

Mary Moser

Mary was first elected to the NERCOMP Board of Trustees in February 2020. Nobody could have predicted even a fraction of the upheaval that followed, but Mary told anybody who would listen that there was no better professional organization with whom she would have preferred to ride out a global pandemic.

NERCOMP exists at the center of so many things that are integral to the educational experience: technology, libraries, learning, innovation. NERCOMP as an organization, and its member institutions, were called to answer so many new challenges over the last three years. What made us stronger throughout that experience were the connections that NERCOMP provided: with our peers, with NERCOMP institutions, with vendors and partners. These connections were powerful enough to help us pull each other through the chaos and emerge stronger in so many accelerated ways.

This is the strength of NERCOMP, and the energy that Mary hopes to continue to harness on behalf of member institutions as a member of the NERCOMP Board.

Mary began her Board tenure as Vice Chair for the NERCOMP Annual Conference, which rapidly pivoted online in 2020 with the partnership of EDUCAUSE. The following year, Mary chaired the 2021 NERCOMP Annual Conference—a conference independently designed, built, and produced from the ground up by NERCOMP staff, volunteers, and vendor partners. As conference chair, Mary marshalled these collective efforts to offer a unique, accessible, and highly collaborative virtual conference experience. In doing so, she gained extensive knowledge about NERCOMP and the value it offers its member institutions and their employees. She also learned an enormous amount about the evolving needs of the NERCOMP member institutions and absorbed the importance of an organization like NERCOMP staying nimble, flexible, and able to innovate rapidly.

Mary is an academic librarian who wants to shout from the rooftops that NERCOMP is a rich professional home for anyone whose work intersects with technology—including library staff. NERCOMP sparks joy for Mary in ways that are professionally energizing, and she wants to share this energy with other technology enthusiasts, especially library staff members, who might not realize what a vibrant professional community they can find in NERCOMP.

Mary received her Master of Library Science degree (MLS) from Indiana University Bloomington in 2005 and her MA in Educational Technology Leadership from the George Washington University in 2012. Since 2006, Mary has worked as a librarian at a range of institutions from small, private liberal arts colleges to a regional public university. After nearly a decade of coordinating library teaching programs, she pivoted to her current role as Engagement and Advancement Librarian at UMass Boston, where she coordinates fundraising and outreach efforts in service of connecting their community with the resources available to them through their library.

Mary's current work as an engagement and outreach specialist aligns perfectly with the mission of the NERCOMP Board, and she seeks reelection in order to continue the outreach work of making NERCOMP visible, accessible, and relevant to as many people as possible.