MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, October 16, 2015

1. <u>ROLL CALL</u> Trustees Present:	John Bickford, Lisa Baker Brill, Dean Lavin, Michele Ment, Regina Morini, Roland Patterson, Caroline Profera, Lynne Ridgeway, Myrna Sameth, Janet Schnitzer, Richard Swierat, Camilla W. von Bergen, Mark Wilson
Trustees Absent:	John Dax (e)
Liaisons Present:	Tom Lawrence, Director, Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Frank Rees, Director, Kent Public Library
Staff Present:	Merribeth Advocate, Robert Drake, Joan Kay, Tom Sloan, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Linda Vittone, Peggy Winn
Others Present:	List attached to official file

2. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

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At 9:45a.m., President Patterson convened the 56th Annual Meeting of	President
the Board of Trustees in the Terrace Ballroom of the Poughkeepsie Grand	opens
Hotel Banquet and Conference Center.	meeting
3. <u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
President Patterson introduced System Board representatives, and Board	Introductions
Liaisons, and turned the meeting over to Mr. Sloan who introduced staff,	
library trustees, library directors and special guests.	
Mr. Sloan thanked elected officials in attendance, Senator Sue Serino	
(Senate District 41) and Assemblymember, Didi Barrett (Assembly	
District 106), for their commitment to libraries and their ongoing	
advocacy for increased funding for libraries and library programs. The	
legislators spoke briefly of their appreciation for libraries and ongoing	
commitment to advocate for increased funding for library programs.	
A representative from Assemblyman Kevin Cahill's office was asked to	
extend the System's gratitude for his support of libraries and his role in	
securing a \$25,000 grant for the Summer Reading Programs at 17	
member libraries in his district.	
4. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES	
President Patterson introduced Lisa Baker Brill, Chair of the Nominations	Election of
and Elections Committee, who conducted the election of three trustees to	trustees
the MHLS Board.	
From Columbia County	Davis
Sharon Davis was nominated for a first five-year term by Karen Garafalo,	nominated

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Director of the Philmont Public Library/Chair of the Greene County	
Library Association, and seconded by Julie DeLisle, Director of the	
Chatham Public Library.	
<u>From Dutchess County</u> Barry Ramage was nominated for a first five-year term by	Ramage
Carol Fortier, Director of the Beekman Library/Chair of the Dutchess	nominated
County Library Association, and seconded by Casey Conlin, Director of	nominaica
the Pawling Free Library.	
From Greene County	
Debra Wilcox was nominated for a first five-year term by Sue Ray,	Wilcox
Director of the Catskill Public Library/ Chair of the Greene County	nominated
Library Association, and seconded by Ellen Manfredi, Trustee of the	
Mountain Top Library.	
Ms. Brill welcomed each candidate and asked them to introduce	Candidates
themselves and address the audience briefly regarding their qualifications	speak
and interest in serving as a Mid-Hudson trustee.	speak
There being only one candidate nominated from each county, Ms. Brill,	Candidates
Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, declared the election	elected
of: Sharon Davis for a 5-year term, Barry Ramage for a 5-year term, and	
Debra Wilcox for 5-year term, commencing January 1, 2016.	
5. <u>REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT</u>	
Board President, Patterson, reported on a number of issues addressed by	President's
the Mid-Hudson Board in 2015 (appended to file), and thanked and	report
recognized library trustees and System staff for helping to insure the well-	presented
being of the Mid-Hudson Library System and its 66 member libraries.	
6. REPORT OF BOARD TREASURER	
Board Treasurer, Morini, reported on the success of the 2014 Audit of the	Treasurer's
System's financial statements, performed by Sedore & Company, CPA's,	report
P.C., Certified Public Accounts, and the System's total revenues and	presented
expenses (appended to file).	L.
7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
A. Staff Service Awards	
Mr. Sloan presented employee service awards to Joan Kay, Grants	Staff service
Manager (15 years), Christopher McCann, Shipping Clerk II (5 years),	awards
Linda Vittone, Finance Manager (15 years), and Peggy Winn, Executive	presented
Assistant (25 years), in recognition of their outstanding service and	L.
dedication to member libraries.	
B. <u>Annual Report Quiz</u>	
The Executive Director conducted a statistical quiz report on System-wide	E.D. report
shared services, including: circulation; delivery; professional development	presented
& continuing education; and, consulting & development (<i>appended to</i>	
file).	
8. RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Libraries

8. <u>**RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS</u></u> Ms. Smith Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Sustainability, congratulated</u>**

Libraries recognized

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Ms. Advocate, Assistant Director, asked representatives from each library to stand, and presented each with engraved trophies from the System in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments.	Awards presented
 9. <u>ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u> At 11:00 a.m., President Patterson adjourned the business portion of the Annual Membership Meeting. 10. <u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</u> A. Introduction 	Business Meeting closed
Mr. Sloan introduced Paul Galley, President and Hudson Riverkeeper, whose topic " <i>Do Try This At Home: Citizen Action for Cleaner Water</i> <i>and Sustainability</i> " highlighted the importance of initiating sustainable thinking within communities. Mr. Gallay spoke about the profound role individual advocates/volunteers, working with Riverkeeper, play in helping to ensure the improvement of the water quality and overall environmental condition of the Hudson River. A lively question and answer period followed.	Sustainability topic presented
11. <u>CLOSING</u> At, 11:45 p.m., Mr. Sloan thanked attendees for their participation and adjourned the meeting.	Meeting adjourned

The next meeting of the Mid-Hudson Library System Board is Saturday, December 5, @ the MHLS Auditorium, at 10:00 a.m. (Snow date – December 15, @ the MHLS Auditorium, at 10:00 a.m.)

Respectfully submitted by

Lisa Baker Brill Secretary

Approved 2015 by the MHLS Board of Trustees