

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS' COUNCIL MEETING
VALE NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 29, 2015
Rutgers University**

FINAL

Attendees: Judy Avrin, Linda Beninghove, John Buschman, Annie Chatterjee, Steve Chudnick, Mary Chute, Judy Cohn, Heather Craven, Jane Crocker, Colleen Daze, Greg Fallon, Mark Ferguson, Sisalee Hecht, Judith Lin Hunt, Sara Keegan, Joe Louderback, Elizabeth Leonard, Kathy Melilli, Scott Muir, Edward Owusu-Ansah, Taras Pavlovsky, Pamela Price, Donna Rosinski-Kauz, Annemarie Rosscello, Gary Schmidt, Frances Scott, Rich Sweeney, Joe Toth, Carol Van Houten, Susan Wengler

Joe Toth, acting as moderator, called the business meeting to order at 9:35 am. The meeting was held at the Alexander Library at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Attending members introduced themselves.

INTRODUCTION:

- Toth announced that at the last Executive Committee meeting reciprocal borrowing was discussed. He and Heather Craven, on behalf of VALE, will contact VALE Website Committee Chair Tony Joachim for additional information.
- Judy Cohn reported that volunteers are needed among VALE members to fill committee positions. Cohn, Greg Fallon, and Taras Pavlovsky have volunteered for committees but there is still a vacancy for the purchasing and licensing committee.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS UPDATE

- There was discussion if the caucus will re-group and continue.

VALID UPDATE

- Pavlovsky presented an update on VALID. He discussed the flexibility VALE would have in choosing specific features of the program. Toth asked about the status of testing universal borrowing through VALID.
- Pavlovsky stated that the VALE steering committee is preparing a business plan.

- John Buschman inquired about the timeline of VALID's completion; Pavlovsky estimated that it could possibly be complete by 2017.
- Toth stated the importance of VALE members voicing their opinions and views on VALE issues.

ACRL-NJ NEWS

- Elizabeth Leonard, ACRL president, reported that ACRL is working with the NJLA on the 2016 NJLA conference, "All Together Now," scheduled for May 16 – 18, 2016 at Harrah's in Atlantic City.
- Leonard announced that ACRL proposals for the NJLA are due no later than 11/13/15 and there is a Values Group meeting on 11/10/15.
- Leonard explained ACRL's relationship to and affiliation with different sections and organizations within the New Jersey library system.
- Leonard reported that there was great interest in the Users Conference selection of Dan Russell, of Google, as the guest speaker.

LIBRARY LINKNJ UPDATE

- Mary Chute reported that a search committee is being used to hire an executive director for LibraryLinkNJ.
- Chute reported that the New Jersey State Library recently hosted other state librarians at a meeting in Cape May, New Jersey.
- Chute distributed the State Librarian Update, her report to COSLA on IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions), and a copy of the state library 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan.
- Chute displayed a copy of the Librarian's Disaster Planning & Community Resiliency Guidebook/Workbook.

NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY

- Chute reported that a grant proposal was submitted to PSEG and Eileen Morales has been hired as a Grants Manager. Morales will begin employment on November 2, 2015.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Sweeney thanked Avrin for her help working with NJIT on VALE's financial agency and budget.
- Sweeney reported that there are two funds for VALE finances; one for operations and one for conferences.
- Sweeney reported that \$345,746 was transferred from the William Paterson financial account. VALE, as of 9/30/15, has a balance of \$423,737.07.

ELECTIONS

- Avrin explained the responsibilities of the position of Moderator. These include preparing an agenda, finding locations for meetings, arranging meeting details with the site's library director, working with Avrin. The Moderator serves a two-year term, and serves on the Executive Committee as a non-voting member.
- Gary Schmidt of Fairleigh Dickinson University was nominated and accepted the position of Moderator.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- Leonard asked that members review the Higher Education Secretary of Higher Education Licensure Rules – Proposed Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 9A:1 as it applies to information literacy. The deadline to submit comments to Eric Taylor, Director, Office of Licensure, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, 20 West State Street, 4th Floor, PO Box 542, Trenton, NJ, 08625-0542 is November 7, 2015.
- A motion was made by Jane Crocker that the VALE Members Council request the Executive Committee prepare a letter commenting on the value and importance of information literacy and libraries. Leonard seconded. Discussion ensued. Vote was taken, motion passed with one abstention.
- Leonard will draft a letter for submission to the Office of Secretary of Higher Education. The president of ACRL-NJ (Leonard) and the Executive Committee will sign on behalf of VALE members.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- Regarding Proposed By-Laws Revision: Article 5: Governance

Section 1: The Executive Committee

A: 5. Shall read: A representative from NJEDge.Net is an ex officio member. The

NJEDge representative shall be the President and CEO of NJEDge.Net or a Vice-President designated by the President and CEO. The NJEDge representative is a voting member.

A motion was made by Sweeney to accept the proposed; Pavlovsky seconded. Vote taken, motion passed.

Section 2: Officers of the Executive Committee

A: Shall Read: The work of the Executive Committee is organized under the leadership of a Chairperson, elected from among its voting members. The chair may be re-elected.

B. of original document – omitted.

D. of original document, now C. Shall read: A Vice chairperson shall be elected from among the members of the Executive committee. Duties of the position include serving as the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and coordination of the work and memberships of the various VALE sub-committees. In cases where the chairperson of a committee is not a member of the Executive Committee, the Vice Chairperson shall appoint a member of the Executive Committee to serve as a liaison between the Executive Committee and the committee.

E. of original document, now D. Shall read: A Treasurer shall be elected among the members of the Executive Committee. Duties of the position include oversight of and reporting on all fiscal transactions made by VALE's fiduciary agent, NJEDge.Net, and acting as directed by the Chair of the Executive Committee. No employee of VALES's fiduciary agent shall serve as VALE's Treasurer.

F. of original document, now E. Shall read: All Executive Committee officers are elected to two-year terms; terms begin at the end of the July meeting of the Executive Committee. If the Chairperson's term as an Executive Committee member ends before his/her term as Chairperson, s/he will remain on the Executive Committee ex officio (voting member) to complete his/her term as chairperson. When the Vice-Chairperson or Treasurer leave the Executive Committee before their terms as Officers expire, the Chairperson will appoint a replacement from the members of the Executive committee.

A motion was made by Sweeney to accept the proposed; Pam Price seconded. Vote taken, motion passed.

Section 4: The Finance Committee – Omitted.

A motion was made by Buschman to accept the proposal; Fallon seconded. Vote taken, motion passed.

The next meeting of the Members Council will be held on Friday, February 5, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Sisalee M. Hecht

November 20, 2015

Recorder