

MINUTES OF THE VALE MEMBERS' COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2017
The College of New Jersey

Attendees: Judy Avrin, Linda Beninghove, Ed Chapel, Steve Chudnick, Mary Chute, Judy Cohn, Heather Cook, Heather Craven, Jane Crocker, Heather Dalal, Megan Dempsey, Sisalee Hecht, Ann Hoang, Kathy Juliano, Robert J. Lackey, Elizabeth Leonard, Judith Lin Hunt, Kathleen Melilli, Scott Muir, Margaret Nizolek, Marilyn Ochoa, Taras Pavlovsky, David Peterson, Pamela Price, Kathy Schalk-Greene, Liz Siecke, Joe Toth, Pat Tumulty, Kurt Wagner

Guest: James Keehbler (representing the New Jersey Library Association)

Joe Toth, acting as moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

INTRODUCTION:

- Toth reported on three projects that VALE is working on or has recently completed; the well-received Users' Conference in January 2017 hosted 216 attendees, Consortia Manager was implemented, and a new VALE website is being designed in coordination with NJEDge.net.

ACRL-NJ/NJLA CUS:

Heather Dalal reported on NJLA/ACRL. The first meeting for the 2018 VALE User's Conference will be held in July. Upcoming professional development is planned for July - one free webinar is scheduled to be viewed in five different locations.

VALE BUDGET:

- Taras Pavlovsky presented the VALE Budget Summary as of May 31, 2016. It reflected a refund of \$40,000 to Library Link of New Jersey. Consortia Manager was budgeted at \$22,000 for the annual licensing and one time set-up fee.

NJEDge.net:

- Ed Chapel of NJEdge presented an update on NJEdge's new direction. Chapel reported that several changes are reflected in the new strategic plan. He will be working closely with Scott Muir and Kurt Wagner in the development of a new VALE website.
- NJEdge is planning a Community Portal that will be focused on content and self-service.

LibraryLinkNJ:

- Kathy Schalk-Greene reported that LibraryLinkNJ is working on a revised strategic plan. Recent workshops were successful and an online focus group is being planned. Last week's

membership meeting was live-streamed. Schalk-Greene reported that bids for a new vendor for delivery services will be solicited this summer and a decision on a vendor should be made in November 2017.

New Jersey State Library:

- Margaret Nizolek of the New Jersey State Library reported that the LSTA 5 year grant 2018 – 2022 was submitted. Once approved, it will be available on the NJSL website. Nizolek mentioned the DPLA Symposium was held the previous day, and that libraries involved in digitization projects may be interested in learning more. She announced that registration for the Futures Conference on September 25-26, 2017 at the Borgata Hotel in Atlantic City will begin next week.
- Toth introduced Pat Tumulty, Executive Director, and James Keehbler, of the New Jersey Library Association. Tumulty and Keehbler reported that legislation has been introduced requiring certain ratios of school library media specialists to students in public schools. This legislation is the result of several surveys, one indicating that 20% of New Jersey public school libraries have no library staff. Tumulty and Keehbler spoke of the need for information literacy curricula and the current crisis of students' lack of preparation when they enter the college environment.

VALE Elections:

- Ann Hoang and Kurt Wagner announced nominees for the positions of FY18 VALE Executive Committee. Ballots were distributed and the following will hold positions:

2-year college sector – Marilyn Ochoa, Middlesex County College
4-year public sector – Taras Pavlovsky, The College of New Jersey
4-year independent sector – Linda Beninghove, Stevens Institute of Technology
Members' Council Recorder – Sisalee Hecht, Eastwick College
Members' Council Moderator – Steve Chudnick, Brookdale Community College
- The proposed budget was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Toth reported that Judy Avrin, VALE Business Manager and Coordinator, is retiring in October.
- Avrin reported on the status of Consortia Manager and requested that all members submit their FY18 database renewal information by Monday, June 19, 2017. The program is working well and feedback has been positive.

- New members Robert Lackey of Rider College and Dave Peterson of Rowan College at Burlington County were introduced.
- Toth invited newly elected Executive Committee members to attend the Council meeting.
- Megan Dempsey requested that the VALE Executive Committee consider a consortia membership in the Open Textbook Network.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Sisalee M. Hecht

Recorder