

Summary of Recurring Themes
From June 2016 VALE Members' Council Meeting Small Group Discussions

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- Website update/revamp should be a high priority
- Users' Conference is still highly valued and should be continued
- Additional collaboration / professional development opportunities provided by VALE would be strongly welcomed, even if just networking-type events with Members' Council
- There is a continuing need to make sure communication with Members' Council by Executive Committee is strengthened, and continues to answer the question "what is going on" with VALE
- VALE as a buying club is still considered very important, and VALE should seek ways to continue to make it cost effective
- Researching what other consortia are doing, to see if there is anything applicable to us, was seen as a good idea
- Having VALE become more of an advocacy/politically active group in state-wide library affairs was supported in more than one group
- The idea of a shared catalog, post-VALID, is still of interest, but perhaps should be re-envisioned? Maybe it isn't open source? Have the needs of members on this topic changed? More input from members is needed as to specifically what should be pursued.

We think these ideas from Members' Council could serve as a starting point for setting the future priorities of VALE.