

**Liaison Report to DA from MHLS BOT meeting
May 11, 2016**

Trustees Present:

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

MHLS Staff Present:

Tom Sloan, Peggy Winn, Merribeth Advocate, Linda Vittone, Robert Drake

Also Present:

Tom Lawrence-POK, Carole Donick-Kent, Michael Mahoney-Kent, Martha Collins-Kent, Gina LoPrinzo-Brewster, Patti Haar-Patterson, Donald Ferraro-Patterson

Action Items:

- President's Report – welcomed Linda Todd, recent retiree from State Ed Dept.
- Minutes from April meeting approved
- Financial reports from February and March 2016 approved
- 2015 Audit Committee report delayed until July meeting
- Warrants for March and April 2016 approved
- Executive Director report
- DA Liaison report on May meeting
- Central Library Services report
- Bylaws Policy & Procedures Committee report
- Personnel & Planning Committee report
- Unfinished Business – none
- New Business: MHLS 2015 Annual Report
- Certification of 2015 Central Library Development and Book Aid Funds
- Central Library 2016 Development and Book Aid Budget

Executive Director Tom Sloan reported on:

- Hudson Valley Magazine article featuring MHLS libraries
- Moving Forward Assessment of MHLS Services progress / 2016-2020 Plan of Service
 - Three stakeholder groups prioritized system services consistently
 - Plan to be sent to DA will reflect data, prioritization and funding allocations
- Broadband / Network Services RFP intends to address library issues

Discussion Items:

- Trustees were interested in Overdrive increase to 10 checkouts/holds following an increase in loan period, and learned that the system will study the impact of these changes along with related future funding needs
- Tom L. reviewed the Central Library service changes that evolved over time with improved funding; more time is now spent in support of member library needs
- Linda Todd assured trustees that both MHLS and member Annual Reports are reviewed in a two-tiered process at the state level, including comment compilation, and that the data is used for the next year's work with the state legislature

Communication:

- Consultant reports
- 2015 GCLA Annual Report
- Presentation on Putnam County Funding for Libraries – Carol Donick explained the advocacy strategies and annual process that results in over \$400,000 of PC funding; how it is distributed to the eight libraries and how the funding is utilized.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted
Patti Haar