



Members Council Meeting

Hennessy Hall, The College of New Jersey

September 23, 2011

Attending: Judy Avrin (VALE); F. William Chickering (Rider); Jane Crocker (Gloucester CC); Colleen Daze (State Library); Greg Fallon (Passaic CCC); Marlena Frackowski (TCNJ); Marianne Gaunt (Rutgers); Laura Gewissler (Georgian Court); Judith Lin Hunt (Montclair); Nancy Madacsi (Centenary); Julie Maginn (Raritan Valley); Mary Marks (Fairleigh Dickinson); Barbara Miller (UMDNJ Camden); Cheryl O'Connor (LibraryLinkNJ); Peter Panos (Caldwell); Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ); Pamela Price (Mercer County); Luis Rodriguez (Kean); Andrew Scrimgeour (Drew); Liz Siecke (Ramapo); Mark Thompson (Middlesex CC); Mark Tolleson (CCM); Joe Toth (Ocean CC); Amira Ünver (College of St. Elizabeth); Rong Wang (Bergen); Bruce Whithman (Rowan); and guest, David Middleton (Seton Hall/Center for Mobile Research and Innovation)

1. President's welcome

Dr. R. Barbara Gitenstein, president of The College of New Jersey, welcomed Council members. Beginning with a quote by Emily Dickinson, Gitenstein focused on concerns for higher education. She stated that VALE needs to stress the most important values facing libraries today; that librarians must defend our solutions; and continually advocate why VALE is important, what matters at the core, and what we represent.

2. Introduction (Liz Siecke)

Liz Siecke offered some reflections of being at Ramapo College. She personally loves managing change; the trick is how to do it strategically. One needs to have control over the change. Moving on, she stressed how VALE is about collaboration and is a great service. She thanked The College of New Jersey for hosting the meeting, as well as Amira Ünver for her service as moderator the previous year.

3. Approval of minutes from June 2, 2011 meeting

- Laura Gewissler announced that she is now the director at Georgian Court University since Jacqui DaCosta returned to England. Laura raised a question regarding NJVid. It was decided to move this discussion to Old business/New business.
- Minutes were approved.

4. VALE Website link updates (Judy Avrin)

Judy Avrin made the request that institutional links be checked on a regular basis. A designated person should check links and send corrections to Judy.

5. OLS Update (Marianne Gaunt)

- Marianne Gaunt gave an OLS update. The test database is being developed. To date, 50,000 records from Alpha schools have been added. VuFind is a possibility. The committee is discussing how it would work with the consortium.
- The VALE Executive Committee will approve VALE committee charges regarding cleanup and policies.
- Other topics that remain include resource discovery issues, front-end issues, and cataloging and ILL issues.
- There will be a liaison for OLS to each VALE committee.
- The team is currently working on a Communications Plan.
- They are also looking into a possible business plan and may ask an outside consultant. This is only in the beginning stages.
- Kualii / VALE will be giving a presentation.
- A possible timeline question by Liz Sieke: Five alpha schools may be in production by 2015. There may be something to assess by 2012. Two main variables: Kualii's production, and additional VALE development.

6. ACRL-NJ news (Mark Thompson)

- Mark Thompson, president of NJLA CUS/ACRL NJ, announced the section's leadership: Eleonora Dubicki is past chair and Denise O'Shea is current Vice Chair and President-Elect.
- All information is on website: <http://cus.njla.org/>
- The section continues to discuss *The Value of Academic Libraries* and is fostering state discussions at the national conference. The Research Committee is involved. Additional notes are available on the website.
- For the VALE Conference, the theme is on change and possible skill sets for demands.
- NJLA Annual Conference will be May 14-16. A location is still being sought.
- Committee chairs will send out request for nominations for awards shortly (Research, Technology, and Distinguished Service).

