

## Expectations/Accountability Guidelines for MCLS Board Members

Serving on the MCLS Board of Trustees is both a privilege and a responsibility. Listed below are opportunities/expectations for all MCLS Board members. This list is meant to be informative for new board members and a reminder for all board members during their time of service on the board. While not exhaustive, the examples are meant to be helpful expectations for those seeking to serve the Monroe County Library System.

1. **Regular attendance to all board and committee meetings.** If a board member needs to be absent it is expected that they will inform the board president or committee chair. (Board members serve a five-year term unless appointed to complete an unexpired term. The board does not meet in July or December, unless unexpected business occurs.)
2. **Regular active participation at board and committee meetings.** Your questions and observations are vital to the functioning and business of the board and committees.
3. **Serving on at least one committee of the board.** MCLS has a variety of standing committees and occasional special committees that allow the board to do its work each year.
4. **Participation in occasional workshops and board development opportunities.** MCLS is a dynamic system. Staying current with local, state, and national library issues is important. Many opportunities representing a variety of topics and issues are available each year, both in-person, and on-line. Some of these are local while others are at the state and national level.
5. **Occasional attendance at MCLS related programs/events.** Throughout the year there are many programs/events sponsored by libraries within the MCLS community. Book discussions, author lectures, art shows, exhibits, musical presentations, student presentations, awards ceremonies and much more.
6. **Other.** The world of libraries is complex and diverse. Many other opportunities may arise that will be helpful to individual board members related to their service to the MCLS. Board members are encouraged to share such opportunities with the board as they learn of them.

The above items will help inform potential new board members on what is expected of MCLS board membership. It will also provide a sense of accountability as a board member continues work on the board. We are a community serving our community. Interacting and growing together as a board serves both the MCLS Board and the larger community.