

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS' COUNCIL MEETING**  
**VALE NEW JERSEY**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2016**  
**Monmouth University**

Attendees: Judy Avrin, Linda Beninghove, Steve Chudnick, Judy Cohn, Heather Cook, Heather Craven, Jane Crocker, Heather Dalal, Daisy DeCoster, Sebastian Derry, Jeff Donnelly, Greg Fallon, Sisalee Hecht, Ann Hoang, Judith Lin Hunt, David Marks, Janet Marler, Scott Muir, Margaret Nizolek, Marilyn Ochoa, Edward Owusu-Ansah, Taras Pavlovsky, Pamela Price, Sheri Prupis, Kathy Schalk-Greene, Gary Schmidt, Carol Van Houten, Kurt Wagner

Gary Schmidt, Moderator, called the business meeting to order at 9:35 am.

**INTRODUCTION:**

- Dr. Laura J. Moriarty, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Monmouth College, welcomed VALE members to the college's campus.
- Gary Schmidt introduced new VALE members Heather Cook, Sebastian Derry, Jeff Donnelly, Daisy DeCoster, Marilyn Ochoa, and David Marks. Schmidt also introduced Margaret Nizolek of the New Jersey State Library. Nizolek has replaced Colleen Daze' as Chief Deputy State Librarian.

**UPDATES:**

**VALE:**

- Schmidt thanked VALE members who planned the memorial for Rich Sweeney on September 16, 2016. VALE presented a plaque to NJIT that honors Sweeney's commitment to VALE. A video of the memorial will be available on the VALE website.
- In Joe Toth's absence, Heather Craven reported that there continues to be a need for communication between VALE's executive committee and the general membership.

**VALID:**

- Taras Pavlovsky reported that there has been no further interest in the VALID project and VALE has withdrawn any support.

**VALE BUDGET:**

- Taras Pavlovsky was elected treasurer of VALE in July 2016.
- Pavlovsky reviewed the balances of VALES Users' Conference and General Operations accounts. The ending balance of both accounts for fiscal year 2016 was \$346,746.25.
- Avrin reported that database vendors have billed VALE members over \$4 million dollars for 2016 - 2017.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS:**

- Carol Van Houten reported that a meeting is planned for September 30, 2016. Library directors and deans of all community colleges are invited to attend.

**ACRL-NJLA / NJLA CUS:**

- Dalal reported that ACRL also advocates for New Jersey's public libraries. She stated that ACRL, along with NJLA, will begin to market libraries.
- Dalal reported that she will be co-chairing VALE's Users' Conference. The theme is Libraries as Change Agents. Proposed keynote speakers are being considered.
- ACRL is scheduling free webinars for the coming year.
- The NJLA 2017 conference will be held April 24 – April 26 in Atlantic City. Keynote speakers will be Melissa Emerson and Valerie Gross.

**NJEDge.net:**

- The NJEDge annual conference will be held November 16 – November 18, 2016. Vale members will receive a 10% discount on attending. Plenary speakers are being considered.

**LIBRARYLINK NJ:**

- Kathy Schalk-Greene reported that training is being offered for ILL staff and on-site/on-demand professional development opportunities with subsidies are being offered by LLNJ.
- Schalk-Green stated that LLNJ will be conducting strategic planning and rebidding of the delivery contract in FY17-FY18.

- Schalk-Greene reported that LLNJ has scheduled webinars for October 19, November 16, December 8, 2016, and January 4, 2017. LLNJ membership meetings have been scheduled for November 30, 2016 and June 8, 2017.

**NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY:**

- Nizolek reported that the NJSL offers many resources within the state's research library.
- Nizolek reported that the NJSL has contracted with the consulting firm QualityMetrics, LLC, and will begin working on the evaluation of the New Jersey LSTA Five-Year Plan 2013 – 2017. This evaluation is needed for the next LSTA Five-Year Plan (2018 – 2022).
- The NJSL is working with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide selected public libraries in the state with specialized equipment, software, and training to assist those with visual difficulties.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Scott Muir reported that he has not received any positive feedback from other colleges regarding his plans for a storage facility for books and other resources.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Judy Cohn suggested that VALE send new Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden, a note of welcome. Craven will ask Toth to prepare a letter with her.
- VALE members discussed declining enrollment on their respective campuses.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 pm.

Sisalee M. Hecht

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Recorder

