

VALE Values Group Meeting Summary

April 30, 2014 10AM to noon

Rutgers U. Alexander Library Administration Conference Room

Present: Elizabeth Leonard (Interim Convener), Mark Thompson (VALE Exec Committee rep.), Amy Beth, Jeanne Boyle, Christine Wolff, Mary Marks, Gary Schmidt, Davida Scharf, Mary Mallery, Jia Mi, Luis Rodriguez, Pamela Price, Lanzhen Tian, Lisa Laskaris, Judith Lin Hunt.

1) Introductions: Elizabeth Leonard, Chair of the VALE Assessment Committee, thanked Mark Thompson, who had been the VALE Value Group Convener but then stepped up to serve on the VALE Executive Board. In the absence of a new convener, Elizabeth convened this VALE Values Group meeting on an interim basis. The VALE Values Group is an informal group of VALE NJ member librarians founded in 2011 by Anne Ciliberti and Luis Rodriguez. The Group has meetings three or four times per year to discuss efforts to and since 2013, the Group is sponsored by the VALE Assessment Committee. Mary Mallery nominated Luis Rodriguez to serve as the new convener, he accepted the nomination, and the Group approved Luis Rodriguez, Director of Raritan Valley Community College Library, as the new VALE Values Group Convener.

2) VALE CAO Survey Proposal Follow-up

Leonard reported that the VALE Assessment Committee met on March 7th and considered the current state of the CAO Survey proposal from the VALE Values Group meeting on November 25th. The VALE AES Committee members attending the March meeting recommended going forward with creating a CAO survey instrument, but first we will do some research into more current methods of CAO Surveys, such as the Ithaca S&R national surveys because Barbara Fister's original CAO Survey was somewhat informal and completed in 2010 for a Library Journal article, which was published in 2011, and some of the questions refer to issues that were important at that time, but the survey is dated and has questionable methodology. To further our work in this field, the VALE AES Committee recommended that we hold a Survey Workshop in the Fall, which will be focused on current and best practices in conducting these kinds of surveys.

Mark Thompson reported on the first VALE Community College Caucus meeting in late March, where the CAO Survey came up. Instead of the current design, the group proposes instead a discussion group, i.e., a meeting between all of the CAOs and all of the Library Deans/Directors in NJ. Amy Beth (Bergen CC) provided an example of this exercise from the Massachusetts academic library consortium MCCLPHEI, where it was done with all public institutions participating. At that event, the topic was related to one that was discussed at our recent meeting: "Fitting in/Finding out- How to integrate Library into academe enterprise." CAOs were asked to speak or be on a panel. This stimulated pre-meeting conversations between Directors and their CAOs. Mary Mallery thought this forum would work well as part of the annual NJEDGE Conference CAO/Executive Dinner, and Amy Beth volunteered to follow up on this idea and propose it to NJEDGE and get back to the Group on her progress.

3) ACRL Revised Framework for Information Literacy Standards Discussion Webinar

Davida Scharf reported on attending a Webinar to discuss ACRL Revised Framework for Info Literacy Standards. In Spring 2014, the task force held two open online forums so that ACRL members and others could share their perspective on the initial draft the framework. The forums were held:

- Friday, April 4, 2014, 11am Pacific/12pm Mountain/1pm Central/2pm Eastern ([Watch the recording](#) or download [presentation PDF](#))
- Thursday, April 17, 2014, 8am Pacific/9am Mountain/10am Central/11am Eastern ([Watch the recording](#) or download [presentation PDF](#))

Go to the following ACRL page for more information and links to the two documents and information on how to contribute to the consultation.

http://acrl.ala.org/ilstandards/?page_id=133 Scharf noted that there will be more discussion at the upcoming ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas June 25-28th.

4) Middle States Commission on Higher Education Revisions to Characteristics of Excellence Mary Mallery reported that the VALE Members Council discussed the changes to the Middle States Characteristics of Excellence especially in reference to information literacy at the January 31st meeting, and the ACRL New Jersey Chapter has worked with the ACRL Maryland Chapter on putting together talking points for librarians who attended the March 27th Middle States Town Hall meeting in Philadelphia on this issue. Pamela Price, Paul Glassman and Mary Mallery attended from New Jersey. Also, a formal letter from the VALE Executive Committee and the ACRL-NJ Chapter Executive Board and signed by Gracemary Smulewitz and Taras Pavlovsky was sent to Middle States and is posted on the ACRL-NJ Chapter Website at: <http://cus.njla.org/node/541>

5) VALE Assessment Fair, July 17th, Planning

Mark Thompson reported that the VALE Executive Committee had approved the VALE Assessment Committee proposal and budget for a fourth annual VALE Assessment Fair. The date will be July 17th, and the VALE Assessment Committee will be co-sponsoring this year with the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee. Elizabeth Leonard asked for input from the group on the idea of a new format for the Fair, where each poster session presenter would give a 10-minute presentation on their topics, which was approved. Also, the venue of Rutgers U. Scholarly Communication Center was discussed, and Mallery proposed exploring the possibility of Rutgers U. Livingston Student Center, where she had recently attended the NJ State Data Alliance Symposium, which also had posters and presentations simultaneously presented, and the venue worked out well. Elizabeth Leonard said she would follow up on this. All VALE Values Group members were encouraged to submit poster session proposals for

the VALE Assessment Fair.

6) NCES Academic Library Survey Transition into IPEDS 2014

Mary Mallery shared a draft chart (attached) comparing the Academic Library Survey contents and distribution with the new IPEDS Academic Library component from Bao Le, Survey Director National Center for Education Statistics IPEDS, for discussion. The IPEDS ALS integration will start with the 2014 IPEDS.

7) Good of the Order: Announcements

* Jeanne Boyle and Mary Mallery announced that Montclair State U. and Rutgers U. Libraries were the two NJ institutions with projects accepted to the ACRL Assessment in Action (AiA) Program second cohort. Applications for the third and final cohort will open in early 2015. For more information , see the AiA Website at: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/AiA>

Action Items:

- * Elizabeth Leonard will work with Jeanne Boyle and Christine Wolff on Rutgers U. venue for VALE Assessment Fair on July 17th.
- * Amy Beth will follow up on NJEDge Conference CAO Executive Dinner library integration forum idea
- * Mary Mallery will follow up with information about the IPEDS ALS integration in 2014.
- * Luis Rodriguez, Director, Raritan Valley Community College Library, accepted the group's nomination to be the VALE Values Group Convener
- * Next meeting: Mid to late August at Raritan Valley Community College.

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