

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
February 7, 2012
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from January 5, 2012 approved

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges reminded DA about Advocacy Day in Albany on March 6. We are asking that libraries be given the same consideration as schools (a 4% funding increase).
2. Nyerges requested System Funding Task Force be reconvened to address a number of issues; reminded DA to check DLD population figures against Census numbers.
3. Nyerges reported on new Automation Coordinator, who will be joining MHLS on March 12.
4. Nyerges asked for comments on the 2012 goals for the Executive Director; reminded DA to review and comment on Regent's Advisory Council on Libraries plan of service.
5. Merribeth Advocate reminded DA that Annual Report is due February 17; a Job Resource Center Page has been created for each county; System will be transitioning from Bookletters to NextReads; Book Banquets are being scheduled for 3 counties.
6. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich encouraged DA to attend Advocacy Day in Albany; reported \$14 million remains in budget for Public Library Construction Grants; Advocacy Boot Camp Sessions have begun and are popular; Building Your Base Online training program has begun and is popular with the 75 participants.
7. Discussion by all regarding a \$100 fee to be levied on member libraries to increase Overdrive collection; smaller libraries would like to see sliding scale fee rather than a flat fee imposed.
8. Review of MHLS OverDrive Collection Development Guidelines (outdated language was removed, added language to indicate middle-grade materials would be purchased as well).

*Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger
February 8, 2012*