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TRUSTEE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 19, 2013

Committee Members Present: Roland Patterson, Chair, Lisa Baker Brill, Myrna Sameth,  
Camilla W. von Bergen

Staff Present: Mike Nyerges, Merribeth Advocate, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich,  
Linda Vittone

Reviewed and revised the committee's scope and statement as follows:

***"The Trustee Services Committee reviews and oversees the orientation of MHLS Trustees, as well as staff initiatives that support trustees of member library boards and the MHLS Board. Those initiatives include the trustee newsletter, Across the Board, the MHLS Annual Meeting, and trustee workshops. With staff support, the committee also encourages, models and evaluates the advocacy of the MHLS Board and its outreach to member library boards. The committee is comprised of a representative from each county."***

Agreed to meet on June 11 at 10 AM at Mid-Hudson when we will plan a trustee review and orientation session to follow the board's regular meeting on Wednesday, July 10th. There wasn't a good time when all our new trustees and staff could meet for an orientation, so, we thought to schedule this after a board meeting. We would likely follow the board meeting on July 10 with a lunch, which would include System staff, and then hold the review and orientation session, as well as a tour of the facility, in the afternoon.

Recommended that the board consider requiring its members to attend a library trustee essentials workshop within three years preceding their election to the board or within their first year as trustee. We heard that some member libraries already have a similar requirement and the Board of Regents and State Education Department is recommending a mandate of "public library trustee education similar to that required of School Boards."