

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
April 5, 2013
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from March 6, 2013, approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges:
 - a. Offered congratulations to Beacon and Grinnell on their successful votes.
 - b. Presented a report on Advocacy Day and said the efforts were worthwhile.
 - c. Announced a planned meeting with Senator Tkaczyk.
2. Merribeth Advocate:
 - a. Reported that all member libraries have submitted their annual reports.
 - b. Reported that SENYLRC cannot continue as is, which leaves the future of SEAL uncertain as well. SEAL has never been included in the MHLS budget and cost SENYLRC roughly \$40,000 in staffing and services. She stressed that we need to think about possible solution for ILL needs; potentially some sort of agreement between MHLS and RCLS.
3. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich:
 - a. Reported that libraries and library systems have been so focused on budgetary concerns that another element of advocacy gets lost: the plight of the school librarian. Smith-Aldrich will send out materials and talking points on why school librarians are important.
 - b. Presented informative and entertaining information on technology trends in libraries.
 - c. Announced that LibraryAware has arrive and Directors will be receiving logon information very soon
4. Eric McCarthy:
 - a. Announced that the Sierra Preview App will become the live app automatically.
 - b. Reported that a guide of Sierra receipt printing has been created and that the Resource Sharing page includes all of Sierra resources.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2013

*Respectfully submitted by Frank Rees, Kent Public Library
April 18, 2013*