

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the March 10, 2004 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, A. Ciliberti, J. Cohn, J. Crocker, C. Daze, M. Gaunt, J. Getaz, J. Jeney, N. Madacsi, D. Pinto, R. Sweeney

Guests: Amy Job, Fred Nesta

1. Judy Cohn convened the meeting and welcomed Fred Nesta, new chair of the Interface Committee and Amy Job, chair of the Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee. The minutes from the February 11, 2004 were approved.
2. Anne Ciliberti presented the financial report, noting that several additional vendor contributions for the Users' Conference have been received. Several payments for VALE pens are still outstanding from member libraries. The balance at year-end will be less than in FY03 as a result of greater committee support and higher conference costs.
3. Amy Job distributed results of the Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee's survey on the Structure and Functions of VALE Libraries Technical Services Departments. There was a 67% response rate (35 libraries) and the data is still being analyzed. Another notice will be posted to the VALE listserv to get additional respondents. The survey instrument is posted on the committee's website at: http://frontpage.montclair.edu/salcc_nj/news.html. On April 7th the committee is hosting "Taming the Electronic Wilderness" from 7 - 9 PM at Rutgers SCILS.
4. Fred Nesta reported on efforts of the newly revived Interface Committee. Links on the VALE web page are hosted on a number of school's websites. Some of the information is outdated, links are broken and it all needs to be moved to the VALE server. While content providers are at many schools, access will be restricted to select individuals and a structure for content will be created. The committee is meeting on March 15th.
5. Cohn noted that copies of the VALE Annual Report were distributed to library directors in attendance at the February Council meeting. She will coordinate with Nancy Madacsi to determine which libraries still need copies. In addition, 36 copies of the annual report were mailed to relevant external libraries, associations, cooperatives and schools and a mailing list has been developed for future annual report distributions. A copy of the VALE Annual Report in PDF format will be posted to the VALE web site. Cohn also faxed a copy to Jean Oswald, Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education.
6. On March 19, a day-long symposium is being held at Raritan Valley Community College by the New Jersey National Institutes of Health Coordinating Council, NIH Symposium: Securing NIH Funding support. Pat Tumulty, NJLA and Judy Cohn are planning to attend to promote the NJ Access to Science, Technology, Medical and Business Database proposal. Major objectives of the day include networking with potential users of the service and making key contacts with agencies and groups that can support this important initiative. Among these are the NJ Biotechnology Council and the Commission on Science and Technology. Richard Sweeney suggested NJIT, UMDNJ and Rutgers write to Sherrie

Preische, the new Executive Director of the Commission on Science and Technology to show support for the initiative.

7. Cohn advised that the Finance Committee would be meeting the following day to discuss database renewal pricing. Discussions are continuing on the Wiley Interscience proposal which is slated for January 2005 implementation.
8. Cohn noted that on February 18th, the "VALE Last Copy " working group visited the Research Collection and Preservations Consortium (ReCap) Center in Princeton. Eileen Henthorne, director of the facility, led the tour. Mary Mallery facilitated the meeting to discuss writing a white paper on this topic to be presented to the VALE Executive Committee.
9. Jane Crocker reported that the Reference Committee would be meeting on March 11.
10. Joan Getaz reported that a volunteer is working on a revision and update to the VALE brochure.
11. The Resource Sharing Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 15th. Included in the agenda will be a discussion of allowing reciprocal borrowing privileges to graduate students.
12. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2004.

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