

MHLS Director's Association
Meeting of Friday, December 6, 2013
MHLS Auditorium: 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.
AGENDA ATTACHMENT

Action Item #2: DA Recommendation to MHLS Board of Trustees Planning & Personnel Committee on the Member Library Mileage Equalization Grant Program

- **Background:** The MHLS System Services Advisory Committee has reported to the DA that there has been ongoing discussion regarding MHLS offering a Mileage Equalization Grant to member libraries. At the 9/18/13 MHLS Board meeting, the MHLS Board reviewed the wording above, and requested that the Directors Association clarify and submit an approved 2013-2014 member library mileage equalization grant to the Planning & Personnel Committee of the MHLS Board for review and approval at the December Board meeting.
- **Issue:** This is the wording of the current proposal the MHLS Board is considering:

When funding permits, the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) provides an equalization mileage grant to its member libraries based, in whole or in part, on the IRS business rate. Reimbursement is contingent on member libraries providing their staff reimbursement at the IRS rate for travel to attend training or to participate in meetings sponsored by and located at MHLS. The number of claims, the amount of the match, and the total available funding shall be periodically determined by the MHLS Board of Trustees. The first 20 miles each way between MHLS and member libraries shall be excluded from reimbursement. Procedures for claims and payment shall be established by the MHLS Executive Director.
- **Recommendation:** At the November System Services Advisory Committee meeting there was a lengthy discussion about the Member Library Mileage Equalization Grant Program, followed by the recommendation to leave it as worded above.
- **Status:** New Business at October DA meeting; Discussed at November DA meeting; Discussed at November System Services Advisory Committee meeting; Action Item at December DA meeting.

Action Item #3: Video Game Hold Status

- **Background:** Currently video games are owned by a limited number of libraries and are holdable.
 - **Issue:** Video games have a high chance of being billed (20% vs. 7% for DVDS) and are very expensive.
 - **Recommendation:** The Resource Sharing Advisory Committee recommends that video games be changed to local holds or no holds at the discretion of the owning library.
 - **Status:** New Business at November DA meeting; Action Item at December DA meeting.
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New/Proposed Business #2: OverDrive Funding

- **Background:** Circulation of OverDrive digital materials has increased 55% compared to the same time last year.
 - **Issue:** More funds are needed for digital materials in OverDrive to meet patron demand and be relevant to users.
 - **Recommendation:** The Central Library / Collection Development Advisory Committee supports the proposal discussed by the System Services Advisory Committee and the Board Finance Committee to put \$7,750 from 2013 travel grant into OverDrive.
 - **Status:** New/Proposed Business at December DA meeting; Action Item at January DA meeting.
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New/Proposed Business #3: DA Governance & ByLaws

- **Background:** Majority of DA Steering Committee members serve on the System Services Advisory Committee. The Steering Committee does not meet except to elect a chair.
- **Issue:** The MHLS DA By-laws need revision but there was no interest in an ad-hoc committee to address this.
- **Recommendation:** Combine the Steering Committee with the System Services Committee and task this committee with the by-law revisions.
- **Status:** New/Proposed Business at December DA meeting; Action Item at January DA meeting.