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

Action Items
1. Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2013: Lawrence moved, Cook seconded and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.
2. Hold Message – Proceed with Checkout: Lawrence moved, Dempsey seconded and it was. 27 yes – 0 no – 2 abstensions.

Reports
1. MHLS Reports
   a. Executive Director: See report in DA packet. Nyerges reviewed his printed report distributed prior to the meeting. In addition, he expanded on the following:
      i. Advocacy. Please encourage Trustees and patrons to attend lobby day.
      ii. Library Services in the Digital Age. Please review.
      iii. Federal advocacy - Workforce Development outreach on county level encouraged.
   b. Consultants
      i. Merribeth Advocate: See report in DA packet. In addition, she reported the following:
         1. OverDrive statistics – January 10,000 transactions! Be aware of partnership with Bookshare and MHLS introduces LEAP program. Overdrive rolling out a more intuitive ordering interface.
         2. Annual Report update
         3. Recommends Cancellation.com
         4. Review CE for public librarian certification
      ii. Rebekkah Smith Aldrich: See report in DA packet. In addition, she reported the following:
         1. Advocacy Day coming up. Thanked groups that subsidized transportation. Legal workshops available with Bob Scofield and Ellen Bach. (See Information below)
         2. Now is the time to consider 414 votes.
iii. **Eric McCarthy:** See report in DA packet. In addition, he reported the following:
   1. Sierra training beginning at the end of February. No access on April 23.
   2. Questioned about teleforms. Telephone service problems at MHLS.
   3. Questioned on Sierra upgrade

iv. **Robert Drake:** See report in DA packet. In addition, he reported the following:
   1. Erate update. He is available to give assistance.

**MHLS Board Liaison:** Report distributed at the meeting by Frank Rees. Cosgrove and Skelly asked about financial situation in Marlborough School District. Hill reported on problems in Pine Plains.

**Advisory Committees**

   d. Continuing Education/Professional Development: No report. Next meeting: May 20
   e. Marketing: No report. Next meeting: March 15

**Old Business:**

1. **New/Proposed Business & Information**
   1. **Mandatory Attendance for Directors for ‘Essential Elements of Collection Development’ workshops:** Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee recommends each county hold one of these workshops with a mandatory library director attendance requirement.

**Adjournment:** Goswami moved, Giralico seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

**Information**

1. MHLS Committee Membership 2013 matrix included in DA packet.
2. Legislators by Library list included in DA packet (part of Smith Aldrich report)

Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 6** (snow date: March 7)

Respectfully submitted.

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