

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the May 12, 2004 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, Bro. P. Chervenie, A. Ciliberti, J. Cohn, J. Getaz, J. Jeney, D. Pinto, A. Scrimgeour, R. Sweeney

Guest: Fred Nesta

1. Judy Cohn convened the meeting and the minutes from the March 10th meeting were approved. Cohn noted a memo from the New Jersey State Library thanking VALE for its participation in the Super Librarian campaign.
2. Anne Ciliberti distributed copies of the April and May financial reports and stated that there had been no activity. All accounts have been paid. She also noted that the Finance Committee met on May 7, 2004 and developed a proposed FY05 VALE Budget for approval by the Executive Committee and then by the Council of NJ College and University Library Directors, Deans and University Librarians. The Finance Committee also recommends:
 - o Transition of salaries to a fiscal year schedule.
 - o Creation of a reserve account.
 - o Increasing the service charge from 2.6% to 3.9%. Following discussion in which it was noted that the service charge had remained at 2.6% for three years, the group voted to approve the FY05 Budget as presented.

The budget will be presented to Council for approval at their upcoming meeting on May 21.

3. Richard Sweeney recommended sending a letter of appreciation to William Paterson University acknowledging their continued role as fiduciary agent of VALE. All were in agreement.
4. Judy Cohn advised that nominees are needed for open spots on VALE committees. It was also noted that seats on the Executive Committee would be opening up as several members are nearing completion of their terms. Open seats include two independent, two 2-year and one 4-year school representatives. Greg Fallon, incoming Council President, will take Nancy Madacsi's place on the committee. Since the Council meeting is in May this year, it was proposed that instead of holding the election next week, it be held as a virtual election. An announcement that nominations for the open seats are being sought will be made before next week's Council meeting. David Pinto will coordinate posting the announcement with Nancy Madacsi.
5. In other committee reports:
 - o Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee will be meeting in June.
 - o Electronic Resources Committee - Judy Cohn presented an update from Luis Rodriguez. Wiley InterScience title lists have been compiled and it looks good for a January 1st start date. The committee will be meeting in June. Shirley Knight of

Ramapo College is joining the group. Judy Avrin reported on the new database offerings and advised that VALE will enter into an agreement with the WALDO Consortium to provide ACM Digital Library at a savings of almost 50% under last year's cost. A notice will be sent to the membership.

- Fred Nesta reported that the Interface Committee had met and is working on additions and changes to the VALE web site.
 - Joan Getaz distributed a draft of the revised VALE brochure. There was discussion of format and wording changes. Judy Avrin will update any changes to the members' list of web sites.
 - Reference Services - Cohn presented a report from Jane Crocker updating efforts to recruit additional libraries to participate with Q&A if there were an academic queue. The committee will meet with the Q&A staff to see whether an academic queue is possible with the limited number of libraries. Crocker requested consideration of having Cynthia McClellan (UMDNJ-Stratford Campus Library) co-chair the committee. All were in favor.
 - Resource Sharing Committee met on May 11. Andrew Scrimgeour reported that in February they had distributed a survey inquiring about the value of including graduate students in the faculty reciprocal borrowing program. Because the response rate was poor, libraries will be re-surveyed. He also noted that the committee charge is outdated and will be re-written and submitted to the Executive Committee.
 - Shared Information Literacy - meeting June 9th.
 - Training Committee - Judy Cohn advised that the search for a chair of the Training Committee is continuing. The primary role of the position will be to function as a coordinator of training sessions with vendor trainers. Volunteers will be sought at the Council meeting.
 - Last Copy/Repository - the group met in March and draft statements for a white paper were due last Friday; the group will meet again on June 2.
6. NJ Access to Science, Technology, Medical & Business Databases. Cohn noted that Norma Blake and Pat Tumulty are in support of the initiative which seeks \$6 million in funding to make high-level science, technology, medical and business databases available to the small business community and to selected public libraries and all academic libraries in NJ. Lobbying efforts to date include a presentation made to Congressman Rush Holt, creator of Einstein's Alley which is part of a larger initiative to create jobs and encourage economic development and innovation in New Jersey. Other activities include preparing mailing lists of small businesses in science and technology, developing a survey to elicit support from the business community and creating a powerpoint presentation to describe the initiative. Although Cohn and Sweeney have been the primary representatives from VALE, Cohn asked for other volunteers to assist as needed with the lobbying efforts. David Pinto and Andrew Scrimgeour agreed to participate.
7. Anne Ciliberti reported that there is an effort by the Educational Activities Task Force (EATF) of NJEdge to license digital films as a consortium. A sub-committee will be created to develop a pilot project over the summer to work on scenarios to license and

distribute films from the Films Media Group. Efforts will be made to create a core list of films that exist in VALE libraries and to have a VALE member sit on the subcommittee. Ciliberti will ask for a volunteer at the Council meeting.

8. There will be an ICOLC meeting in spring 2005 in Boston and some members of the Executive Committee may wish to attend.
9. Ciliberti distributed copies of a LibQUAL user satisfaction survey. LibQUAL is a suite of services offered by ARL for libraries to evaluate service quality. Although the consortial deal does not lower the price, it does enable participants to add five, custom questions. The group agreed that it might appeal to some of the VALE members, so Ciliberti will present the idea of developing a consortial effort at the May Council meeting.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2004.

Minutes prepared by J. Avrin