

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the September 12, 2001 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, Bro. P. Chervenie, A. Ciliberti, Judy Cohn, J. Crocker, C. Daze, M. Gaunt, M. Martin, A. Scrimgeour, E. Smith Guest: Carol Nersinger

1. Marianne Gaunt convened the meeting by asking Anne Ciliberti to read the resolution prepared as a tribute to Joseph Barnes' (Rowan University) contributions to VALE and library service across NJ. The resolution will be sent to Joe's family.
2. Marianne displayed a Certificate of Appreciation that will be presented on October 12 at the Council meeting to Barbara Simpson-Darden for her participation on the VALE Executive Committee and for her Chairmanship of the VALE Training Committee.
3. Anne Ciliberti presented the August budget statement and reported that invoices for FY02 databases have been sent to all insitutions, along with request for prompt payment.
4. Marianne reported that information on the server specifications and on the bidding process for sale of the VALE server was sent to all of the institutions. Bids will be opened at Rutgers on November 1st.
5. Judy Avrin reported that most remaining access problems with the databases have been resolved. Dave Hoover has been incredibly helpful in working with institutions and vendors to resolve all connectivity issues.
6. Marianne presented the draft of the VALE Annual Report. It will consist of a cover and 8 pages of text. Several proposed changes were discussed. The appeal of "selling progress" will be stressed. Reasonable cost estimates have been obtained for enough copies for key legislators, presidents and member libraries. They will be available by mid-October and ready for distribution by the October 22 meeting of the Presidents' Council.
7. Marianne discussed the Atlanta ICOLC meeting that will be taking place on October 4-6. Focuses of the conference will be portal management and remote authentication issues. Each consortium may send up to two people and as neither she, John Gaboury, nor Anne Ciliberti are able to attend, the spots were offered to the Executive Committee. Travel expenses would be the responsibility of the attendee.
8. Marianne reported on NJEdge plans to host a New Jersey IT Conference next March. She met with Executive Director George Laskaris and will extend an invitation to him to attend a VALE Executive meeting. He invited Marianne to join a steering committee to plan the conference that will be held in Atlantic City.
9. Marianne reported that the VALE ILL/Resource Sharing Committee has been meeting regularly and has created a webpage focusing on its reciprocal borrowing initiatives. She

suggested that Executive Committee members provide any comments to the committee and then a link will then be placed on the VALE home page.

10. Joan Getaz reported that the VALE Users' Conference will be held on January 4th on the Busch campus. Several suggestions were made for topics and possible speakers for the keynote address. Joan will contact her committee to move forward on plans for the speakers and welcomes other suggestions. There will likely be a poster session at the conference and it was proposed that an award be given for the best display. Guidelines and criteria would have to be established.

11. Carol Nersinger, Director, Library Development Bureau for the NJ State Library, reported on the NJ state wide recruiting network and the plans of the NJ State Library Network for conducting a statewide recruiting summit on October 26th. She also noted that she will be chairing an NJLA Committee to develop a 5 year marketing plan that will include plans for promoting librarianship in the state of New Jersey. They would like to have a participant from an academic library.

12. Elizabeth Smith raised the issue of opening up the criteria for VALE membership. After discussion, Marianne suggested that the membership criteria could be re-examined in the future.

13. The next Executive Committee meeting will be on October 12th at 1:00 P.M. at Alexander Library.

Minutes prepared by [Anne Ciliberti](#).