

**MHLS System Funding Task Force
Report to DA from the September 30, 2009 meeting**

Achievements of the Directors Retreat: 56 of the 66 libraries attended. Participants:

- developed a foundation of knowledge on the background & history of system funding so everyone is on the same page.
- met other directors they might not have known or seen regularly.
- increased their understanding of services important to member libraries and how other libraries use the System.
- reflected on decision-making interactions to help recognize how group decisions are made and how to increase their effectiveness.

Task Force will continue work with the input from the Directors Retreat. They will be speaking with a panel of System directors about the variety of funding models. They will communicate regularly with the DA, providing information and introduce concepts at DA meetings for group discussion and feedback. Communications from the Task Force will come on a special color paper.