

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS' COUNCIL MEETING
VALE NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 19, 2016
Rutgers University**

Final

Attendees: Judy Avrin, Linda Beninghove, John Buschman, Annie Chatterjee, Steve Chudnick, Mary Chute, Judy Cohn, Heather Craven, Jane Crocker, Heather Dalal, Colleen Daze, Megan Dempsey, Greg Fallon, Sisalee Hecht, Judith Lin Hunt, Joe Louderback, Kathy Melilli, Taras Pavlovsky, Pamela Price, Sheri Prupis, Donna Rosinski-Kauz, Annemarie Roscello, Kathy Schalk-Greene, Gary Schmidt, Frances Scott, Rich Sweeney, Joe Toth, Amira Unver, Carol Van Houten, Kurt Wagner

Gary Schmidt, Moderator, called the business meeting to order at 9:40 am.

INTRODUCTION:

- New members Kurt Wagner of Monmouth University and Steve Chudnick of Brookdale Community College were introduced. In Elizabeth Leonard's absence, ACRL's incoming president Heather Dalal will address the Members' Council. Sheri Purpis is attending her first VALE meeting as a representative of NJEdge.

VALE UPDATE:

- Joe Toth stated that Taras Pavlovsky will present an update on VALID and Rich Sweeney will give an update on VALE's budget.

VALID UPDATE

- Wagner and Pavlovsky presented an update on VALID at the User's Conference. They reported that the project is not near final completion and will take more time than originally thought.
- LibraryLinkNJ gave VALE a \$40,000 grant for VALID. VALE will be entering into an intent for membership with OLE. VALE has agreed to act as a test bed for OLE. Discussion about software, loading functions, and programs in OLE was held.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS UPDATE

- There was discussion concerning the importance of the Community College Caucus and its continuation.

BUDGET REPORT

- Rich Sweeney reported that as of the beginning of 2016, VALE's account balances total approximately \$362,000. There are no current expenses for the VALID project.
- VALE is now a member of NJEdge.
- VALE is researching, and will be purchasing, Consortia Manager, a web-based program that allows consortia to streamline and manage the entire database licensing process. It will also provide member libraries access to all of their data through a member portal. Greg Fallon, Judy Cohn, Richard Kearney, and Judy Avrin are vetting the product. There is a lengthy implementation process and it will be ready for the FY18 renewal cycle. A demo will be scheduled for VALE members at some point in the future. The cost of the product will be approximately \$22,000 for 18 months.

ACRL-NJ/NJLA CUS UPDATE

- Heather Dalal reported that the ACRL offers free webinars featuring panelists who speak on subjects impacting college research libraries. Recent webinars were offered in the Fall of 2015 and February 3, 2016. The next webinar is scheduled for March 23, 2016.
- Dalal reported that 260 of the 312 registrants to the VALE User's Conference attended. The keynote speaker, Dan Russell, was positively received.
- The New Jersey Library Association annual conference will be held May 16th through May 18th, 2016 at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City. Schmidt encouraged VALE members to attend and show support to library community. The ACRL's scheduled speaker at the conference is Terry Reese. Reese will be addressing digital libraries.

LIBRARY LINKNJ UPDATE

- Kathy Shalk-Green reported that a delivery contract has been signed for 425 libraries across the state.
- Shalk-Green stated that Libray Link is partnered with VALE for the VALID project.
- Professional development and continuing education opportunities are offered by Library LinkNJ to members of VALE.

NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY

- Mary Chute reported that the NJSL is considering multi-year statewide database contracts for JerseyClicks that will be starting July 1, 2016.

- There will be RefUSA training in late February and April, 2016.
- The State Library is researching ways of involving second tier library administrators in the New Directors' workshop, including associate library directors and assistant library directors.
- Michelle Stricker of the NJSL is heading the disaster response and disaster preparedness programs for libraries.
- Chute reported that the NJSL will be introducing a new website, scheduled for February 29, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

- Annemarie Roscello asked members if anyone was interested in purchasing legal resources as a group. Several members expressed interest and they will communicate and discuss further.
- Toth and Dalal addressed the subject of committee organizations in VALE.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sweeney stated that PLOS1 and the implication of open access and education needs to be addressed. Schmidt introduced information about open access, article fees, grants, and institutions.
- Prupis stated that www.openeducationweek.org, is a website offering information about free international educational opportunities.
- The subject of open access will be re-addressed at VALE's summer Members' Council Meeting.
- Judith Lin Hunt reported on Middle States.
- Pavlovsky reported on VALE Rapid ILL document delivery. The average fill time is 9 days and the total requests for 2015 was 7316.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Schmidt reported that an inquiry was made to the VALE list-serv about library policies concerning students who have graduated.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Sisalee M. Hecht

Recorder