7. LibraryLinkNJ and QandANJ update (Cheryl O'Connor)

- QandANJ will continue until December 31, 2011:
 - At the recommendation of the NJLA Virtual Reference Task Force, the NJLA Board asked the NJ State Library to continue to fund QandANJ until the end of the year. The LibraryLinkNJ Board approved the use of up to \$40,000 to fund and manage the service until the end of the year. NJLA will develop and

- implement a process to solicit volunteer service payments from NJ libraries for the three-month extension period for reimbursement to LibraryLinkNJ. The NJLA Virtual Reference Task Force is working to develop and find funding for a new virtual reference service for January 2012.
- There is a signed Memorandum of Understanding between LibraryLink NJ and NJLA regarding the cooperative's primary responsibilities and NJLA's primary responsibilities during the final three-month extension period.'
 - Delivery Service: there is a contract with Velocity for 2012. It's a massive service with 491 libraries, 1850 stops per week and 94,000 stops annually.
 - Continuing Education: what do libraries want regarding staff development? The cooperative also bought seats for ALA programs.
 - Statewide Strategic Planning: Judy Cohn of UMDNJ accepted the invitation to represent VALE on the Statewide Strategic Planning Advisory Committee.
 - Question regarding delivery service eligibility and criteria for funding after merging cooperatives. Answer: may result in change in frequency.
 - Question regarding the prices for staff development. Answer: it depends.

8. VALE Updates (Taras Pavlovsky)

- Taras Pavlovsky thanked Cheryl O'Connor for her leadership.
- Taras introduced new directors and new faces to the group.
- The VALE Executive Committee will discuss orientation for new directors and perhaps implement a mentoring program.
- The VALE Executive Committee continues the 501c3 process. The committee would need to revise Bylaws to support that.
- The VALE Conference is January 5, 2012 at Rutgers (Busch campus). Call for proposals have gone out. See the website for all the details: <http://www.valenj.org/conference/2012/program>. Keynote speaker is Brian Matthews.
- A Triennial Report is being prepared and should be ready by the conference if not earlier. It is entirely a volunteer editorial board.
- A new cycle of strategic goals/planning will begin shortly.
- The VALE Executive Board is looking at a service learning agreement with NJEdge.

9. Budget Updates (Taras Pavlovsky on behalf of Anne Ciliberti)

- Reported on current totals.
- Payments for databases need to be received ASAP.

10. State Library Updates (Colleen Daze)

- NJSL will be doing a Boomer Conference at the Taj Mahal on December 9th. This is in lieu of an Early Literacy Conference. The Boomer Conference is part of the diversity series. It is modeled after California's conference and it explores libraries'

services to this unique and growing population. On June 2, 2012, is the Trustee Institute at the Sheraton, Eatontown. More information will be forthcoming.

- Head of Library Development Peggy Cadigan, and new Business Library Consultant Jennifer Podolsky, had a meeting with the Lt. Governor's Chief of Staff and the Head of the Business Action Center for the State of New Jersey to discuss what libraries can do to improve economic development in the state through helping small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- The new NJSL Head of Marketing starts September 26th. Her name is Tiffany McClary. She is from Dow Jones Factiva where she worked with the Special Library Association.
- State Library budget priorities for FY2013 are now up on the website. They go to the Office of Management and Budget on October 1st. Legislative visits are being conducted to discuss the budget priorities as well as other legislative topics with legislators.
- Next month's Conversation with the State Librarian podcast will be an update of the BTOP Grant with Natasha Peter, director of BTOP and Lisa Bogart, Somerset County Library System, using the BTOP training and equipment. The podcast will be on Tuesday, October 11th, at 10 a.m.

11. Old business/New business

- A discussion regarding NJVid: strategies were shared/budget for delivery of non-content
- Marianne gave a detailed historical account of the service
- A Memorandum of Agreement is needed/licensing agreement issues as well
- Luis Rodriguez mentioned the increase in pricing of ACS as being unreasonable.
- Mark Tolleson mentioned if anyone knew of alternatives to obtaining access to *Star Ledger* except through Star Ledger.

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