Executive Committee Workshop
Reflection on Member Council Session (afternoon)

- Reflection on results of the Member Council workshop...
- Who else is needed to engage with what questions?
- MVC needs... get and want?
- A new operating structure...
- Summary...
Who does VALE need to hear from?
Exec. Comm. needs to talk more about the future.

What questions do we ask them?
How to make collaboration more central to VALE?
Follow the money. More services means more $$.

College administrators
Our end users
Potential partners
Other consortia

Help us clarify who we are and what we can stand for.
Facilitate campus conversations & adopt implementation.

Can you find what you’re looking for?
How can we help each other?

Among academics, tech, libraries.
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What do we get?
- Corporate status
- Institutional support
- Improved communication w/ a parallel org. w/ muscle

What do we want?
- Our role stays clear as a partner, not sub-set of IT
- Help IS understand librarians are valid variants
- Help in figuring out how to get members to pay for new full services
- Help of the presidents
- More complex to learn from it
If we don't start from scratch and operate structure, consider what the other consortium delivers.

- What would the go-forward structure look like?
  - Something that's not a committee, could be an interest group.

- Use committees that do work and report to the exec committee?
  - Yes, committees should be tied to priorities and answerable to dir.

- Create interest groups for learning?
  - Yes, doesn't take any mgmt time.

- Add employees or contractors because?
  - Beyond what we have now...

- If we stay flat and volunteer, how far will that get us?
  - Burnout.

- In near term, stay w/ contractors or part-timers for discrete deliverables.

- An exec dir may be required down the road for advocacy, grants, etc.

- Going forward, every project has to be operationalized.
Closing...

Conclusions?
- Cont. the conversation
- maybe have 2-3 meetings on strategy per year
- Bring raised to closure by 3/1/15

Open questions?
- Is the current exec comm. structure right?
- Create a steering group of the larger group of authority

Next steps?
- Be more deliberate w/ deadlines
- By next July, have a plan in place adding more prov. staff