

**Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting
January 12, 2013
Mid-Hudson Library System Auditorium**

Trustees Present:

X Baker Brill, Lisa (Greene)	X Morini, Regina (Putnam)
X Benton Profera, Caroline (Greene)	X Patterson, Roland (Dutchess)
X Bickford, John (Dutchess)	Perry, Matthew (Columbia)
X Conine, Bill (Greene)	Rodgeway, Lynne (Ulster)
X Hoffmann, Peter (Ulster)	X Sameth, Myrna (Ulster)
MacNish, Steve (Dutchess)	X Schnitzer, Janet (Columbia)
Miller, Martin (Putnam)	X Tuttle, Jim (Columbia)
	X von Bergen, Camilla (Putnam)

Staff Present: Merribeth Advocate, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Eric McCarthy, Mike Nyerges, Linda Vittone, Peggy Winn

Liaisons Present: Tom Lawrence (PPLD), Frank Rees (Kent)

Directors Present:

Public Hearing

At 10:00 a.m., President Hoffman opened a Public Hearing, as officially required by federal law, for consideration of the System's Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) policy. He then asked if there were any comments from member library directors in attendance regarding the proposed policy. There being none, he called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. At 10:05 a.m., Mr. Bickford moved and Ms. Von Bergen seconded THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED. **The motion carried.**

At 10:06 a.m., Board President Hoffman called the regular meeting of the board to order.

Action Items:

- Minutes of January 12, 2013 approved
- Financial Report for December 2012 and January 2013 approved
- Warrant for December 2012 approved.
- System's Children's Internet Protection Act Policy approved.
- Trustee Services Committee recommendation that a new qualification for service on the Mid-Hudson Board be referred to the Bylaws, Policy & Procedures Committee for review approved.
- Ranking priorities and criteria to identify an economically disadvantaged community for construction grant applications approved.
- Accepted the Saugerties Public Library's invitation to host the May 9, 2013 MHLS Board meeting.
- Certification of Expenditure of 2012 Central Library Book Aid Funds approved.

Discussion Items:

- 1) MHLS BOT President Peter Hoffmann
 - a) Amended the Agenda to add Executive Session.
 - b) Reported that the financial outlook for the Milton and Marlboro libraries remains bleak following the loss of tax revenue generated by two Newburgh power plants.

- 2) Executive Director Mike Nyerges
 - a) Reported that Library Advocacy Day was well organized and attended thanks to the efforts of Rebekkah Smith Aldrich.
 - b) He, Linda Vittone, Tom Finnigan, and Chris Herron met with Robert Balkind, Acting Commissioner for the Dutchess County Department of Public Works, and Christopher Barclay, Director of Central Services, to discuss the practical details of the System's new fuel contract.

- 3) Liaison Report, Frank Rees (Kent)
 - a) Reported that the Director's Association approved the holds override recommendation made by the Resource Sharing Committee.
 - b) Reported that the Director's Association approved the mandatory attendance requirement at a collection development workshop.
 - c) Noted that a joint meeting of the System Funding Task Force and the System Services Ad Hoc Committees is being planned to discuss the feasibility of merging.

- 4) Mr. Bickford (Dutchess) reported that final dissemination of the 2012 MHLS Annual Member Survey reports to directors and board presidents will be held until after the System Services Ad Hoc Committee has had a chance to review the report. Target date for dissemination is March 22. Mr. Lawrence questioned the ethics of releasing comments thought to be anonymous to all survey participants. Mr. Nyerges noted the legitimacy of this concern and agreed that the System Services Committee should discuss this issue.

- 5) At 11:45 a.m., the MHLS BOT went into Executive Session to discuss an employee's job performance.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 10:00 a.m., at the Saugerties Public Library.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Rees (Kent)