

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
System Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 8/13/18

Location: MHLS Auditorium

Committee members attending:

- Thea Schoep (Columbia)
- Julie DeLisle (Columbia)
- Tom Lawrence (Dutchess)
- Mary De Bellis (Dutchess)
- Sue Ray (Greene)
- Linda Deubert (Greene)

- Gina Loprinzo (Putnam)
- Patti Haar (Putnam)
- Margie Menard (Ulster)
- Julie Dempsey (Ulster)
- Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MHLS)

Staff Attending: Merribeth Advocate (MHLS), Laurie Shedrick (MHLS), Linda Vittone (MHLS)

The minutes from the July 19th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Action Items:

A. ACTION: DA Bylaw Revisions

It was decided that there was a problem with committee quorums consisting of, and actions requiring an affirmative vote from, at least one member from each county (Article IV, Section 6). The committee recommends both quorums and votes require the majority of the committee, not just those present. Also, at Julie's suggestion, the group agreed and recommends the last sentence should be struck from Article IV, Section 2.

Discussion Items:

A. MHLS Action Plan

Discussion centered around Rebekkah's report of prioritization of MHLS services. Youth Services are often supported at the county level; however, it was suggested that panels of programmers may be included in future DA workshops. Merribeth mentioned there are free webinars to support youth services staff as well.

To be added to the Plan of Service: D. Professional Development for Library Advocates – MHLS will work with the SSAC to plan and conduct regional conferences on an awareness/advocacy topic of broad interest to libraries.

Tom questioned whether migrating to a new ILS is an option. Laurie explained there are many features in Sierra that we can have turned on. Innovative can come and do an audit of our system. The consensus was that a list of these options should be made available to the member libraries as soon as possible. Laurie stated that negotiating with SyrsiDynix gives us leverage in negotiating with Innovative. Innovative will roll over our current contract for one year, but won't renegotiate unless it's for a new contract. The committee believes it would be a mistake to focus on migration before we know what we could have with our current product. Because of the pressing timeline, it was recommended that the topic for the October DA workshop be changed to "Sierra Options." No change to the Plan of Service is recommended at this time.

B. NYLA Annual Conference Attendance Grants

Recommendations: Grants should be "matching," and range from \$250-\$500, depending on

available funds. “Trustees” should be removed from B1 and C1. Julie will bring these recommendations to the ad hoc committee on NYLA support. Tom requested that ad hoc committee members be listed for the DA.

New Business:

- A. October 4th DA Workshop Planning – Tom hasn’t received a response from Marist. As noted above, the topic will be changed to “Sierra Options,” and focus on enhancements/things we may not know about Sierra.
- B. Annual Appreciation Luncheon (November 15th) – MHLS will provide paper goods and soda. Tom will prepare the flyer. The SSAC will arrange the caterer and cleanup. Tom will talk about this at the September DA meeting.

We will plan the 2019 meetings at the October 4th SSAC meeting.

Thea moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted

Gina Loprinzo, Assistant Secretary