



Members' Council Meeting
Bergen Community College
Meadowlands Campus
September 20, 2013

Attending: Judy Avrin (VALE); Nancy Becker (Caldwell College); Linda Beninghove (Stevens); Amy Beth (Bergen CC); F. William Chickering (Rider); Ed Christenson (Monmouth); Anne Ciliberti (William Paterson); Judith Cohn (Rutgers); Heather Craven (CCM); Jane Crocker (Gloucester CC); Colleen Daze (State Library); Megan Dempsey (Raritan Valley CC); Kimberly Fraone (Kean); Marianne Gaunt (Rutgers); Paul Glassman (Felician); Mibong La (Passaic CC); Mary Marks (FDU); Michelle Martin (Burlington CC); Kathleen Melilli (TESC); Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ); Fran Scott (Georgian Court); Liz Siecke (Ramapo); Janice Skica (Rowan); Gracemary Smulewitz (Rutgers); Richard Sweeney (NJIT); Mark Thompson (Middlesex CC); Amira Ünver (College of St. Elizabeth)

1. Introduction (Linda Emer, Dean BCC at the Meadowlands)

Linda Emer, Dean BCC welcomed Council members to the College and its Meadowlands location on behalf of Amy Beth who was delayed and would join the meeting later. Taras Pavlovsky welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes from June 13, 2013 meeting

Minutes of the June 13, 2013 were approved unanimously with one revision noted: "Item #4 VALE Bylaws, bullet number 2: All bylaw modifications were passed. All votes were unanimous with the following exceptions ..."

3. VALE Updates (Taras Pavlovsky)

- Another cycle of strategic planning is coming up.
- At today's Executive Committee meeting there will be a vote on a draft MOU between VALE and NJEDge.net. This will establish a business relationship between VALE and NJEDge.net which is based on the need for VALE to transition to a more sustainable structure. NJEDge.net will perform some business services for VALE and VALE will pay for those services. The MOU is broad enough to accomplish a range of services as needed without amending the MOU.
 - Discussion: Members are concerned about issues of governance. Assurance was given that there is no governance aspect to this relationship at all. A suggestion was made that perhaps governance can be addressed in the VALE bylaws, spelling out the relationship between VALE and NJEDge.net more clearly. It is possible for dues to go up; service fees will probably not go up. There is an escape clause in the MOU, 90 days written notice for either party. Term is for one year renewable for each year.

4. Budget Update (Anne Ciliberti)

- Completed FY13 with an unspent balance of \$65,700 which will roll into the reserve account, \$373,825.
- Have begun receiving database payments; vendors are being paid.
- As of 9/4/13, \$818,000 in funds.

5. VALID Update (Marianne Gaunt)

- NJEDge.net will do the RFP. It is currently in attorney review.
- Grace Agnew will speak about software release 8 at this afternoon's Executive Committee meeting. The final release is due out in December.
- Rutgers University has asked for membership in Kuali so that members can "test drive" the software.
- A Serials taskforce has been initiated.

6. ACRL-NJ News (Gracemary Smulewitz)

- The replacement for Louis Rodriguez as Legislative Representative on the ACRL-NJ Executive Board is Adriana Kuzyszyn from MCC.
- Discussions are ongoing to address how ACRL-NJ can have more of a presence.
- A number of programs are being considered for the coming year. There will be more of a focus on having stronger academic programs in NJLA.
 - SCARLA, look for a joint program on the PhD thesis in December

7. Library Link (Jane Crocker)

- There is a newsletter posted on the website.
- Makerspaces Projects would like to see some academic libraries involved. Information is on the website at <http://librarylinknj.org/projects/makerspaces>, the State Library supports the program.
- If you have any suggestions for annual meeting speakers, please provide them to Jane.

8. State Library Updates (Colleen Dazé)

- Statewide databases are on the State Library's website (Library Support Services, Jersey Clicks portal) and have been licensed for all libraries. As long as you are a member of LibraryLinkNJ you have access to the databases. You may put the URLs on your websites.
- Career Transitions database subscription ends on 9/30/13.
- Contracts are on a fiscal year which begins July 1. The current contract for statewide databases runs three years. The databases were selected by a committee. Email Kathleen Peiffer with questions or suggestions, kpeiffer@njstatelib.org
- Interest in an electronic dictionary other than OED was expressed by the membership.

9. Presentation by Jane Crocker, Library Director of Gloucester Community College on the recent renovation of the GCC Library.

- Opening remarks by Amy Beth.
- Undertaking this renovation project at Gloucester had been bantered about several times and became a reality in 2012. Jane shared her experiences (challenging, exhilarating, exhausting, and intense) in this 6 month, \$1.5M-2.25M project.
- Among Jane's insights into completing this project, she noted flexibility in design and equipment is important.
- National Library Relocations is highly recommended should the need arise to use its services.

10. Old Business/New Business

- The next Members' Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2014.
- Amy Beth solicited hosts for the next Members' Council meetings. Monmouth University and TCNJ offered their campuses as possible sites.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recorder