

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
January 5, 2011
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from December 3, 2010 approved

Discussion Items:

1. Merribeth Advocate announced MHLS BOT's decision to change billing schedule for delivery & automation fees. Automation will be billed bi-monthly, delivery at the beginning of each quarter. Concern was voiced about the effect on 2011 budgets, but everyone agreed to pay as their library could. Linda Vittone will compile a chart of the 2011 projected payments.
2. Ms. Advocate announced Steve Benson et al had reviewed the responses to the System Services Survey sent to directors & trustees – 33 libraries responded. Concern was voiced that so few libraries responded. It was suggested that MHLS BOT send more reminders to member libraries in order to get better feedback.
3. DLD has announced that there may be a delay with the Annual Report program going live. As things stand, MHLS deadlines remain the same.
4. E-books have been wildly successful – much discussion of how to increase/fund collection while maintaining/setting standards and guidelines for doing so.
5. Consultants Advocate and Smith-Aldrich will hold Advocacy Bootcamps in January to help prepare library staff & trustees for February's Advocacy push to patrons.
6. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich reminded directors that many libraries long-range plans will be expiring this year, suggested they begin developing a new plan.
7. Smith-Aldrich reminded directors to write to legislators about member item funds before the end of the month.

Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger
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