courtesy of Jill Grogg)