

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the June 9, 2004 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, Bro. P. Chervenie, A. Ciliberti, J. Cohn, J. Crocker, C. Daze, G. Fallon, M. Gaunt, J. Jeney, L. Ostar, D. Pinto, A. Scrimgeour, R. Sweeney, P. Tumulty

1. Judy Cohn convened the meeting and welcomed Greg Fallon, incoming president of the Council of NJ College and University Library Deans, University Librarians, and Directors, to the Executive Committee. Cohn also thanked Pat Tumulty for attending. The minutes from the May 12, 2004 meeting were approved.
2. Anne Ciliberti presented the budget report. There was no activity in May. Three libraries have requested early invoices in order to utilize remaining funds. Judy Avrin issued those invoices and those funds will be segregated into a separate line item when FY04 funds are rolled over into the FY05 budget report.
3. Cohn distributed a preliminary list of meeting dates for FY05 Executive Committee meetings. Due to anticipated Route 18 construction, relocation of the meetings to another location was discussed. Marianne Gaunt noted that construction is not scheduled to begin until January 2005. Given its central location and access to highways, Middlesex County College will host meetings beginning in January 2005. Until then, the Executive Committee will continue to take advantage of Rutgers hospitality and remain in the same location.
4. David Pinto reported ballots for the Executive Committee election have been distributed and that the VALE bylaws require confirmation of the authenticity of the voter. The election will end in two weeks.
5. Cohn distributed information on the Knowledge Initiative, Information Resources for Innovation and Discovery breakfast and press conference scheduled for June 10th at the State House Annex. More than 30 legislators are expected. Pat Tumulty will address the group with an overview of the program and Judy Cohn will discuss the databases that would be included. Cheryl O'Connor will describe the survey instrument that was developed to obtain the science, technology, business and medical information needs of the small business community. Cohn reported that survey results to date have been extremely positive. However, it is critical to get the survey circulated and any contact names for economic development or business groups should be sent to her.

Pat Tumulty noted that the partnership between VALE, NJLA and the State Library has been very productive and has laid a tremendous groundwork in branding the initiative. Discussions have revealed a tremendous need for services and there is good momentum to go forward. Norma Blake has put together an excellent packet for the press conference. Richard Sweeney acknowledged Judy Cohn's extraordinary leadership.

There was discussion of the proposed \$6 million budget. Gaunt observed the importance of stressing the statewide aspect of the initiative in pricing negotiations with vendors and Tumulty noted the emphasis should be on highlighting this as a State Library initiative rather than one from higher education or a specific institution.

6. Committee Reports:

- Resources Sharing Committee - Has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting. There hasn't been any significant response to the issue of including graduate students in the reciprocal borrowing program.
- Training Committee - Judy Cohn announced that Lynn Randall of Caldwell College has agreed to chair the committee. Cohn, Ciliberti and Avrin will meet with Randall to discuss the direction of the committee.
- Last Copy/Repository - the group met in June and each member submitted a portion towards the white paper. The issue is addressed from institutional and sector viewpoints. The primary goal of the paper is to define the problem rather than solve it. Additional support may be necessary. Mary Mallery will finish the white paper over the summer and it will then be presented to the Council.
- Shared Information Literacy - Anne Ciliberti reported the committee met that morning. Over the last six months Dave Hoover has been working with open source software and has developed a new template/database to gather shared products. Gaunt advised that a Rutgers symposium on Shared Information Literacy that took place several weeks ago was well received.

7. Gaunt announced that Mary Mallery will be chair of the Libraries and Learning section for the Second Annual NJEdge.net Conference in October. She will be looking for speakers and topics for the program. It was suggested a focused aspect of VALE be addressed in a poster session.

8. Ciliberti reported on a posting to the ICOLC listserv from OhioLink announcing that it will fund half of the publication fee for all faculty and researchers at OhioLINK member institutions whose articles are published in the Public Library of Science's (PLoS) open-access journals.

9. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2004.

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