

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the June 13, 2001 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, Bro. P. Chervenie, A. Ciliberti, John Cohn, Judy Cohn, C. Daze, M. Gaunt, J. Getaz, M. Martin

1. Marianne Gaunt called the meeting to order and Anne Ciliberti presented the June Financial Report, noting that all invoices have been paid and the accounts are up to date. A fuller, year-end report will be presented at the next meeting.
2. Judy Avrin reported on the status of the FY02 database selection process. The deadline for the second round votes was June 11th and a majority of the institutions have responded. Follow up with the remaining schools is underway. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to new databases that can be attributed to the great work done by Judy Cohn and the Electronic Resources Committee.
3. Judy also reported on training sessions that have been scheduled for the EBSCO databases. Three sessions have been scheduled at northern, central, and southern locations in the state for the week of June 25th. It was requested that a fall training session be scheduled for Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe.
4. Marianne Gaunt reported that OCLC is discontinuing Site Search development but they will continue to support current customers. VALE, however, will no longer purchase a maintenance contract since in FY02 all VALE databases will be provided from remote vendor sites.
5. Marianne Gaunt advised that the details regarding the sale of the VALE server are being finalized.
6. Jane Crocker reported on the newly formed Reference Service Committee. About fifteen people have expressed interest and possible guidelines were discussed. Participation may be limited to twenty with an effort to represent all types and sizes of institutions.
7. Anne Ciliberti presented the draft of the User Survey conducted by Marie Radford and reported that results were overwhelmingly positive. A fuller discussion of the survey and its results will be included in the August meeting.
8. Marianne Gaunt provided a brief report on the meeting of the Council of NJ College and University Library Deans and Directors. NJ EdgeNet is being heavily promoted around the state and it appears to be adopting some of the committee and training functions of the former NJIN organization. The Council approved VALE's guidelines for membership and accepted the ILL proposal that reciprocal borrowing be mandated among VALE public institutions and be encouraged among VALE private institutions. Elizabeth Smith, Director of the Rider University Library, was elected as the new chairperson of the Council and Judith Hunt and Jane Crocker were elected to the VALE Executive Committee.

9. Marianne indicated that a written proposal detailing the VALE long range planning process needs to be prepared and sent to the Council for consideration.

10. A lengthy discussion followed about the need to prepare an Annual Report and the kinds of information and statistics it should include. Marianne will work with Anne and John Gaboury to develop the report and to try to get on the agenda of the September meeting of the Presidents' Council.

11. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2001 at 2:00.

Minutes prepared by [Judy Avrin](#).