

## Trustee Continuing Education

In addition to the *Qualifications* clause of the MHLS Bylaws\*, this policy addresses the MHLS Board's ongoing commitment to continuing education for its members.

As of January 1, 2023, all MHLS Trustees will follow the regulations found in Chapter 468 of the Laws of New York State which require library trustees to complete a minimum of two hours of trustee education annually.

While the law, as written, applies only to member library trustees, this policy makes it clear that MHLS trustees will also follow this law to ensure our trustees receive education that increases their competence and confidence in their role to govern the system.

- Trustees should submit proof of attendance at an approved continuing education event no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The preferred proof of attendance is a certificate of attendance from the education provider.
- "Approved events" offered by "approved providers" are terms that shall be defined by guidance provided by the NYS Division of Library Development.

Noncompliance with this policy is potential cause for removal from the board.

*\*ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Sec. 6 of the MHLS Bylaws requires each trustee to have attended a library trustee education workshop offered by the Mid-Hudson Library System or a comparable trustee education provider within three years preceding their election to the board or within their first year as a trustee.*

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