

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
April 4, 2012
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from March 2, 2012, approved

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges:
 - a. introduced Automated Systems Manager Eric McCarthy
 - b. reported 2012 state budget includes increase just under 3%
 - c. revision of MHLS budget in process, looking at ways to reduce member fees
 - d. revision of contract w Hudson River Transport in process, waiting to hear about MHLS access to tax-less gas
 - e. announced MHLS and Central Library Plan of Service have been approved by DLD
 - f. will reconvene Ad Hoc committee on Direct Access Plan to address DLD concern with the term "to refuse" instead of "to restrict" services; suggested adding a check by the DA for any system-wide remedy.
 - g. Annual reports completed, system-wide decrease in circulation of 3%, increase of registrations
 - h. NYS Regents Advisory Council Plan has adopted its 2020 plan for libraries
 - i. Annual Meeting will be held October 19 @ FDR Library in Hyde Park
2. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich:
 - a. will hold a Public Library Vote Toolbox workshop that will include an explanation of the tax cap
 - b. Reported criteria for the 2012 Construction Grants
 - c. Building Your Base Online workshops (funded by LSTA grants) have been wildly successful
3. Merribeth Advocate:
 - a. Announced 2012 SRP mini-grants
 - b. Asked member libraries about SEAL use
4. Robert Drake:
 - a. Announced SAM info meeting and upcoming Managing MHLS Web Site workshop
5. Eric McCarthy:
 - a. Reported on new WAM statistics available
 - b. Reviewing Millennium configuration & Resource Sharing documents

*Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger
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