

MHLS Directors' Association
Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Attendance

Columbia County

Chatham:
Claverack: Alderdice
Germantown:
Hillsdale: Briggs
Hudson: Fleming
Kinderhook: Johnson
Livingston:
New Lebanon: Bogino
North Chatham: Kurashige
Philmont: Garafalo
Valatie:

Dutchess County

Amenia:
Beacon: Keaton
Beekman: Rodriguez
Clinton: Sennett
Dover Plains:
East Fishkill: Goverman
Fishkill:
Hyde Park: Callahan
LaGrange: Karim
Millbrook:
Millerton:
Pawling: Jarzombek
Pine Plains: Hill
Pleasant Valley: Pulice
Poughkeepsie: Lawrence
Red Hook: Freudenberger
Rhinebeck: Cook
Rhinecliff: Meyer
Staatsburg: Rothman
Stanford: Christensen
Tivoli:
Wappingers: Gonzalez

Greene County

Athens: Snyder
Cairo:
Catskill: Ray
Coxsackie: Deubert
Greenville:
Haines Falls:
Hunter:
Windham:

Putnam County

Brewster: Steinberg
Carmel: Buck
Cold Spring: Thorpe
Garrison: Donick
Kent: Rees
Mahopac: Kaufman
Patterson: Haar
Putnam Valley: McLaughlin

Ulster County

Esopus:
Highland: Kelsall
Hurley:
Kingston: Menard
Marlboro: Cosgrove
Milton: Coccio
New Paltz: Giralico
Phoenicia: Priest
Pine Hill:
Plattekill:
Rosendale:
Saugerties:
Stone Ridge:
Ulster: Johnson
West Hurley: Lustiber
Olive-West Shokan: Muller
Woodstock: Raff

Call to Order: Chair Kelsall called the meeting order at 10:00 a.m.

Action Items

1. **Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2011:** Cook moved, Haar seconded and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Following the meeting, Tracey Priest (Phoenicia) noted that her name was omitted from the roster of attendees at the February 3 meeting.
2. **Change of DA Meeting Start Time:** The proposal to move the start time of the monthly DA Meetings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. was on the agenda but when called to the table for discussion, there was no motion. The issue is concerned dead at this time.
3. **Additional Funding for eBooks:** Rees moved, Donick seconded and after discussion and a friendly amendment by Lawrence, it was **VOTED (Abstentions: Snyder, Coccio)** that all libraries will contribute a minimum of \$100 for eBooks.
4. **2011 OverDrive Audiobook/eBook Funding Split:** Rees moved Bogino seconded and it was **VOTED (Abstention: Giralico)** that the funding split for 2011 be 40% for eBooks and 60% for audiobooks. This does not include the additional assessment for ebooks previously approved at this meeting.
5. **Approval of OverDrive Collection Development Guidelines:** Johnson moved, Donick seconded and after considerable discussion, action was tabled until further review by the Central Library & Collection Development Advisory Committee on March 4.

Reports

1. MHLS Reports

- a. **Executive Director:** Nyerges reviewed his printed report distributed prior to the meeting.
- b. **Consultants**
 - i. **Merribeth Advocate:** See report in DA packet. Other information shared included:
 1. All member library NYS annual reports are completed, as well as the System's.
 2. A total of 55 libraries have participated in Plan of Service focus groups so far.
 3. The MHLS Professional Collection is being weeded and meeting attendees were invited to take weeded items so long as they linked them and made them available within 30 days.
 - ii. **Rebekkah Smith Aldrich:** See report in DA packet. Other information shared included:

1. There was further discussion on advocacy efforts and the effect of the proposed tax cap on libraries.
 2. Please remember to send newsletters and other important communications to all elected officials. It's important to keep libraries on their radar.
 3. New ADA standards are being reviewed and more information will be forthcoming on how they relate to libraries.
- iii. **Laurie Shedrick:** See report in DA packet. Other information shared included:
1. Millennium Notes Workshop is coming soon. T
 2. The Innovative sales representative will be onsite on March 16 at 2:00 p.m. Member libraries interested in meeting him are welcome to attend.
 3. Member libraries are reminded to transmit OCIRC transactions from ALL PCs running OCIRC after a period of down time.
 4. Patron Reading History has disappeared but should return to the patron OPAC record once a bug is fixed at Innovative.
2. **MHLS Board Liaison:** No report. The Board meets on Saturday, March 12.
3. **Advisory Committees**
- a. Central Library/Collection Development: Committee's first meeting of 2011 is scheduled for Friday, March 4.
 - b. Continuing Education/Professional Development: No report. No meeting scheduled as of yet.
 - c. Marketing: The Committee's first meeting of 2011 is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16.
 - d. Resource Sharing: Committee Chair Raff reviewed the minutes of the February 15 meeting included in the meeting packet. Action Items 4 and 5 will require a vote of the DA membership at its meeting on April 5.
 - e. System Services Advisory Committee: Committee Chair Rees provided a verbal report (minutes were posted to the MHLS Directors' list serv following the meeting). Next meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Old Business: None.

New/Proposed Business & Information

1. **Change of Meeting Start Time:** It was proposed to shift the meeting start time from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There was not enough interest in this change to warrant further discussion on the matter.

Other: Items raised by members included:

1. Gonzalez raised the issue of making forward sorting mandatory. There was brief discussion on the matter. MHLS will address questions that arose during the discussion.
2. Deubert expressed her thanks for the continued support of the MHLS staff on matters relating to advocacy, special district voting and son on.

Adjournment: At 11:55 a.m., Cook moved, Fleming seconded, and it was **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the MHLS Directors' Association is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Tom Lawrence, Secretary
Poughkeepsie Public Library District

Future Meeting Dates

Tuesday, April 5 (Foundation for Hudson Valley Libraries meets after DA meeting)
Tuesday, May 3
Thursday, June 2
Friday, July 8
Monday, August 1 (subject to cancellation)
Thursday, September 8
Monday, October 3
Wednesday, November 9
Friday, December 2