

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS' COUNCIL MEETING**  
**VALE NEW JERSEY**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 2017**  
**Mercer County Community College**

Attendees: Judy Avrin, Ed Chapel, Steve Chudnick, Judy Cohn, Heather Cook, Heather Dalal, Daisy DeCoster, Jeff Donnelly, Greg Fallon, Jenifer Gundry, Sisalee Hecht, Ann Hoang, Dena Leiter, Judith Lin Hunt, Ken Karol, Elizabeth Leonard, David Marks, Kathleen Melilli, Scott Muir, Margaret Nizolek, Marilyn Ochoa, Edward Owusu-Ansah, Taras Pavlovsky, Pamela Price, Donna Rosinski-Kauz, Kathy Schalk-Greene, Gary Schmidt, Lily Todorinova, Joe Toth, Kurt Wagner

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

**INTRODUCTION:**

- Dr. Jianping Wang, President of Mercer County Community College, welcomed VALE members to the college's campus.
- Gary Schmidt introduced new VALE member Jenifer Gundry of Princeton Theological Seminary and guest speakers Ken Karol of Passaic County Community College, Lily Todorinova of Rutgers University, and Martha Brozyna of Passaic County Community College.

**UPDATES:**

**VALE**

- Joe Toth reported that Donna Rozinski Kauz has replaced Carol Van Houten on the Executive Committee.
- Almost 300 VALE members attended the Users' Conference.
- Toth stated that all libraries should designate an administrator for the new Consortia Manager program.
- The VALE website will be updated and will follow the format of NJEDge's new website that is still in development.
- Toth reported that the Executive Committee will be discussing VALE's strategic planning at the afternoon's Executive Committee meeting.

**VALE BUDGET**

- Taras Pavlovsky reported on the budget. The Executive Committee will consider next year's budget in April.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS**

- Donna Rosinski-Kauz reported that there is some interest in streaming media and audio but it might be too costly. She asked members to contact her with ideas for resources.

### **ACRL-NJ/NJLA CUS**

- The VALE Assessment Special Interest Group has joined ACRL-NJ/NJLA, CUS.
- Heather Dalal reported that ACRL is working on the NJLA Conference. The conference is to be held on April 24 - 26, 2017, at Harrah's Convention Center in Atlantic City. VALE members can still submit posters for consideration. ACRL is sponsoring five sessions at the conference.
- Nominations for ACRLs Distinguished Service Award, Technology Innovation Award, and Research Award are open.

### **NJEDge.net**

- Ed Chapel is now NJEDge's designee to the VALE Executive Committee and is looking forward to working with VALE.

### **LibraryLinkNJ**

- Kathy Schalk-Greene reported on the survey of statewide delivery service.
- A statewide training workshop for library supervisors will begin on March 22, 2017 at the Monroe Township Library.
- The Steering Committee has been selected and the representatives from academic libraries are Dr. Edward Owusu-Ansah of William Paterson University and Heather Craven of County College of Morris.

### **New Jersey State Library**

- Margaret Nizolek reported that the New Jersey State Library is currently working with QualityMetrics, LLC on the evaluation of the New Jersey LSTA Five-Year Plan 2013-2017 which is due in March 2017. A Five-Year Plan 2018-2022 is due in June.
- Nizolek stated that Maria Baratta started in her new position as Associate Director of the SLIC on January 9, 2017.
- JerseyConnect staff will be offering a new HelpDesk available to customers and library staff throughout New Jersey. Nizolek reported that academic librarians will be welcome to use this service.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Lily Todorinova (Rutgers University) presented on the Open and Affordable Textbook (OAT) Project that is underway at Rutgers. Martha Brozyna, Ken Karol, and Greg Fallon (all of Passaic County Community College) presented *Implementing Open Education Resources: Lesson Learned*. The presentations included descriptions of different learning resources including electronic textbooks and the state of academia including the decrease in college enrollment.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Kurt Wagner reported that Monmouth University will establish the Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music, a repository for Springsteen's personal collection of written works, photographs, periodicals and various artifacts from throughout his career.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Sisalee M. Hecht

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