

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
November 7, 2013
MHLS 3rd Floor**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from October 4, 2013, approved.
2. DA Steering Committee Nominations (Putnam & Ulster): Donick (Putnam), Rees (Ulster), approved.
3. DA Recommendation to MHLS Board of Trustees Planning & Personnel Committee on Member Library Mileage Equalization Grant: Concept approved. The MHLS Board will determine amount of claims, percentage match, and available funds.
4. DA Meeting Dates 2014, approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director:
 - a. Noted that it was a pleasure and honor to be here as the new Executive Director.
 - b. Announced that MHLS staff is working with C. Rodriguez (Beekman) on the ongoing issues with Union Vale.
 - c. Announced that MHLS is starting a conversation about the future of the system. He will begin by developing a detailed analysis of current services, including outputs, outcomes and return on investment.
2. Merribeth Advocate:
 - a. Discussed the Impact Survey that allows member libraries to collect information about how online resources and computers are being used by the public by inserting code on member websites.
 - b. Reminded Directors that the annual survey of directors needs to be completed by November 25.
3. Rebekkah Smith Aldrich:
 - a. Announced that Pine Plains will not be evicted after their successful vote. Also noted that successful votes at Poughkeepsie, Beekman, Elting Memorial, Morton, and Rhinecliff libraries.
 - b. Reviewed the results of the Comptrollers audits of public libraries.
4. Robert Drake:
 - a. Reported that the E-rate deadline for the 2014 funding year is approaching.
5. Eric McCarthy:
 - a. Reviewed updates to Sierra 1.1.3.
 - b. Reported that much progress has been made on items missing in transit. Over 750 items were found and corrected.
6. New Business:
 - a. Video Game Hold Status: Proposal to make video games non-requestable as per Resource Sharing recommendation. Action Item at December meeting.
 - b. MHLS Committee Membership 2014: Action Item at December meeting.
 - c. MHLS 2014 Budget and Projections for 2014 and 2015: Sloan reminded Directors that this is a dynamic document with changes still being made.
7. Information:
 - a. Lawrence (Poughkeepsie) announced that the Holiday Luncheon for MHLS staff will be on December 6, 2013 immediately following the DA meeting at 11:45am.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 6, 2013

*Respectfully submitted by Frank Rees, Saugerties Public Library
November 19, 2013*