

Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting
Saturday, December 7, 2013 (CANCELLED DU TO SNOW)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013
MHLS Auditorium

Trustees Present:

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

Staff Present: Merribeth Advocate, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Robert Drake, Eric McCarthy, Tom Sloan, Linda Vittone, and Peggy Winn.

Liaisons Present: Frank Rees (Saugerties)

Others Present: John Dax, trustee elect (Columbia), Michele Ment, trustee elect (Putnam).

Presidents Report:

President Hoffmann welcomed and introduced Executive Director, Tom Sloan and trustees elect, John Dax (Columbia) and Michele Ment (Putnam). Made a motion to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried.

Action Items:

- Minutes of September 2013 meeting approved.
- Minutes of Annual Meeting approved.
- Financial Reports for September and October approved.
- Designated First Niagara Bank as the System's Bank of Business in 2014.
- Warrant for October accepted.
- Approved 2014 budget.
- Elected Officers for 2014: Roland Patterson, President; Caroline Profera, Vice President; Regina Morini, Treasurer; Lisa Baker Brill, Secretary; Camilla von Bergen to serve on Executive Committee to fill the position normally held by a past seated Board President).
- Approved 2014 meeting dates: January 18, March 22, May 7, July 19, September 17, October 17 (tentative), and December 9.
- Approved submission of Variance Requests from the Patterson, Hudson Area Association and LaGrange libraries.

Discussion Items:

- Reviewed proposed Mileage Equalization policy for member libraries. The DA approved the Policy language on December 6. The System Services Advisory Committee reviewed the proposal at the request of the Board.
- Reviewed a draft of a formal policy for Board Mileage Reimbursement for attendance at Board and Committee meetings, for approval at the January meeting.
- Reviewed meeting attendance requirements as stipulated in the Bylaws.
- Reviewed and signed the American Library Association's "Declaration for the Right to Libraries."
- Went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues related to Union contract negotiations.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 10:00a.m., MHLS Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Rees (Saugerties)