

**Liaison Report to MHLS Board of Trustees from
Directors Association Meeting
May 6, 2014**

Action Items:

1. Minutes from March 5, 2014, approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Tom Sloan, Executive Director:
 - a. Announced that Eric McCarthy is leaving MHLS to accept a position at the Greenwich, CT Library.
 - b. Announced that Robert Drake will be the head of the newly consolidated IT and ILS departments.
 - c. Provided an in-depth overview of the Moving Forward assessment including templates and asked the DA for input by May 16.
 - d. Outlined the new nomination and election of MHLS Trustees process highlighting that only nominations from county Library associations will be accepted.
 - e. Outlined the new Executive Director evaluation process highlighting that the evaluation will now involve a larger group—MHLS board officers and committee chairs.
2. Merribeth Advocate:
 - a. Announced that the GED is no longer administered in New York State and has been replaced by TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion). She encouraged Directors to weed all GED materials and purchase TASC materials.
3. Rebekkah Smith Aldrich:
 - a. Provided current information on the property tax freeze and its impact on libraries. She stressed that there is no definitive answers for many “freeze” questions and that this is a very fluid situation that is changing constantly.
 - b. Announced the launch of the New York Libraries Trustees Online (NYLTO) and encouraged Directors to inform their boards of this new tool.
4. Robert Drake:
 - a. Briefly discussed his role in the new IT/ILS Department and said he was anticipating a “short transition.”
5. Eric McCarthy:
 - a. Provided an update on Encore implementation.
6. Advisory Committee Reports:
 - a. Central Library/Collection Development: Minutes of 4/24/2014 meeting distributed.
 - b. System Services: minutes of 3/5/2014 distributed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 5, 2014

*Respectfully submitted by Frank Rees, Saugerties Public Library
May 6, 2014*