

# **VALE Steering Committee**

## **Minutes of the November 15, 2000 Meeting**

Present: J. Avrin, P. Chervenie, A. Ciliberti, John Cohn, Judy Cohn, J. Crocker, M. Gaunt, J. Getaz, L. Kay, P. Rigby, B. Simpson, R. Sweeney

1. Marianne Gaunt called the meeting to order and asked Anne Ciliberti to present the Financial Report. Anne distributed a spreadsheet detailing the funds received and the payments made.

2. Judy Cohn reported on the Electronic Resources Committee's progress. The committee has undertaken two charges:

(1) Recommend databases for the next funding cycle. The committee compiled a list of all databases currently subscribed to by member institutions and used this data to identify potential additions to VALE offerings. A list of non-VALE databases, ranked according to numbers of current subscriptions, was then generated. That information will be included in an electronic survey to be sent to members before the Thanksgiving break. It will be sent to library directors with a message posted to the Corrado listserv.

(2) Evaluation of general interest databases is underway. Targeted deadline is March.

There was a brief discussion of the possible impact of PsycINFO's new pricing plan which will be by head count, not FTE.

3. Marianne reported on plans for the Elsevier/VALE press conference with the Governor, which is scheduled for 10:00 AM, December 14th at NJIT. Invitations will be sent to State Legislators, the State Librarian, NJLA, Council directors, presidents of the institutions, and the VALE Steering Committee.

4. Scherelene Schatz will be asked to provide the group with a demonstration of RSS (the state interlibrary loan system).

5. There was a brief discussion regarding the "About VALE" page on the website. Judy Avrin will compile quotes from satisfied users to create a "What Our Users Are Saying About VALE" page. This will be included in the press packet to be distributed at the press conference.

6. John Cohn reported on the VALE Membership Committee's unanimous recommendation for proposed membership guidelines. Only degree granting institutions recognized by the New Jersey Commission of Higher Education shall be eligible.

7. It was proposed and agreed to by proclamation that the Steering Committee be renamed the VALE Executive Committee.

8. There was discussion regarding how database access might be provided for a new partnership entity in Monmouth County called the New Jersey Coastal Communiiversity (NJCC). Several New Jersey universities plan to offer courses and degree programs under the auspices of NJCC but the exact fiscal and academic arrangements remain unclear. Marianne Gaunt will contact the host site to discuss this issue.

9. Judy Avrin reported on vendor training. Approximately 70 people attended the Lexis-Nexis training sessions at Rutgers and Gloucester on October 30th and November 1st. Gale & Silverplatter conducted separate sessions at Fairleigh Dickinson on November 10th. A Bell & Howell session is scheduled for November 28th at The College of New Jersey.

10. Joan Getaz reported on plans for the Users' Conference to be held on January 4th at Rutgers. The snow date will be January 10th. Registration information will be going out next week. Tom Sanville, Executive Director of OhioLINK will be the keynote speaker. There will be morning and afternoon breakout sessions as well as a VALE update. Vendors will be invited to attend and support the conference. A reception honoring those who have made significant contributions to VALE will conclude the day's activities.

11. The next meeting will be held at NJIT on December 14th following the press conference.

Minutes prepared by [Anne Ciliberti](#)