



Members Council Meeting

Library, Felician College

September 21, 2012

Attending: Judy Avrin (VALE); Nancy Becker (Caldwell College); Amy Beth (Bergen CC); William Chickering (Rider); Anne Ciliberti (William Paterson); Judith Cohn (UMDNJ); Stephanie Cooper (Sussex CC); Heather Craven (County College of Morris); Jane Crocker (Gloucester CC); Colleen Daze (State Library/Thomas Edison); Timothy Domick (Centenary); Paul Glassman (Felician); Sisalee M. Hecht (Eastwick College); Lorraine Hodges (Somerset Christian College); Judith Lin Hunt (Montclair); Mibong La (Passaic County); Julie Moscinski (Raritan Valley); Mary Marks (Fairleigh Dickinson); Cheryl O'Connor (LibraryLinkNJ); Denise O'Shea (Montclair State/NJLA CUS); Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ); Pamela Price (Mercer County); Andrew Scrimgeour (Drew); Liz Siecke (Ramapo); Richard Sweeney (NJIT); Mark Thompson (Middlesex CC); Joe Toth (Ocean CC); Carol Van Houten (Hudson CCC)

1. Introduction (Liz Siecke)

L. Siecke introduced Sister M. Rosita Brennan, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs. Sister Brennan welcomed VALE to the Felician College campus. She emphasized that the library is the heart of the campus, and that the students feel secure and safe to learn in the library. She praised librarians by stating that the college is only good because of the good library, and the library is only good because of good librarians. All members present then introduced themselves.

2. Approval of minutes from June 14, 2012 meeting

Minutes were approved.

3. Website Updates (Judy Avrin)

J. Avrin reported that the committee is working on conference information. In addition there are some ongoing technical issues that D. Hoover is working on such as incorrect linking from the original VALE website and updating database offerings.

4. VALID Update (Anne Ciliberti)

- A. Ciliberti gave a brief overview of what VALID is for new members.
- Announced that LibraryLinkNJ is acting as a fiscal agent to assist VALE in acquiring Amazon Web (Cloud) Services.
- The implementation task force met and will begin loading records in shortly.
- Explained that a context document is being worked into a RFP. VALE has received feedback from various organizations on the document.

- The VALID Steering Committee (VASC) would like to keep the current momentum and offer a VALID track at the VALE Users Conference. All committees were asked to offer breakout sessions on VALID.

5. ACRL-NJ News (Denise O’Shea)

- D. O’Shea reported that there are 292 members in ACRL NJ. She requested that Council Members go back to their libraries and encourage their librarians to become members and serve on the committees.
- Announced the new Executive Board and Committee Chairs:
 - President: Denise O’Shea
 - Vice President/President Elect: Gracemary Smulewitz
 - Past President: Mark Thompson
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Bucks
 - Member-at-Large: Siobhan McCarthy
 - Member-at-Large: Roberta Tipton
 - NJLA Exec. Board Liaison: Gary Schmidt
 - Legislative Representative: Luis Rodriguez
 - Web Coordinator: Mary Mallery
 - Marketing & Comm. Committee Chair: Mary Mallery
 - Newsletter Committee Co-Chairs: Joan Dalrymple
Sharon Whitfield
 - Nominations Committee Chair: Steven Shapiro
 - Research Committee Co-Chairs: Melissa Hofmann
Karen Pifher
 - Technology Committee Co-Chairs: Ray Schwartz
Alyssa Valenti
Nancy Weiner
 - User Education: Nancy Weiner
- Conference planning is underway. The VALE conference is January 4th and the theme is “Demonstrating Value for Every User.” The speaker is Dr. Ellie Fogarty, Vice President of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Deadline for breakout and poster proposals is October 5th. NJLA is June 3-5th in Atlantic City. The theme will be “Finding Your Perfect Fit.” Three awards are presented at the conference: Distinguished Service Award, Research Award and the Technology Award. For the first time, the Technology Award is being split into two awards, one for four year institutions and one for two year institutions.
- At the national level, Trevor Dawes has been elected VP/President-Elect of ACRL.

6. LibraryLinkNJ update (Cheryl O’Connor)

- The Cooperative signed an agreement to act as a fiscal agent for VALE to help them take advantage of Amazon Web (Cloud) Services needed by VALID.
- The Statewide Strategic Planning process is underway with a statewide committee. Judy Cohn is the VALE representative on the committee. There is an RFQ posted for a facilitator available for review on the LibraryLink homepage.
- Completion of the FY12 Mobile Services Project with 23 contracts including four academic library participants: Drew University, NJIT, Ramapo University, and William Paterson University.

- Planned launch of the FY13 Mobile Services Project at the end of October 2012.
- Planned launch of a multi-part Drupal Website Project just approved by the Cooperative Board. Look for PR shortly.
- J. Avrin suggested that members “Like” LibraryLink on Facebook.

7. Budget: Update (Anne Ciliberti)

- They are in the process of gathering payments and sending them to vendors.
- The operating budget that was approved covers personnel, VALID project, conference, legal expenses, and public relations.
- J. Avrin announced to check with her regarding database payments.

8. VALE Updates (Taras Pavlovsky)

- VALE Committee Annual Reports have been submitted. Some were sent back for reformatting.
- NJVid: developed a MoU that was signed in June. It will be sent to everyone. Briefly explained the history of NJVid. More information can be found on the Digital Media Committee website.
- 501c(3) status is on the agenda for the next New Jersey President’s Council meeting.
- T. Pavlovsky thanked the VALE conference planning committee. He announced that the format has been reorganized to include a networking session at the end.
- J. Avrin and T. Pavlovsky met with Mary Chute. She is very excited to partner with VALE.
- Two meetings have been set up for New Director Orientation. If you are a new director and have not been contacted, email Judy Avrin.

9. State Library Updates (Colleen Daze)

- Save the date for Snapshot Day, October 24, 2012. Snapshot Day, a joint initiative of the State Library and NJLA, has been celebrated since 2009. It began in NJ and has been replicated in more than 30 states across the country and has gone international. More information will be sent out soon.
- State Librarian Mary Chute will join the New Jersey Center for the Book Team at the New Jersey Table in the Pavilion of the States at the 12th Annual Library of Congress National Book Festival held on the National Mall.
- The State Library will be presenting a follow-up to last year’s successful E-Book Summit. The State Library will be partnering with NJLA and LLNJ and the conference will be held April 8, 2013 at the Sheraton Eatontown.
- The State Library will also be presenting the Diversity in Libraries Conference in partnership with LLNJ and NJLA on May 2, 2013, also at Sheraton Eatontown.

10. Old Business/New Business

- L. Siecke solicited suggestions for future meetings, as well as more topics for presentations. The next meeting will be at Middlesex County College in February.

- A. Ciliberti stressed academic involvement in Snapshot Day.
- A reminder that VALE is still working on creating a VALE Rapid ILL Pod. Only one more library is needed.

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