

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the December 17, 2001 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, Bro. P. Chervenie, A. Ciliberti, Judy Cohn, C. Daze, M. Gaunt, J. Getaz, M. Martin, E. Smith, R. Sweeney

1. Marianne Gaunt convened the meeting and asked Anne Ciliberti to present the financial report. With the exception of one vendor who is sending a corrected invoice, all have vendors have been paid. Rutgers University has been invoiced for the server.

Anne reported on the planning focus group meeting she and Marilyn Martin had with Norma Blake and Carol Nersinger at the State Library. One of the items discussed was the library's interest in developing additional statewide database contracts.

2. Marianne reported on the progress of the ILL/Resource Sharing Subcommittee. Several changes have been made to the reciprocal borrowing agreement and guidelines are as follow:

- It will be available to part time faculty at the discretion of the home library,
- A copy of the form will stay with at the home library and the original will go with the faculty member to the lending library.
- There will be a field for faculty ID & bar code.
- The borrowing agreement and application form web pages will be housed on the VALE server and will be userid/password protected. The VALE IDs and passwords that were established for obtaining stats on the Stat Viewer could be used for this.

3. Judy Avrin provided an update on our newest members. Princeton Theological Seminary and Somerset Christian College are being provided with prorated pricing information on the databases they have selected, with access to begin after the 1st of the year.

Anne Ciliberti reported that New Brunswick Theological Seminary expressed interest in joining VALE. Their membership was approved but because of the timing they will not be able to have database access until the next contract cycle.

4. Joan Getaz provided an update on the Users' Conference. There has been only one submission for the poster session and it was determined after some discussion that the one poster would be displayed in the registration area. It was noted that each session leader should be reminded to have a recorder who will then post notes to the website.

Judy Avrin reported that several of the breakout sessions had very few registrants for one of their sessions and the decision was made to consolidate the morning and afternoon sessions into one. She also presented the conference budget. Nine vendors have agreed to make donations in support of the conference and their ads will appear in the program. They will be invited and publicly thanked at the conference. She noted that roughly three quarters of the member libraries have registered for the conference.

5. Marianne reported preliminarily on the strategic planning survey results. There were 129 respondents including 38 directors. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have stats indicating how many librarians at each institution responded.

6. Judy Cohn reported that new vendors continue to contact her with database proposals. After discussion on how to respond, Anne suggested that after the Users' Conference we have a better idea of what the top choices were.

7. Judy Avrin confirmed that there will be two EBSCO training sessions held on January 31st at Rutgers. Richard Kearney at William Paterson University will post a message to Corrado seeking input from members for feedback on EBSCO.

8. Jane Crocker's report on Online Reference was submitted. There have been only 33 responses to date so there is a reluctance to draw conclusions at this point.

9. Marianne summarized the planning interviews with the higher education officials. The raw data will not be disseminated but a report will be compiled and will include insightful comments and common threads.

George Laskaris of NJEDge has reported that they are also undertaking strategic planning and suggested a joint meeting with Vale after its completion. Vale is at the content end and NJEDge is at the network services end. There is interest in video digitization projects to get content out. There was discussion on whether to move our strategic planning up to the end of February or early March. Suggestions for knowledgeable facilitators were discussed. Judy Cohn will check availability of UMDNJ's satellite at Scotch Plains as a possible site for the meeting.

10. Marianne will send a schedule of proposed meeting dates within the next few weeks.

Minutes prepared by [Judy Avrin](#).