



Executive Director's Report to Directors Association – March 2014

1) Mileage Equalization Grant Program

- a) Drafts of implementation recommendations & the reporting form for the Mileage Equalization Grant are provided as a DA Meeting supplemental document. Recommendations will be considered by the MHLS Board at their March 22 meeting. Library Directors should provide me, prior to March 17, any comments and/or questions regarding the draft recommendations & reporting form.

2) Review of Public Library Construction Grant Program

- a) Responses to the online survey of Library Directors are available as a DA Meeting supplemental document and @ https://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=S_2bOA2NdMqoRXrn4y73HHXH3jTB8witV4vXFyIZgoVA_3d
- b) Review of the Construction Grant Program by the Incentives Committee was conducted at their Committee meeting on February 24. A report on the meeting and the Committee's recommendations to the MHLS Board will be included in the March 22 MHLS Board meeting packet.
- c) The MHLS Board will review the Incentives Committee's report and finalize processes used and priorities of the Construction Grant Program at their meeting on March 22.

3) Annual Members Survey - Priority Themes

- a) The MHLS Board accepted, at their meeting on January 18, *Priority Themes* based on the findings of the 2013 Annual Member Survey.
- b) Based on directions from the MHLS Board President, MHLS staff has developed proposed activities for 2014 to begin addressing each theme. A discussion draft of proposed activities is provided as a DA Meeting supplemental document. Library Directors should provide me, prior to March 17, any comments and/or questions regarding the draft recommended activities.
- c) The MHLS Board will review a final list of proposed activities at their meeting on March 22.



4) SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

a) Preliminary Plans

i) Time

- 8:30 AM - Registration, Coffee & Bagels
- 9:00 AM - Breakfast Buffet
- 9:45 to 11:30 AM - Program

ii) Location – Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

iii) Keynote Speaker

- Joe Murphy, Director, Library Futures (Innovative Interfaces)

<http://joemurphylibraryfuture.com/>

5) Moving Forward Project

a) Steps in the Moving Forward Project include: (1) developing a detailed analysis report of system services including all resources allowed to each service, outputs, outcomes, and return on investment; (2) reviewing the system's Plan of Service to ensure the Plan and the detail service analysis are aligned; (3) seeking prioritization of MHLS services by stakeholders; and (4) establishing an Action Plan component to the Plan of Service based on project findings.

b) The first MHLS service in the Moving Forward Project is the Integrated Library System (ILS). MHLS has developed a template for the detailed analysis of the ILS including all resources allowed, outputs, outcomes, and return on investment. Also, the MHLS Plan of Services is being reviewed to ensure the Plan and ILS services are aligned.