

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

**Action Items:**

1. Minutes from November 9, 2011 approved

**Discussion Items:**

1. Nyerges announced resignation of Laurie Shedrick. The search for a new automation coordinator has begun. In the meantime, tech department personnel will be covering her responsibilities to the best of their abilities. Some services will be put on the back burner until a replacement can be found (e.g. workshops & trainings).
2. Nyerges reported Automation Agreement will expire on Dec. 31, 2011, and will be replaced by the member library fee structure approved by the DA last year. Billing for member fees will be bimonthly. In addition, final draft of MHLS budget is in the works. Surplus funds will probably go toward Millennium fees incurred during migration to Sierra. The restricted fund balance will be kept to 58% to allow the System adequate cash flow.
3. Nyerges recommended the DA consider additional investment in e-books given the popularity of the medium.
4. Nyerges reported DLD sent 2010 Census figures to MHLS, but he has returned the report with some questions; will share with member libraries once discrepancies are resolved.
5. Merribeth Advocate reminded member libraries that Annual Reports are approaching; reported that Overdrive has a Job Search button that will link patrons to career and workforce development titles purchased with Broadband Technology Opportunity Program funds; will be representing NYS Digital Literacy Task Force along with Tom Lawrence (PPLD), and Scott Jarzombek (Pawling).
6. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich provided updated information about tax cap and NYLA's 2012 legislative priorities. Alerted member libraries to Snapshot NY (Feb 12-25, 2012) to advocate for libraries; NYLA Advocacy Day is Tuesday, March 6, 2012.
7. Smith-Aldrich asked member libraries for feedback about the privatization of libraries; announced registration for the 10-week Building Your Base Online self-directed learning series.
8. Shedrick announced her resignation; upgrade to Millennium scheduled for Dec. 6, 2012; initial installation of SAM 9.0 has begun.
9. Tom Lawrence, on behalf of Ad Hoc Delivery Services Committee, reported that MHLS will no longer deliver on four holidays that the majority of member libraries are closed: MLK's Birthday, President's Day, Veteran's Day & Day after Thanksgiving. This, along with other initiatives, should help to save member libraries money.

*Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger  
December 5, 2011*