

New Members Round Table (NMRT) of The North Carolina Library Association April 20 Regular Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

Present: Rachel Olsen, Melody Rood, Elizabeth Ellis, Adrian Zeck, Melisa Pressley

Minutes: Melisa Pressley

The regular monthly meeting of the NMRT was held virtually on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Chairperson, Rachel Olsen, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

New Business

NCLA Board meetings

Our section's membership size means that two people should attend meetings for voting purposes.

Rachel, as Chair, is always in attendance at board meetings.

Melody offered to be the additional voting member.

We decided we can address attendance before each quarterly NCLA meeting.

To keep in mind as you're deciding to attend:

They are continuing a hybrid model for the time being.

The next board meeting is on 7/29 at 10:00 a.m. (Usually lasts 2 hours.)

Financial Report

Melisa

We added \$157.00 in revenue from October 1 to December 31, 2021.

We had 0 expenditures.

The total balance as of 4/20/2022 is **\$1,675.90**

Melisa will contact Laura Luck and find out the source(s) of this revenue and if this is typical for our section and will report back at the next meeting.

Old Business

Board Members and Duties

Rachel

Standing Committees

- Conference/Workshop Activities: Melody & Rachel
- Students: Elizabeth & Adrian (director of publicity is automatically on this committee)
- Nominating: Amanda & ___ (Rachel will email us for interest)
- Mentoring: Elizabeth, Melody, Apryl (director of programming is automatically on this committee)
- Director of Publicity: Adrian
- Director of Programming: Apryl

Upcoming Programming Initiatives

April – July

Outreach to library schools

Adrian and Elizabeth will begin contacting library schools about class visits. We agreed it's a great opportunity to promote NMRT, especially since membership is free for the first two years. Rachel suggested we split up schools and create a common script to follow.

September

Leadership Institute (Sept. 13-16)

NMRT sponsorship?

NMRT board members attend?

Rachel will connect with Juli Moore to include NMRT info in the bulletin LI attendees receive.

Late Fall

Survey results indicated there is interest in a mentorship program and advice for new professionals.

1. Mentoring

Tabled and we'll revisit after the July NCLA meeting.

Our intention is a fall rollout.

2. New Professionals

Offered via Zoom.

Workshop format with panel Q&A. (panelists will be early career librarians who are five years or less in their field.)

In-person casual meetup events (Target is early 2023)

Socials throughout the state.

We'd each host for our district.

Proposed schedule:

EAST-

CENTRAL-September (Melody, Rachel, Elizabeth)

WNC-November (Melisa)

Ideas:

Meet at a brewery or other casual space.

At previous events, NMRT spent \$100 on food.

Have NMRT info available for attendees.

Target attendees will be NMRT members, early-career librarians, and library school students.

(Start reaching out to student orgs)

Next meeting, TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.