

Executive Committee

November 21, 2022 | 3:00pm

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Ric Swierat, President (D)
- ✓ Barry Ramage, Vice President (D)
- ✓ Stuart Auchincloss, Secretary (U)
- ✓ Mark Wilson, Treasurer (C)
- ✓ Priscilla Goldfarb, Member-at-Large (P)
- ✓ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Staff Liaison)

2. The Committee discussed the notice from the Dyson Foundation that our grant application for a mini-grant of \$15,000 as part of the Foundation's Management Assistance Program has been approved. This application was made in hopes of underwriting a PR consultant to help MHLS with marketplace messaging that both raises the profile of MHLS with opinion leaders, legislators, and potential funders and promotes the good work of member libraires and how MHLS supports this work, while not competing with member libraries' local efforts to raise funds for their libraries. This notice has an acknowledgement deadline of December 2, 2022. Due to the fact that this deadline is before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the MHLS Board, the Executive Committee approved Aldrich to accept the grant on behalf of MHLS.

- a. **ACTION:** Stuart Auchincloss moved, and Priscilla Goldfarb seconded, a motion to authorize Executive Director Aldrich to accept the \$15,000 mini-grant from the Dyson Foundation with the understanding that the remaining funds for the PR consultant will come from donations made to MHLS by MHLS Board members. The motion passed unanimously.

3. The Committee reviewed the results of the Executive Director's performance appraisal with Aldrich. The committee members expressed their appreciation for the quality of Rebekkah's work and her steadfastness through the difficult challenges of the past few years. This report will be presented to the board with unanimous approval.

Committee Charge: "The Executive Committee, consisting of the officers and the immediate Past President, if the immediate Past President is still a member of the Board, and otherwise in conformance with New York State Law, shall transact such business as may be necessary between meetings of the Board. If the Past President is no longer seated on the Board, the Nominating and Elections Committee will nominate an additional member" -MHLS Bylaws