

**MHLS Director's Association**  
**Meeting of Thursday, November 7, 2013**  
**MHLS Auditorium: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**AGENDA ATTACHMENT**

**Action Item #3: 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.
- **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 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.
- **Status:** New Business at October meeting; Action item at November meeting

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**New Business #1: 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 meeting