

# VALE

## Exec. 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?

✓ Summary...

✓ NtEDGE...  
get and want?

✓ A new  
operating  
structure...

# Based on the conversation with the member council...

What are the areas of alignment?

A conversation about libraries & librarians

the distinction between

Not sure exec. comm. is best about evaluating member needs

Current structure of supporting the org. isn't sustainable

Acknowledgement that special projects need special resources

More transparency & communication w/in VALE

What are the areas of concern?

future of VALD w/in VALE?

Meeting needs of special groups

Issues of inclusion by community colleges

money spent on VALD  
inability to attend mtgs

Collectively address issues of policy

A diversifying membership (proprietaries, etc.)

w/ proprietaries, not sure I want to share if values aren't aligned

is a member a member?

We don't offer a lot of services

Staffing

if you stay volunteer, you'll need to scale back

in the other consortiums, they're staffed, we're not

The services of the other consortiums didn't grab the imagination

VALD isn't going to define the entire membership

what are the draft priorities for the next 24 months?

Survey members to get priority needs

what's in common, what isn't

The communication piece

4 of the 6 are VITAL based

Look at the 6 priorities again

Investigate the best way to tier the membership

- what have we done

- what we are going to do  
- not going to do

Tiering is a way of differentiating based on needs

Making more explicit how purchasing occurs

How to best serve the librarians and serve the orgs.

its also resource-sharing

we built something important about the conversation

its more than just purchasing

we had today

what are the things that VICE could facilitate

lets not throw baby out w/ bathwater

members coming together to buy

that aren't on the current list

e.g. institutional repository hosted by Rutgers w/ others

buying in at varying levels

based on today looking beyond the exec, comm, and member council ...

Who does VALE need to hear from?

What questions do we ask them?

Exec. Comm needs to talk more about the future

How to make collaboration more central to VALE?

for 1 hr. at every mtg.

College administrations

Follow the money

more services means more \$

Our end users

Can you find what you're looking for

Potential partners

How can we help each other

Other consortiums

Facilitate campus conversations + about implementation

help us clarify who we are

and what we can hand off

among academics, tech, libraries

# NT Edge ...

What do we get?

Corporate status

Institutional support

Improved communication w/ a parallel org. with muscle

the CEO's and academic leaders

An enhanced understanding of org. development

NT Edge is more complex - something to learn from it

What do we want?

Our role stays clear as a partner, not subset of IT

Help IT understand librarians are valid variants

Help in figuring out how to get members to pay for new VALL services

help w/ the presidents

# What chair stated is operating structure and started from scratch...

consider what the other consortium deliver...

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 mgt. time

a minimal # has to participate

review every 3 yrs. to re-up

Add employees or contractors because?

beyond what we have now...

Yes - valid is the first project

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

Going forward, for every project has to be operationalized

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

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

Burnout

# Closing...

Conclusions  
?

Cont. the  
conversation

maybe  
have 2-3 mtgs.  
on strategy  
per year

Bring VALD to  
closure by  
7/1/15

Be more  
deliberate w/  
deadlines

By next July have  
a plan in place  
adding more  
prof. staff

Open  
questions  
?

Is the current  
exec comm.  
structure right?

create  
a steering grp.  
w/ the larger  
group w/  
authority

Next  
steps  
?

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