Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from Directors Association Meeting June 2, 2011 MHLS Auditorium

Action Items:

1. Minutes from May 3, 2011 approved

Discussion Items:

- 1. 2011-2012 Budget for Library Aid is \$79 million; System Supplemental Aid made permanent. Governor has proposed a 10% cut to library funding for 2012-2013.
- 2. Executive Director Mike Nyerges reported that the Property Tax Cap is expected to pass, limiting local tax levies to 2%. Aldrich said there is still no clarity on how it will affect libraries specifically in the language of the bill, but district libraries will be held to the 2% cap.
- 3. Based on feedback for the Plan of Service, Nyerges recommends all libraries begin community-based planning.
- 4. Plan of Service well under way, reports Nyerges, with a great job being done by Merribeth Advocate and Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich.
- 5. Nyerges compiled and distributed via e-mail the 2010 Annual Report data to all member libraries.
- 6. Summer Reading Program mini-grants awarded by MHLS, reported Advocate.
- 7. Advocate reported that there is increased collaboration between member libraries and area schools.
- 8. Shedrick reported that the group purchase of computers coordinated by MHLS was successful; member libraries will be receiving computers and scanners in the next week or so.
- 9. Presentation was made by Innovative Interfaces Customer Sales Consultant David Hemingway-Turner about additional modules to add to Millennium (Express Lane self check-out, Program registration etc.)

Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger June 16, 2011