

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the February 11, 2004 Meeting

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

1. Judy Cohn convened the meeting and the minutes from the January 21, 2004 meeting were approved.
2. Judy Avrin presented the financial report, noting that all invoices have been paid with the exception of one institution's invoice for additional simultaneous users. While not reflected on the report, all invoices for the Users' Conference have been paid. Several vendor donations are still outstanding.
3. Joan Getaz announced that she would post a last call for conference evaluations. Approximately 35 - 40 have been submitted to date. Getaz also noted that the Communications Committee has been discussing the need to update the VALE brochure and will continue to work on it.
4. Judy Cohn advised that she has been in contact with the State Library regarding any FY05 database commitments that would affect VALE libraries. Cohn also reported on the February 2nd demonstration that Proquest held at Alexander Library to provide an update on the ABI/INFORM Complete database and the other products being made available to the VALE libraries. They will be offering several new databases as part of ABI Inform and a notice to that effect will be posted to the listserv. Cohn provided an update on the Wiley Interscience offer and Avrin mentioned several other databases the Electronic Resources Committee plans to recommend for FY05 access.
5. Avrin noted that the majority of the licenses posted on the link hosted by NJIT are not fully executed copies. She is following up with vendors to obtain copies of the fully executed licenses. After a brief discussion, there was agreement that this link should be password protected with access restricted to library staff at VALE member libraries. Avrin will contact Richard Sweeney to arrange for the site to be password protected.
6. Cohn reported on continued State Library discussions regarding the NJ Access to Science, Technology, Medical and Business Database proposal. While financial restrictions will likely preclude inclusion in this budget cycle, it is viewed as a priority by the NJ State Library and is viewed as a fundable initiative to be pursued. A name change to be more reflective of the content is under consideration. A spring meeting will be scheduled and efforts to increase industry involvement will be pursued.
7. Marianne Gaunt distributed copies of the VALE Annual Report. Nancy Madacsi will post a message to the Council listserv prior to the February 27th meeting to announce that they are available and can be delivered that day. A suggested distribution list will be made available to the directors and a list of recipients was developed for J. Cohn to distribute as Chair. This list included the Dean of RU-SCILS and the Chair of the Library Services program, Nick Belkin. Other recommendations included Norma Blake, Pat Tumulty, the RLC Executive Directors, George Laskaris at NJEDGE.net, Jeanne Oswald at the CHE,

Oswald Ratteray at Middle States and Directors of the large county libraries in NJ. In addition, Cohn will send copies to vendors who provided conference support.

8. The Last Copy Repository Committee will meet on February 18th to tour the Research Collection and Preservations Consortium (ReCap) center and discuss the viability of creating one. Marianne Gaunt added that as part of an Advisory Committee on which she serves, this may be a platform for discussion among ARL libraries. If so, she will report back on this topic.
9. Andrew Scrimgeour stated concern over changes by the New Jersey State Library with regard to interlibrary loan reimbursement. The issue will be on the Council agenda as Scherelene Schatz from the NJSL is a guest speaker at that meeting.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2004

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