

**MHLS Directors' Association**  
**Minutes of Meeting – Thursday, May 7, 2015**

**Attendance**

**Columbia County**

Chatham: Delisle  
Claverack: Alderdice  
Germantown:  
Hillsdale:  
Hudson: Chameides  
Kinderhook: Giraldo  
Livingston:  
New Lebanon: Bogino  
North Chatham:  
Philmont: Garafalo  
Valatie: Powhida

**Dutchess County**

Amenia:  
Beacon: Verdibello  
Beekman: Rodriguez  
Clinton: Graves  
Dover Plains: Totter  
East Fishkill: Goverman  
Fishkill:  
Hyde Park: Callahan  
LaGrange: Potwin  
Millbrook: Harrison  
Millerton: Leo  
Pawling: Conlin  
Pine Plains:  
Pleasant Valley: Pulice  
Poughkeepsie: Lawrence  
Red Hook: Feudenberger  
Rhinebeck: Cook  
Rhinecliff: Meyer  
Staatsburg: Rothman  
Stanford: Christensen  
Tivoli:  
Wappingers: Stein

**Greene County**

Athens:  
Cairo:  
Catskill:  
Coxsackie: Deubert  
Greenville:  
Haines Falls:  
Hunter:  
Windham:

**MHLS Staff**

Advocate  
Aldrich  
Drake  
Sloan

**Putnam County**

Brewster:  
Carmel:  
Cold Spring: Thorpe  
Garrison:  
Kent: Donick  
Mahopac: Capozzella  
Patterson: Haar  
Putnam Valley:

**Ulster County**

Esopus: Dittmar  
Highland:  
Hurley:  
Kingston: Menard  
Marlboro: Jennerich  
Milton: Skelly  
New Paltz: Giralico  
Phoenicia:  
Pine Hill:  
Plattekill: Georghiou  
Rosendale:  
Saugerties:  
Stone Ridge:  
Ulster: Priest  
West Hurley: Lustiber  
West Shokan: Scott-Childess  
Woodstock:

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**Call to Order:** Chair Pro Tem Alderdice called the meeting order at 10:00 a.m.

**Action Items**

1. **Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2015:** Cook moved, Lawrence seconded, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

**Table Talk:** The event lasted 20 minutes on the topic of implementing change with your staff. Information was collected for future reporting back to the full DA.

**Reports**

1. **MHLS Reports**

- a. **Executive Director:** Sloan reviewed his printed report distributed prior to the meeting. Advocate articulated some specifics related to the Moving Forward Assessment of Correctional Facilities. Additionally, Sloan focused her verbal report on written report items 3(A)(3) – Report of Member Services Fees and 5(C) – Special Legislative Project Grants
- b. **Consultants**
  - i. **Merribeth Advocate:** See report in DA packet. Several workshops on weeding are upcoming.
  - ii. **Rebekkah Smith Aldrich:** See report in DA packet. She focused her verbal remarks on written report items 1 – Bullet Aid requests.
  - iii. **Robert Drake:** See report in DA packet. He commented on written report item 2 – Reddit and 5 - weighting of items when displayed in the OPAC.

2. **MHLS Board Liaison:** Lawrence provided a verbal report of the May 5 meeting of the MHLS Trustees in Hillsdale.

3. **Advisory Committees**

- a. Central Library/Collection Development: See minutes in DA packet. Menard reviewed them and Lawrence answered questions about database funding and the funding of Syndetics.
- b. Continuing Education/Professional Development: Scheduled to meet Wednesday, May 27.
- c. Marketing: Scheduled to meet Wednesday, May 13.
- d. Resource Sharing: Scheduled to meet Friday, May 22.

- e. System Services: Will schedule a meeting for July.

#### **Old Business**

1. **Proposed DA By-Laws Revisions:** Prior to the meeting, Rees distributed via email the proposed modifications to the DA By-Laws. Further, they were available at the DA meeting. Initial comments were solicited. This constitutes the first reading of the modifications with DA action scheduled for its meeting in June.

#### **New/Proposed Business & Information**

1. **2016 Estimate of E-Resources:** The table was distributed with the call to meeting. Vote on adopting the charges will happen at the DA meeting in June.
2. **Demo of eCommunications Page:** Aldrich gave a quick demonstration of the contents of the new eCommunications page (found under *About MHLS* on [midhudson.org](http://midhudson.org)).

**Adjournment:** At 11:45 a.m., Garafalo moved, Giraldo seconded, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the MHLS Directors' Association is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2** at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Tom Lawrence, Secretary Pro Tem  
Poughkeepsie Public Library District