

**Liaison Report to DA from MHLS BOT meeting  
March 19, 2016**

Trustees Present:

X Stuart Auchincloss (Ulster)	Regina Morini (Putnam)
X John Bickford (Dutchess)	X Barry Ramage (Dutchess)
X Lisa Baker Brill (Greene)	X Lynne Ridgeway (Ulster)
X Sharon Davis (Columbia)	X Richard Swierat (Dutchess)
X Debra Klein (Greene)	X Camilla von Bergen (Putnam)
X Dean Lavin (Greene)	X Mark Wilson (Columbia)
X Michele Ment (Putnam)	

MHLS Staff Present:

Tom Sloan; Merribeth Advocate; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich; Robert Drake

Action Items:

- Minutes from January meeting approved
- Financial reports from December 2015 and January 2016 approved
- Warrants for December 2015; January 2016 and February 2016 approved
- Recommendation from SSAC 2016 Member Assessments Reduction - Sierra Capital Fee - COST: 66 libraries X \$600 = \$39,600 approved
- Board priorities for construction funding as recommended by Incentives Committee approved
- Definition of an Economically disadvantaged community as recommended by the Incentives Committee approved
- NYS Literacy Grant program 2016-2019 projects for Adult Literacy and Family Literacy proposed approved
- Motion to authorize System Executive Director to negotiate and sign contract for delivery services approved
- Patterson Library variance approved

Discussion Items:

Executive Director Tom Sloan reported on Moving Forward Assessment progress. Final reviews presented by M. Advocate and R. Smith-Aldrich. Next step will be survey to 3 stakeholder groups asking to prioritize 16 services prescribed by NYS. Staff and BOT received survey orientation. Directors will receive at the April 5<sup>th</sup> DA meeting.

Incentives committee presented Board priorities for construction funding.

Trustee Services committee report-

Discussed orientation for new members and annual meeting plans

Personnel and Planning Committee report-

Final report of annual member survey. Consideration should be given to 3 areas needing improvement: Youth services; Innovative Services Software and Internet service provider. Considering use of focus groups instead of or in addition to survey in future years.

Report on Member Library Service Fees-

All questions asked have been answered. Misconceptions have been addressed.

Consultant reports-

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich gave advocacy update.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Julie Kelsall-Dempsey