

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the January 14, 2003 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, Bro. P. Chervenie, A. Ciliberti, J. Cohn, J. Crocker, C. Daze, M. Gaunt, J. Getaz, J. Lin Hunt, D. Pinto, A. Scrimgeour, R. Sweeney

1. Marianne Gaunt convened the meeting and advised of a revision to the minutes from the December 12, 2002 meeting. Item # 6 should read:

"Gaunt presented the request from the Resources Committee to expand VALE's goals statement #7 to include some of the Resource Sharing Committee's charge, as it seemed a logical extension, and as the committee did not have any goals included. Gaunt noted that the VALE goals were strategic, and that all committees are not mentioned unless there was an additional goal or emphasis for them. The goals are very specific new items to be achieved. In next year's planning for goals, we will ask all committees to recommend goals to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee will include them as appropriate in the VALE goals. The Executive Committee concurred. Mallery inquired as to their specific goals, and Gaunt noted that the committee was working very effectively on all the charges assigned to it. As the committee seeks to move in a direction that requires funding or overall buy-in by VALE, their work should be sent to the Executive Committee for review."

The minutes were approved, as amended

2. Anne Ciliberti presented the Budget Report. A portion of the \$16,533 that appears outstanding on the report has since been received. The final remaining database invoices have been received and sent for payment.

Last year's conference costs were covered by vendor donations. This year it will be necessary to use a portion of the budgeted conference amount as a result of higher costs for our keynote speaker.

3. Joan Getaz reported that initial feedback on the Users' Conference has been very positive and that co-sponsorship with ACRL was beneficial. There was a very good selection of posters and presentations. The evaluation form is up on the VALE web site and Judy Avrin will collect and mail responses to Getaz who will be meeting with co-chair Vibiana Bowman next week.

An attendee at each breakout session was asked to record the proceedings and several of the speakers have provided their PowerPoint presentations. There was a discussion of posting and then archiving these and future presentations. Dave Hoover will be consulted on the best method for doing so. It was recommended that we obtain permission in writing from the authors of the presentations.

4. Judy Cohn advised that revisions have been made to the Preferred Licensing Terms. It was pointed out that the Authorized User statement (1) does not include NJ State Library users. Colleen Daze provided a sentence to include them and the statement will be revised. It will read "New Jersey State Library authorized users include, in addition, state employees who are registered borrowers."

Cohn advised that we will want new licenses for September but the new agreements will be shown to the vendors in advance in order that they can advise us of any issues they may have. She also reported that there have been requests from the membership to have the licenses available to the libraries. The licenses will be made available to the directors on a password-protected link and an announcement will be made to Corrado that the directors have the licenses.

The License Agreement was approved with the change.

5. Andrew Scrimgeour attended the NJLA Public Policy Committee meeting on January 10 as Marianne Gaunt's surrogate. Norma Blake, Pat Tumulty and Scrimgeour informed the committee of the STM proposal (see #6 below) and the committee members offered a variety of suggestions regarding the plans. They were pleased to have a VALE representative at their meeting.
6. Colleen Daze and Rich Sweeney reported on recent efforts of the NJ State Library and NJLA to engage support from the pharmaceutical industry and the Governor's Office for funding for high-level science and technology databases. Sweeney worked with UMDNJ and Rutgers to develop a proposal entitled "NJ State-Funded Science, Medicine and Technology Databases" that was the basis for these meetings. While the Governor's staff was receptive to state support of science and technology databases, it was clear that a proposal of that magnitude would have to go on a long-range list as funds are currently not available.
7. Andrew Scrimgeour and Bro. Paul Chervenie presented information to support the inclusion of the 15 -20 independent college and university libraries in the STM proposal described above. Gaunt will write to Norma Blake to suggest inclusion of Scrimgeour's and Chervenie's proposal as the STM project moves forward.
8. Richard Sweeney reported that the Shared Information Literacy Committee met last week and is considering a proposal for a FIPSE grant. The committee discussed developing software. Anne Ciliberti reported that a group of 4 librarians from William Paterson, NJIT, Rutgers and Montclair are working to develop a shared information literacy module.
9. Bro. Paul reported that notes from the Assessment breakout session would be posted to the web site. Some actions they discussed include developing a workshop, creating an end-user survey and a librarian survey.
10. Jane Crocker reported that the Reference Committee breakout session at the conference provided good discussion. In regards to the academic queue, the issue was more about breaking down barriers with people (staffing issues) than technological issues.
11. David Pinto advised that the Bibliographic Control and Metadata committee is planning a survey instrument to share information on what member libraries are doing in regards to staff size, structure, production and function.

12. Dave Hoover presented a demonstration of the Z39.50 union catalog. There was discussion of how it should be made available, what guidelines to follow and what training to provide. It was decided the Resource Sharing Committee should be asked to make recommendations about the future use of the pilot.
13. Richard Sweeney reported that Montclair State hosted NJIT during the semester break for a day-long program. It was a great opportunity for the staffs to get together and hear a speaker. Possibly this is a program for VALE to consider.

14. Follow up for the February meeting include:

- strategic goals
- other areas of collaboration
- communications plan

The next meeting will be on February 11, 2003 at 12:30 P.M.

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