

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
March 2, 2012
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from February 7, 2012, approved
2. Revised Overdrive Collection Development Guidelines approved
3. Additional Funding for Overdrive Content (based on 2011 usage figures) 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 restoration). Those who can't attend Advocacy Day are asked to call their representatives to advocate for the restoration.
2. DLD has requested a revision to the Direct Access Plan, replacing the term "refuse" with "restrict" in regards to services to unserved areas, as per the Commissioner's Regulations. The Ad Hoc Direct Access Plan will reconvene and submit a revised plan to the DA, and eventually to the MHLS BOT to approve.
3. Nyerges reported that negotiations on delivery service continue. Other vendors have been approached and MHLS is inquiring about access to county fuel, which would bring down the cost of delivery.
4. System Funding Task Force will reconvene on Wednesday, March 7, to address member assessment fees and other issues.
5. Nyerges reminded all libraries (on behalf of Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, out sick) interested in pursuing a Chapter 414 Budget Referendum to get in touch with Rebekkah by April to begin plans; encouraged all to create an Ethics Statement for BOT; reminded all of Open Meeting Law Amendment.
6. Nyerges reminded any member libraries interested in taking part in the 2012-2013 Construction Grant Program to complete the survey sent out in March.
7. Outreach & Education Coordinator MerriBeth Advocate reported that DLD will be providing funds for SRP mini-grants. Projects must focus on collaboration between public and school libraries. Applications will be due by April 11.
8. Advocate reported SENYLRC will be offering a series of webinars on technology and trends.
9. Robert Drake, IT Coordinator, reported MHLS negotiated to double its bandwidth without any cost increase; met with Comprise to discuss SAM; will reconvene the SAM users group.
10. Tom Lawrence led those present in a brief review of some of the DA Bylaws, recommended all review them and see what needs to be updated.
11. Jim Cosgrove reported that Foundation for Hudson Valley Libraries had a retreat at Kingston Library to discuss plans and mission.

*Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger
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