President’s Report  
February 24, 2022

Library Advocacy/NYLA Advocacy Day

Showing our state legislators that libraries have strong support in their communities can help influence current budget negotiations. Digital communication makes this so much easier and less time consuming.

Here is information how to participate in the New York Library Association’s (NYLA) advocacy day

[Link to NYLA Advocacy Day](https://www.nyla.org/lad2022/?menukey=advocacy)

Most importantly, please try to attend the online meeting with our new State Senator Mike Martucci. His support will be important if we hope to get state or country funding for our Library renovation. Unlike previous years, you don’t have to give up a whole day of your life to take a bus to Albany. Just register for the meeting using the link below

Meeting with State Senator Mike Martucci: 3/2/22  1:15  on line
Register:  [https://www.nyla.org/lad2022/?menukey=advocacy#Librarian/Library%20Worker/Trustee/Friend](https://www.nyla.org/lad2022/?menukey=advocacy#Librarian/Library%20Worker/Trustee/Friend)

Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws

I have formed a new ad hoc committee to “review Elting Library’s current bylaws and recommend updates and revisions to be presented to the Board in October, 2022, for consideration and to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting in January 2023.”

More specifically, The Committee will
- Make sure that Elting’s policies and operating procedures are in accordance with the Bylaws
- Explore the possibility of changing the Annual Meeting to December in order to approve the following year’s operating budget.
- Make sure that there are no discrepancies between Robert Rules of Order and New York State law.

Board Development

Fully understanding our roles and responsibilities as board members and keeping up with recent trends, developments and changes in Library governance, will help make us more effective board members.
MHLS provides many opportunities for personal development. I highly recommend that all new trustees read the Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State which is accessible online through the MHS website


In addition, MHLS has many opportunities to learn more about specific aspects of the Handbook though its series Trustees Handbook Book Club. The next one is on Risk Management and Library Policies. Register Here:


**LRP review**

The first annual review of our 2020-2023 Long Range Plan of Service will begin in March

**Reminders**

Please complete the Conflict of Interest Form if you have not done so.

Committee Chairs: please send me your monthly meeting date so they can be added to the Board Calendar.