VALID OLS Implementation Taskforce - VOIT
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The VALID OLS Implementation Taskforce (VOIT) is charged with investigating specific issues, devising specifications, and operationalizing the policies developed by the VALE OLS Steering Committee including but not limited to software, hardware, and networking, as they relate to functioning of the VALE OLS and migration of institutional data from existing individual integrated library systems to VALE OLS.

Part 1: Roster of Members

Grace Agnew	Rutgers University
Guy Dobson	Drew University
Ann Hoang	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Christopher Sterback	Rutgers University
Kurt Wagner (Chair)	William Paterson University
Yongming Wang	The College of New Jersey

Part 2: Summary of Achievements

- The Committee met 10 times this year, including a plenary meeting with the chairs of Cooperative Collection Management, Bibliographic Control and Metadata, and Reference Services, a joint meeting with VOSC and a meeting at which representatives from Kuali-OLE presented.
- In August 2011 VOIT drafted charges for the Bibliographic Control and Metadata, Cooperative Collection Management, Reference Services and Resource Sharing Committees. These supplemental charges leveraged the knowledge and diversity of the committees' membership to work on tasks including documentation of existing cataloging, collection development and circulation policies and characterization of desirable search interface features.
- In September 2011 VOIT delivered an annual report (VOIT-FY2011-report-to-Exec.doc) to the Executive Committee. In this report VOIT said that its main focus in FY11-12 will be the server specification and discovery tool recommendation, and these goals were met. VOIT said that it needed to have closer collaboration with working groups within VALE committees focusing on policy and data normalization and migration, and progress was made on these fronts.
- In November 2011 Wagner co-presented with Pavlovsky at Kuali Days 2011 "Going It Together: VALE's Plan to Implement Kuali OLE in a Consortial Environment" (http://kuali.org/sites/default/files/ole/KD2011_VALE.pdf).

- In January 2012 VOIT members demonstrated the VUFind interface at the VALE Users Conference.
- In March 2012 VOIT delivered a penultimate recommendation on a discovery interface to VOSC.
- In March 2012 VOIT delivered a final recommendation on a server platform to VOSC.

As chair, it has been my pleasure to lead the efforts of VOIT and try to operationalize the vision and direction defined by the VALID OLE Steering Committee. I feel privileged to have worked with a team of professionals who exemplify the cooperative and transformative spirit at the heart of the VALID project:

- Grace Agnew for bringing to our work her great experience, insight and resourcefulness. She inspires us to contribute as much as is possible to this project.
- Guy Dobson, whose willingness to learn and ability to quickly understand and implement has made this newest member of our team a valuable asset. Guy's efforts to explore the potential of Extensible Catalog this year were significant.
- Ann Hoang, with a wide perspective and involvement on multiple committees in VALE, she sees the big picture, cares deeply about OLE and provides us with vision and leadership.
- Christopher Sterback brings the diverse talents of a Rutgers University library systems administrator to our table, and provides an essential set of data analysis, processing, and evaluation abilities to the work we do.
- Yongming Wang, for his leadership in administering the test implementations of VUFind and Blacklight. In particular, for his work investigating the VUFind multi-driver connector to allow VUFind to display location and status from multiple ILSs.

Part 3: Issues to be considered further

- Create instances of VUFind and Blacklight on Amazon Web Services (cloud hosted service) and continue evaluation based on Reference Services Committee input.
- Coordination of CCM, BCMC, and RSC work on gathering existing VALE member policies with regards to collection management, cataloging, and circulation/resource sharing in order to draft "VALID shared" profiles for further consideration.

Part 4: Recommended objectives for next fiscal year

- Complete comparison of VUFind, Blacklight and (if possible) Extensible Catalog on the AWS platform and make a final recommendation.
- Continue coordination of Committee efforts and produce an initial "VALID shared" set of profiles.
- Continue to characterize data cleanup and processing tasks for Alpha and Beta participants and create initial merged database.
- Install OLE and make preliminary assessment of functionality.

Part 5: Statement of resources desired/needed

- Consultation and involvement of server administrator personnel may be required to adequately configure and assess our OLE + discovery tool initial implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt W. Wagner

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