

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the November 12, 2003 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, Bro. P. Chervenie, A. Ciliberti, J. Cohn, C. Daze, M. Gaunt, J. Getaz, N. Madacsi, L. Ostar, A. Scrimgeour

1. Judy Cohn convened the meeting and a revision to item # 13 from last month's minutes was recommended. The minutes will be changed to reflect the entire committee name for the Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee. The minutes were approved as amended.
2. Anne Ciliberti presented the budget and reported that additional vendor invoices have been paid and that almost all member payments have been received.
3. Judy Avrin confirmed that a revised list of databases and subscribers was distributed to members of the Executive Committee.
4. Ciliberti reported that the VALE listserv is now a closed list. Prior to its closing, Avrin attempted to contact any email address that either did not end in "edu" or was not identifiable. Any new subscribers will go through an identification screening process by Ed Corrado, listserv administrator, before being added to the list.
5. Bro. Paul Chervenie advised that plans are in place for the Assessment Committee workshop scheduled for November 13th. There are 73 registrants.
6. The latest draft of the annual report was reviewed and a quote on page four will be amended. A sentence will be added to the section on VALE Finances about the Preferred Licensing Terms. Several pictures will be added and member library URLs will be included. Distribution was discussed and a copy will be sent to the presidents of all VALE institutions and each library will receive five copies. Additional copies will be made available. Marianne Gaunt will obtain printing quotes. It will also be available on the VALE website.
7. Joan Getaz gave an update on the Users' Conference. A draft of the agenda has been distributed and Stephen Abram, president-elect of the Canadian Library Association, has been confirmed as keynote speaker. There are many and varied breakout sessions scheduled. Gaunt reported on the NJ Edge conference that she attended several weeks ago and there was discussion of having an NJEdge breakout session. She will invite them to have a session as well as attend the February Council meeting. J. Cohn presented a copy of a one page informational handout on VALE that was distributed at the conference.

Gaunt will email Dave Hoover about posting the registration form to the Web site and Avrin will contact the vendors regarding conference support. Janie Fultz will be the liaison between the conference planners and the facilities manager at Busch Campus Center. A Montclair State University library staff member will again prepare the program. A member of the conference committee will coordinate requests for transportation from the New Brunswick train station.

Celebration of VALE's 5th anniversary will follow the conference and details were discussed. David Pinto, director of the Richard Stockton College Library, will provide

entertainment with his blue grass band. Favors were discussed and Ciliberti made a motion to order imprinted pens as giveaways. Any extra pens will be made available to libraries at cost following the conference. Each Executive Committee member will also bring a wrapped gift with a \$15 approximate value to be raffled off as door prizes.

8. Joan Getaz proposed a revision to the Publicity Committee's charge. It will be posted to the Web site.
9. Judy Cohn advised that recent conversations regarding the Science, Technology and Medicine proposal are continuing with the NJ State Library and the executive directors of the Regional Library Cooperatives. She, Richard Sweeney and staff from the NJ State Library are working with a lobbyist and are discussing issues to be included. Cohn and Sweeney will continue to update the committee.
10. Nancy Madacsi reported that the NJ State Library is requesting VALE financial support for its Super Librarian campaign, a three-year plan aimed at raising awareness about New Jersey's libraries. Promotional materials are available and it was the consensus of the committee that VALE make a modest direct donation and let libraries acquire the materials on an individual basis if they're interested. Nancy will contact the State Library about the donation.
11. Judy Cohn attended a public meeting at Caldwell College on New Jersey's Long Range Plan for Higher Education. A draft for Phase I was distributed. A Phase II report will be issued in January. There was discussion about creating a document to inform the Commission on Higher Education of VALE's activities and achievements, many of which are already in line with some of the Commission's goals and objectives. Judy Cohn, Bro. Paul Chervenie, Andrew Scrimgeour and Marianne Gaunt will work on this.
12. Cohn has spoken with Mary Mallery regarding the "Last Copy" issue. It was suggested that Mallery present a report to the Executive Committee outlining what is being done locally, regionally and nationally. Cohn will request that Mallery convene an ad hoc committee to investigate the issues involved. Librarian representatives from each of the public research universities will be asked to participate. The ad hoc committee will review "Developing Print Repositories: Models for Shared Preservation and Access (<http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub117/contents.html>).
13. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th.

Minutes prepared by J. Avrin