

# **VALE Executive Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2011**

**(via conference call)**

**FINAL**

Present: A. Ciliberti, J. Cohn, J. Crocker, M. Gaunt, N. Madacsi, C. O'Connor, T. Pavlovsky (Chair), L. Rodriguez, A. Scrimgeour, L. Siecke, R. Sweeney, J. Toth

## **1. Call to Order / Welcome & Minutes of November 8, 2011 Meeting**

Taras Pavlovsky convened the meeting and polled those on the phone for attendance. Minutes from the November 8 Executive Committee Meeting including the Addendum were approved as written. A. Scrimgeour moved that the minutes be accepted. J. Crocker seconded the motion. The minutes will be posted on the Web site.

## **2. Finance Report**

A. Ciliberti presented the Budget Activity Report. As of 12/1/11, there is a balance of \$93,374.03 in the budget. All vendors have been paid with the exception of CQ Researcher, CQ Historic Documents and Wiley Encyclopedia of Life Sciences.

## **3. VALE OLS Project Update**

M. Gaunt reported that proposals for logos For VALID (VALE's Academic Library Information Discovery) are to be submitted by 12/15/11. Thus far, there are 2 acceptable submissions. The committee is working on a business plan and will report on its progress at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. VALE OSC team members attending the Kualu Days Conference had the opportunity to speak with Tim McGeary and Mike Winkler regarding software development. M. Gaunt and A. Ciliberti were briefed by conference attendees T. Pavlovsky, G. Agnew, and K. Wagner who agreed that the meeting was a positive experience, had a great atmosphere and a high-energy, collaborative spirit. OLE milestones are being met with several software releases due in the coming months with the increased functionality articulated for each of the forthcoming versions. The OLE initiative currently has 16 FTEs on board with the expectation that there will be 22 FTEs devoted to the project by January 2012. The Kualu Board is developing new pricing. There is the potential for VALE to come in as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year build structure, with cost to be determined. With the assistance of J. Avrin, T. Pavlovsky has submitted the FTE counts for the VALE alpha and beta institutions. The enthusiasm received from the group attending the Kualu Days Meeting was reassuring.

## **4. Triennial Report**

All Executive Committee liaisons submitted committee highlights as directed at the 11/8 meeting reported L. Rodriguez. A meeting with P. Glassman will be held on 12/21/11 with A. Ciliberti and L. Rodriguez to advise regarding a thematic approach and revised template. The report will not be ready for Annual Users' Conference, but will likely be printed by the end of January 2012.

## **5. Annual Users' Conference**

Registration for the Annual Users' Conference topped out at 270. Those who have not yet registered will be put on a waiting list. A report of registrants by breakout session of choice has been produced. Comments that VOSC is so prominent in the program were voiced by several Executive Committee members.

**6. Bylaws / 501(c)(3)**

The most recent version of the Bylaws were voted on electronically and approved. Chickering was to meet with Rider's General Counsel to take the Bylaws through Attorney Review and obtain comments and guidance. That meeting was to take place at the same time as VALE Executive Committee, so feedback should be forthcoming shortly. T. Pavlovsky contact President Yaw, Chair of the Task Force at the time 501(c)(3) status was first raised to the Presidents Council. Pavlovsky also sent an email to President McCormick, the current Presidents' Council Chair. M. Gaunt indicated she would follow up to make sure the communiqué was received and any comments. The proposed Bylaws state that a member of the Presidents' Council will sit on the VALE Executive Committee in an ex-officio capacity. In order to move ahead for approval to the full Presidents' Council, background work needs to be completed for a January 20, 2012 submission date.

**7. Nature Publishing Group issue**

J. Cohn reported that proposed licensing terms have been received from Nature Publishing Group and are currently under review. Once review is completed, the licenses will be submitted to the VALE Executive Committee Chair, T. Pavlovsky for signature.

**8. NJVid (Pricing Model, Draft MOU, WALDO)**

Clarification on the NJVid pricing model was reviewed. "Collection" means "vendor" when reviewing the price structure. The price is based on the number of collections and the number of videos an institution streams through NJVid. A collection consists of the number of videos streamed from a particular vendor. An institution which has video content from one vendor will pay less than an institution which has numerous collections from several vendors.

M. Gaunt reviewed the revised MOU in detail. She conferred with RU staff working on the NJVid project in addition to George Laskaris. Several suggestions were made throughout the document regarding clarification, notifications to VALE, workload for cataloging and ingesting of video content, governance/advisory structure, and notification of price changes. M. Gaunt will incorporate the changes recommended by Executive Committee members and submit to T. Pavlovsky who will put the revisions to an email vote. Once approved, the revision will be sent to G. Laskaris at NJEdge.

As D. Murray was unable to attend the meeting, the discussion regarding a potential conflict with another streaming video vendor was tabled and the agenda item will be held over to the next meeting.

