

Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting

December 11, 2010

MHLS Auditorium

Trustees Present:

X Baker Brill, Lisa (Greene)	X Miller, Martin (Putnam)
X Benson, Steve (Columbia)	Miller, Patricia (Putnam)
X Benton Profera, Caroline (Greene)	X Minor, Michael (Ulster)
X Bickford, John (Dutchess)	X Patterson, Roland (Dutchess)
X Conine, Bill (Greene)	X Schnitzer, Janet (Columbia)
X Ehnebuske, Jean (Putnam)	X Rhoads, Sally (Ulster)
X Hoffmann, Peter (Ulster)	X Tuttle, Jim (Columbia)
X MacNish, Steve (Dutchess)	

Staff Present: Advocate, Aldrich, Vittone, Winn, Shedrick, Nyerges

Action Items:

1. Agenda approved
2. Minutes of September meeting approved
3. Minutes of Annual meeting approved
4. Minutes of Special November meeting approved
5. Financial Report for August approved
6. Financial Report for September approved
7. Financial Report for October approved
8. HSBC designated MHLS 2011 Bank of Business
9. Warrant for August approved
10. Warrant for September approved
11. Warrant for October approved
12. Adopted 2012 Member Library fee schedule proposed by System Funding Task Force, not to exceed \$600,151
13. 2011 Budget approved
14. Annual Review of Rules and Procedures approved
15. Patterson Library Variance Request approved
16. 2011 Incentive MHLS BOT program approved, with modification: MHLS will no longer supply food at MHLS BOT meetings; Trustees will not be reimbursed for mileage.
17. Approved MHLS staff hiring an actuarial for up to \$3,000
18. Authorized Executive Director to take action on budget regarding personnel after Executive Session

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Michael Nyerges (pronounced NAR JUSS) introduced
2. 2011 Audit Review Letter discussed
3. New direction for Health Information Project and Barbara Clapp's resignation announced
4. Trustees suggested delivery fees be billed to member libraries at beginning of quarter instead of current billing cycle to eliminate potential shortfalls
5. Requested distribution of quarterly reports from the Central Library
6. Elected officers for 2011:
 - a. President: Jim Tuttle (Columbia County)
 - b. Vice President: Michael Minor (Ulster County)
 - c. Secretary: Janet Schnitzer (Columbia County)
 - d. Treasurer: Roland Patterson (Dutchess County)
7. Announced negotiations with MHLS Union for new contract are underway
8. Recognized MerriBeth Advocate for her work as Interim Director

Next meeting: 10 a.m. Saturday, January 8, 2011, MHLS Auditorium