



Members Council Meeting

Student Center, Mercer County Community College

June 14, 2012

Attending: Judy Avrin (VALE); Norma Blake (guest, State Library); Anne Ciliberti (William Paterson); Judith Cohn (UMDNJ); Heather Craven (County College of Morris); Jane Crocker (Gloucester CC); Marianne Gaunt (Rutgers); Laura Gewissler (Georgian Court); Paul Glassman (Felician); David Hardgrove (Saint Peter's); Judith Lin Hunt (Montclair); Mibong La (Passaic County); Dena Leiter (Union County College); Julie Maginn (Raritan Valley); Mary Marks (Fairleigh Dickinson); Michelle Martin (Burlington County College); David Murray (Brookdale CC); Cheryl O'Connor (LibraryLinkNJ); Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ); David Pinto (Stockton); Pamela Price (Mercer County); Luis Rodriguez (Kean); Andrew Scrimgeour (Drew); Liz Siecke (Ramapo); Richard Sweeney (NJIT); Mark Thompson (Middlesex CC); Joe Toth (Ocean CC); Mary Ann Trail (Stockton); Amira Unver (College of Saint Elizabeth); and Bruce Whitham (Rowan)

1. Introduction (Liz Siecke)

L. Siecke welcomed the Council and thanked Mercer County for their hospitality. Patricia Donohue stated that Mercer County "is about learning and student success." She added that it is the critical role of the library to help students identify valid information. She welcomed the Council to the college and invited everyone to walk around and enjoy the campus.

2. Approval of minutes from February 3, 2012 meeting

Minutes were approved after a slight correction was noted by T. Pavlovsky regarding the proposed changes to the bylaws. J. Maginn noted the change and will send out a corrected copy.

3. Website Updates (Richard Sweeney)

The VALE Website Committee was meeting concurrently with the Members Council meeting.

4. VALID Update (Marianne Gaunt)

- The steering committee is meeting on Monday, June 18th. They will be looking at a draft RFP business plan from pre-implementation to sustaining the OLS.
- More server space is needed and the committee decided to go cloud.
- VALE committees are continuing their work on database cleanup and policies.
- A top priority identified is to choose a discovery layer, and will most likely be ViewFind but that is not definite.

5. ACRL-NJ News (Mark Thompson)

- The last meeting of the year is Friday, June 15th.
- Denise O'Shea is the incoming President.
- The committee will be working with the ACRL strategic plan.
- There were good programs at NJLA, with the Technology Committee celebrating 10 years.
- L. Rodriguez encouraged Council Members to have new librarians get involved and for them to contribute to the newsletter.
- M. Thompson added that all meetings are open.

6. LibraryLinkNJ and QandANJ update (Cheryl O'Connor)

- Regarding QandANJ, a second task force recommended joining other states to provide virtual reference. Has not been approved yet.
- Regarding Velocity, a task force will be recommending in the fall new eligibility criteria. Several options will be available, with a minimum of two days of service. The goal is effective resource sharing.
- Statewide strategic planning is beginning.
- Board approved continuation of mobile app project.
- L. Rodriguez offered support of LibraryLinkNJ's professional development sessions.
- A. Ciliberti congratulated LibraryLinkNJ on the mobile app.

7. Elections (Taras Pavlovsky)

T. Pavlovsky reminded the Council that additional nominations can be accepted for the positions of Council Moderator and Council Recorder, but not positions open on the Executive Committee. He also stated that H. Craven's name should be removed from the ballot. He solicited additional nominations for the positions of Council Moderator and Recorder. No nominations were offered. Ballots were collected.

8. Budget: Update for FY 12 and Proposed Budget for FY 13 (Anne Ciliberti)

- A. Ciliberti distributed a handout, "VALE: Proposed FY13 Budget, 6-14-12" and explained the budget in detail. There will be a \$53,384.76 Carryforward. The operating expenses come from the service fee for database coverage. That service fee (3.9%) has not increased in many years.
- The FY13 budget is the first time that the budget is more than the expected service fee. This is to cover legal fees to gain 501 c(3) status and for the VALID project. The VALID project requires additional funds for the cloud service and for a consultant to create a successful business plan. The additional costs in the budget will be covered by the reserve account.
- D. Pinto stated that is the purpose of the reserve account.
- L. Gewissler inquired about the history of the reserve account. It was created based on operating expenses that were not spent. A discussion regarding the budget and the reserve account followed. The reserve account was consciously built in anticipation of needing extra funds for future projects, not necessarily VALID.

- L. Siecke called for a vote on the FY13 budget. The budget passed.

9. VALE Updates (Taras Pavlovsky)

- T. Pavlovsky recognized new members: Heather Craven from the County College of Morris, Dena Leiter from Union County College, Mary Ann Trail from Stockton, and Michelle Martin from Burlington County College.
- Election results: in the only contested position (State Colleges and Universities), incumbent Luis Rodriguez received more votes than Bruce Whitham.
- Executive Committee voted again not to join KUALI.
- Executive Committee also discussed whether or not to continue seeking for 501 c(3) status regardless of VALID project. Their decision was yes.
- VALE Triennial Report was introduced. T. Pavlovsky thanked L. Rodriguez and P. Glassman. L. Rodriguez recommended that members try to solicit comments/quotes from “high-ranking” positions to include in future reports.
- Executive Committee approved the creation of a Rapid ILL Pod (Resource Sharing Committee).
- The E-Resources Committee secured deal with Springer to offer consortia pricing of ebooks.
- The Assessment Committee will be hosting the Second VALE Assessment Fair
- VALE will begin shortly creating a new strategic plan.
- J. Avrin announced possible glitch with director’s listserv. Also mentioned that the Digital Media Committee is collecting RFP’s for 2012-2013 streaming vendors. Avrin clarified that it would involve direct payment from institution to vendor, VALE would only negotiate price.
- T. Pavlovsky announced that NJVid and VALE have an approved MoU.

10. State Library Updates (Norma Blake)

- N. Blake thanked M. Gaunt for her work with the Center of the Book. She also congratulated D. Pinto on his retirement. She mentioned the podcast she conducted with Jane Crocker and stated that her next podcast will be with incoming State Librarian, Mary Chute on Monday, June 18th.
- Mentioned NJ Assembly Bill 3022. Bill would require website owners who receive money or internet service providers, to keep a log of patrons with names and addresses. It is only being discussed right now.
- The May 23rd Sustainability Event was a success.
- All Hands on Tech session also a success.
- State Library will continue to support Academic Search Premier, as well as Legal Reference and OneSource.
- State Library to continue business outreach and legislative visits.
- Requested space on the VALE website to advertise programs and resources.
- Thanked everyone for support and wished everyone the best.

11. Celebratory Remarks Honoring Norma Blake and David Pinto

T. Pavlovsky presented and read Resolution honoring N. Blake.

T. Pavlovsky presented and read Resolutions from previous year honoring D. Pinto. J. Crocker and A. Ciliberti presented gift to D. Pinto.

12. Old Business/New Business

None

Julie Maginn

Recorder