

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
November 9, 2011
MHLS Auditorium**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from October 3, 2011 approved
2. Proposed DA Meeting Dates for 2012 approved
3. DA Steering Committee Nominations for Putnam (Rees) and Ulster (Cosgrove) approved

Discussion Items:

1. Mike Nyerges reported the 2011 MHLS annual meeting was a success, with thanks to MHLS staff and special thanks to Peggy Winn.
2. Nyerges reported the DLD will be providing census numbers for 2010 in the near future.
3. Nyerges recommended all Directors and Trustees read and comment on the Regents Advisory Council's draft 2020 vision document.
4. Nyerges reminded DA that current delivery provider contract expires June 30, 2012. An ad hoc committee has been formed to review usage and service patterns.
5. Merribeth Advocate confirmed a surge in Overdrive usage once Kindle became compatible.
6. Advocate reminded DA that annual reports will be coming due February 15; reported that the annual Fall Into Books was a success, with 25 MHLS libraries represented.
7. Laurie Shedrick reported that a SAM upgrade had begun; OPAC still undergoing changes to improve patron experience; designated tech support phone line has been eliminated, now available from an extension through MHLS phone system; release of Millennium update will be coming with many improvements member libraries have been wanting.
8. Margie Menard reported from the Central Library/Collection Development Committee: Tuesday Tips has been launched; Deb Weltsch will be holding trainings on updating medical collections in library; review of Central Committee budget – contingency funds still available; BookLetters will be replaced with NextReads.
9. Advocate reported on behalf of Julie Spann for the Continuing Education/Professional Development Advisory Committee: will be hosting first Unconference and brown bag lunch topic in 2012; recommends Building Your Base Self Directed Learning Series to Directors & Staff; reported many trainings with strong attendance in 2011.
10. Laurie Shedrick reported from the Sierra Sub-Committee that Nyerges has signed the contract, so MHLS will be migrating to Sierra when it is ready; the sub-committee decided to host Sierra in the cloud rather than on MHLS servers. The contract includes an 8-year commitment.
11. Kelly Tomasescki, Director Town of Esopus, reminded all that the DA will be hosting a holiday luncheon to show its appreciation of MHLS staff after DA meeting on Friday, December 2, 2011.

*Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger (with help from Tom Lawrence)
November 14, 2011*