

Committee / Sub-Committee	Proposed focus
GROUP PURCHASING	Oversees and assesses group purchasing activities: identifies, evaluates and recommends acquiring e-resources.
OUTREACH	Coordinates communications.
--Website / Portal	Oversees and assesses VALE's website.
--User Conference / Events	Produces, oversees and assesses the Users Conference and similar events.
PLANNING & ASSESSMENT	Facilitates preparation and oversees implementation of the strategic plan; spearheads evaluation of VALE services and programs and partners with VALE committees and sub-committees to institute assessment across VALE.
SCHOLARLY CONTENT & COMMUNICATION	Creates and oversees digitization and repository services; researches and consults on open access, authors' copyrights and other issues pertaining to access, preservation and curation of scholarly work products.
VALID	(from Orbis-Cascade: we can rename)
--Cataloging	Maintains quality standards for the central catalog. Creates policies and procedures concerning all metadata for all members to follow.

--Circ / ResSharing	Investigates and promotes methods of resource sharing through the union catalog and inter-library loan; recommends policies and guidelines accordingly.
--Discovery & Delivery	Assesses usability of VuFind and efficacy of patron-driven ILL requesting.
--Serials / ERM	Maintains the configuration, operation and enhancement of the ERM system managed by the consortium.
--Systems	Implements and supports the OLE shared library system: upgrades, patches, troubleshooting, etc.

Comments

I agree with Scott that this position should be an internal one ultimately and that we should look to WALDO and other consortia as Rich suggested. Nevertheless, contracts are in place and the status quo must be maintained. Note that Rich said that this group works on production software purchases as well.

In addition to overseeing the website and Conference, this group also might try to establish connections to those external to the library community who are committed to academic research.

At our Members Council retreat many said the current site is deficient and would like to see a portal-like environment offered to members. Perhaps if we start with the product we'd like to achieve we could move to figuring out the unit we need to create the product. It may need a permanent employee.

The conference works for us and it can serve as a concession to those who appreciate VALE's former activities by including all kinds of sessions. I'm confident we can change the tenor of the conference over time if necessary and don't share the angst some expressed about the quality of performances. Until I offer stellar presentations at the conference, I'll hold my tongue about the efficacy of the other performers.

I need help with fleshing out this committee, which could have sub-committees, but you get the drift.

Steering Committee morphs into Project Manager(s) to whom teams report. Project manager(s) will act as financial officers in the early stages of the endeavor.