**9. VALE Strategic Planning**

J. Toth presented the high level strategic planning document distributed for discussion on how to proceed. A. Ciliberti brought up the major Assessment activity VALE undertook in 2007 with PALINET emphasizing cost savings and a detailed analysis of member

feedback at several levels. Based on feedback, the planning document will be re-visited in light of the 2007 assessment and a face-to-face discussion will take place at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> VALE Executive Committee meeting on how to structure a meaningful planning process for VALE moving ahead. Members expressed taking account of those meaningful trends and technological advances which have occurred in the past five years, both internally and externally.

#### **10. VALE PR Position**

R. Sweeney reported that there was no movement on this topic as the committee's approached were reluctant to take on this task. A. Ciliberti commented that the Web site Committee is a technology-driven group, rather than a content-driven one. The need for a VALE PR position may re-emerge as part of the communications plan for VOSC. The issue was tabled pending further discussion.

#### **11. VALE Server Speed**

As J. Avrin not in attendance, this topic was tabled until the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

#### **12. Reschedule June 7 Council Meeting**

Due to the change in timing of the New Jersey Library Association Meeting, L. Rodriguez requested that the June meeting of Members' Council and the VALE Executive Committee be rescheduled as they are slotted to occur the same week. A Doodle poll will be distributed to VALE Executive Committee members to determine a different June date.

#### **13. Possible Agenda for February 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting**

L. Siecke recommended bringing in a facilitator, to work with Members' Council on a planning activity. He is experienced in appreciative inquiry and would be excellent in assisting Council with a planning activity. Another possibility focused on member desire for increased interaction and networking perhaps focused on specific topics of interest to the group (i.e. patron driven acquisitions, etc.) L. Siecke will follow-up with library directors to learn about topics of interest.

#### **14. Replacement for N Madacsi**

On behalf of all Executive Committee Members, T. Pavlovsky thanked N. Madacsi for her 18 months of service to the group and conveyed best wishes on the occasion of her retirement. Well wishes and congratulations to Nancy!

A director from the independent sector will be asked to fill N. Madacsi's term on the VALE Executive Committee which would end in June 2012.

#### **15. LibraryLinkNJ Update**

C. O'Connor provided the following report focusing on recent LibraryLinkNJ activities reported at their recent statewide meeting:

1. LibraryLinkNJ is pleased to announce an Advocacy Partnership with the New Jersey Association of School Libraries at the funding level of \$20,000. The purpose is to advance the strategic use and impact of the NJ Study of School Libraries conducted by the Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries (CISSL).

2. The Cooperative's Mobile Project was launched Dec 7 with a budget of \$225,000. LibraryLink staff are very excited about this initiative which will fund at least one library in each county and hopefully more. The link to the project documents is on the LibraryLinkNJ homepage.
  3. Just a reminder that the Cooperative will be transitioning from the INFOLINK and CJRLC lists to forums only in early January. Ensure your staff has individual user accounts to be able to register for CE, to post to forum discussions, and to receive feeds from the forums.
  4. Three items in relation to the Delivery Service:
    - Julie Maginn, Library Director, Raritan Valley Community College agreed to replace Anne Ciliberti on the LibraryLinkNJ Delivery Services Task Force.
    - The Executive Board commits to no assessed cost share for delivery through the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2012). The Delivery Services TF is still working on eligibility criteria to recommend to the Board.
    - In response to the post office's announcement that fines may be levied against organizations that do not return the PO white bins, LibraryLinkNJ had ordered 3,000 new bins for use in delivery services.
  5. QandANJ services will end December 31, 2012. NJLA has no bridge service ready. O'Connor coordinated with NJLA the message to the public and just received sign off today. Paid QandANJ freelancers and volunteer libraries are now being informed that the service will end. NJLA will distribute a separate message regarding the results of the Virtual Ref Task Force.
- A. Scrimgeour was thanked for writing a wonderful letter of support for LibraryLinkNJ's nomination for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The letter will be sent to T. Pavlovsky to be put on VALE letterhead and submitted as today is the due date.

## 16. Committee Updates

A few brief committee updates were provided, as follows:

- The Shared Information Literacy Committee continues to work on developing progression standards for upper level students and various instructional assessment methods. They note a great deal of turnover among academic librarians in NJ and suggest that VALE committees consider developing flyers or brochures to attract new members.
- The Reference Committee has received its charge from VOSC and had begun working on it.
- The Electronic Resources Committee initiated its new listserv exclusively for electronic resources staff across all VALE libraries.
- The Website Committee has been busy accommodating the User Conference registration needs.

**17. Next Meeting**

The upcoming Members' Council Meeting will be held on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Rutgers - Alexander Library in New Brunswick in the Scholarly Communications Center. The afternoon VALE Executive Committee Meeting will be held in the University Librarian's Conference Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Library.

T. Pavlovsky adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.

Submitted by: J. Cohn, 12/13/11