



Members' Council Meeting
Rider University
January 23, 2015

Attending: Judy Avrin (VALE); Amy Beth (Bergen CC); Linda Beninghove (Stevens Inst. Of Technology); Jeane Boyle (Rutgers U.); John Buschman (Seton Hall University); Ed Christenson (Monmouth); Judy Cohn (Rutgers U.); Linda Connors (Drew U.); Janet Marler (Atlantic Cape CC); Heather Craven (CCM); Jane Crocker (Gloucester CC); Colleen Dazé (NJSL); Paul Glassman (William Paterson U.); David Hardgrove (St. Peter's U.); Barbara Laynor (Camden CC); Mary Marks (FDU); Michelle Martin (Burlington CC); Kathleen Melilli (TESC); Scott P. Muir (Rowan); Cheryl O'Connor (LibraryLinkNJ); Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ); Pamela Price (Mercer CCC); Gary Schmidt (FDU); Fran Scott (Georgian Court U.); Richard Sweeney (NJIT); Mark Thompson (Middlesex CC); Joe Toth (Richard Stockton College); Amira Ünver (College of St. Elizabeth); Carol VanHouten (Hudson CCC); Nancy Weiner (William Paterson U.)

1. Introduction (Amy Beth)

Amy welcomed Council members to the January 23 meeting and especially welcomed new members and thanked the host of this meeting.

2. VALE Updates (Taras Pavlovsky)

- Since NJEdge.net is the fiduciary agent, each institution must provide certification of tax exempt status. Please provide the appropriate documentation as soon as possible to Pam Hersh (pjherh@njascu.org)

3. LibraryLinkNJ (Cheryl O'Connor)

- Please see Attachment A for updates.

4. State Library Update (Colleen Dazé)

- Please see Attachment B for updates.

5. NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ (Nancy Weiner)

- Please see Attachment C for updates.

6. VALE (Judy Avrin)

- The VALE Users' Conference had over 270 attendees; rolling registration for community colleges worked very well.
- Discussion regarding sending non-MLS professionals to attend the conference, however,

there are capacity issues. Where does VALE go with this? Suggestions included using a larger venue which had been explored in the past, but cost was an issue. NJALA has an event, however, it is probably not applicable to this audience; next year this event will be held around the same time as the Users' Conference.

7. Summaries from Breakout Groups Regarding VALE Future Direction

Three groups considered seven questions regarding VALE future directions (Questions Attachment D.) Below is a summary of each group's feedback.

- Group 1: Joe Toth
 - Structures/Committees, Q1-3: Creating three major areas of VALE: shared services, users' conference (aggressive with regionality), emerging technologies.
 - Executive Committee members included in each group:
 - What can we offload to other organizations?
 - We are serving libraries, not librarians.
 - Simplify and communicate (VALE website more like a portal;)
 - What cuts across boundaries?
 - What is new and exciting that other people are doing?
 - Need a written strategic plan
- Group 2: Scott Muir
 - Have committees lost their mission? Unedited minutes need to be sent from the Executive Committee.
 - Shared reciprocal borrowing; shared technical support
 - Open ed. resources; pilot projects
 - Purchase and share software, i.e., language
 - Needs of library schools
 - How else can we reach out to legislators?
 - Can we reach out to other organizations and learn from them?
 - Quarterly Executive Committee summaries
 - Use of podcasts.
 - VALE mentor/toolkits
 - Are we sharing what we are facing?
 - Use lunch and learns via teleconference on special topics.
- Group 3: Taras Pavlovsky
 - View through the lens of is it a service that VALE can offer to your institutions?
 - Keep electronic resources, digital media, and website as crucial to the organization. All others? Cut loose?
 - Communication: South Jersey feels like a stepchild. Use of videoconferencing, distributed sessions, PR annually with administration, new VALE members orientation.
 - Need education about NJEDge.net. It is obvious they are spread too thin. CIO's meet regularly. Be clear and deliberate in expectations in agreements.

Respectfully submitted,
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