On April 26, 2019, New Members Round Table hosted a visit to the State Library at the Capitol Building in Lincoln. The librarian gave us a tour of the facility and an overview of the purpose and history of the library.

Officers put together proposed changes for the NMRT by-laws, which were then put aside while the overall NLA by-laws were being amended. Now that those are approved, next year we can compare the two documents and put NMRT changes to a vote.

Executive Director Ginger Jelinek created an standardized email for NMRT: nlanmrt@nebraskalibraries.org. This email address forwards to the Google account we set up this year in which we can keep NMRT emails and documents in order to easily pass organization information to future officers: nenmrt@gmail.com.

Houchen Bindery, which has in the past sponsored the Mentor and Beginning Professional awards, is no longer interested in sponsoring their award starting in 2019. As a result, there are no award winners for 2019. In 2020, we’ll need to reevaluate how to fund this award and/or find a new sponsor.

NMRT put together a panel for the 2019 NLA/ILA Conference with four librarians to discuss the different professional associations they are a part of (NLA, ALA, ILA, MPLA, etc.), how they are different, how they advocate for libraries and patrons, and how the audience can get involved.

Cali Neuberger of Doane University was elected to become Vice-Chair, to be installed at NLA Conference 2019. Donna Kruse of Morton-James Public Library (Nebraska City) will step into the Chair position.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Lockwood, Chair