

MHLS Board | 2022 Priorities

Member Outreach

Increased focus on **Board-to-Board visits to member library boards as well as to the county-based library associations** to strengthen relationships, promote transparent communication throughout the system and develop a plan to encourage member library trustees to consider becoming MHLS board trustees in the future.

Board Education

Strengthen and support MHLS Board Members' competencies, skills and commitment to ethical leadership through professional development topics identified through the boards' self-assessment; recommendations from the board's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and COVID-19 Response & Recovery Working Groups; and activation by our board committee chairs.

Financial Stability

Increased focus on creating resources and support for MHLS to ensure financial stability through state level advocacy for state aid; continued support to ensure member libraries are adequately supported by their local communities; and progress on long-range planning related to fund development that supports MHLS without impacting member libraries' fundraising connections and opportunities.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Provide governance leadership on the topics of equity, diversity, and inclusion; modeling and promoting best practices for member library boards; and work to bring the [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group's 2022 Goals](#) to life.

Sustainable Library Certification Program

Complete the requirements for the Sustainable Library Certification Program which will help us to create a strong foundation for our commitment to environmental sustainability, social equity, and economic feasibility.