

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the December 14, 2000 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, P. Chervenie, A. Ciliberti, John Cohn, J. Crocker, J. Gaboury, M. Gaunt, J. Getaz, M. Martin, P. Rigby, R. Sweeney, P. Tumulty

1. Marianne Gaunt called the meeting to order and there was a discussion of the morning's Elsevier/VALE press conference that took place at NJIT. Governor Christine Whitman, Representative Bob Menendez, Elsevier's Darrell Gunter, and NJIT officials addressed the crowd. Doctoral students at NJIT conducted a demonstration of Elsevier's ScienceDirect database. Governor Whitman expressed great understanding of and interest in VALE's contributions to higher education in the state.
2. As a result of the discussion about how to follow-up this event with the Governor's Office, the group agreed to submit a tiered funding proposal for budget consideration. Marianne, John and Anne will draft the document, to be called "Preparing NJ Knowledge Workers for the 21st Century." It would provide for tiered and expanding access to databases starting from academic institutions, to public libraries, to state-wide licenses. Pat Tumulty emphasized that the proposal should include reference to how other state consortia are funded and the group also felt that it should relate to how business and industry would benefit.
3. Judy Avrin presented the results of the Electronic Resources subcommittee survey. The committee's report identified databases which were recommended by the members for consideration in a group license as well as a master list of the databases members intend to subscribe to next year. John Gaboury, Anne Ciliberti and Marianne Gaunt will meet with vendor representatives at the ALA Midwinter Conference in Washington next month to begin the process of soliciting price quotes on the most highly recommended products. Kudos were given to the ER committee members for the swift survey results.
4. The Vale Users' Conference scheduled for January 4th has been completely underwritten by vendor donations. Anne Ciliberti will ensure that all contributing vendors are appropriately thanked and their support acknowledged in the conference program.
5. Anne Ciliberti distributed the December budget report and explained that all invoices received to date have been paid. There are, however, several outstanding invoices and member payments.
6. The next Executive Committee meeting will follow the Council meeting on January 19th at Rider University.

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