

VALE Joint Committee Chair - Executive Committee Meeting

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Present: J. Avrin, L. Charles, A. Ciliberti, J. Cohn, J. Crocker, C. Daze, M. Deptula, M. Gaunt, P. Glassman, T. Joachim, E. Leonard, M. Loesch, M. Martin, J. Matthew, K. McGivern, C. O'Connor, D. O'Shea, T. Pavlovsky, P. Price, L. Rodriguez, A. Scrimgeour, E. Siecke, R. Sweeney, P. Theus,

Taras Pavlovsky welcomed the group to the joint meeting of Committee Chairs and the Executive Committee. He reminded everyone that the purpose of the annual meeting is to share information about committee activities, promote collaboration among committees and provide an opportunity for Executive Committee members to be engaged with committee leaders.

Introductions including institution and committee representation were made:

Assessment Chair - Elizabeth Leonard, Berkeley College

Assessment Liaison - Liz Siecke, Ramapo College

Bibliographic Control & Metadata Chair - Martha Loesch, Seton Hall University

Bibliographic Control & Metadata Liaison - Anne Ciliberti, William Paterson University

Cooperative Collection Chair - Pamela Theus, William Paterson University

Cooperative Collection Liaison – Pamela Price, Mercer County Community College

Digital Media Committee Liaison – Paul Glassman, Felician College

Electronic Resources Liaison - Judy Cohn, UMDNJ

Reference Services Co-chairs - Kate McGivern, Bergen Community College; Maria Deptula, Berkeley College

Reference Services Liaison – Jane Crocker, Gloucester County College

Resource Sharing Chair – Judy Matthew, William Paterson University

Resource Sharing Committee Liaison – Andrew Scrimgeour, Drew University

Shared Information Literacy Chair – Leslin Charles, Berkeley College

Shared Information Literacy Liaison – Michelle Martin, Burlington County College

Users' Conference Co-Chair – Denise O'Shea, Montclair State University

Users' Conference Liaison – Luis Rodriguez, Kean University

VALID Steering Committee Co-chairs – Anne Ciliberti, William Paterson University; Marianne Gaunt, Rutgers University

Website Chair – Tony Joachim, William Paterson University

Website Liaison – Richard Sweeney, NJIT

Assessment Committee – Elizabeth Leonard

- Conducted a successful Assessment Fair in July 2012. Feedback included the suggestion that each poster presenter have additional time in order to give short explanation of research.
- LibQual+ information offered to VALE community; interested libraries decided to participate in the 2014 survey.

- A Chief Academic Officer Survey is in development. Purpose: to obtain information from the CAOs and Deans regarding their views of the value of the library and librarians, both in terms of their traditional roles and as contributors to institutional goals and objectives, such as student and faculty recruitment and retention. The Executive Committee recommended copying library directors when the survey is sent out
- Collection of past VALE surveys and datasets to be kept in a central location was proposed. It was suggested that this would be an appropriate project for an SCI internship. Pavlovsky will investigate.

Bibliographic Control & Metadata Committee – Martha Loesch

- An Institutional Repository presentation originally planned for Fall 2012 will be rescheduled for Fall 2013.
- The BCMC OLS working group is working on MARC specifications in preparation for the migration of cataloging data (alpha institutions will do this first). Once the specifications are completed, they will test it on the VuFind Solr index. The working group has met twice and made good progress. They hope to finish this task by the end of April 2013.
- Sponsored both Poster and Breakout Sessions at the VALE Users' Conference.
- RDA implementation date is scheduled for the end of March. The committee plans to schedule catalog training for VALE members in Fall 2013 after monitoring various considerations and the suitability of RDA by committee catalogers in their respective institutions.

Cooperative Collection Management Committee - Pamela Theus

- A questionnaire was sent to all VALID alpha and beta libraries to survey how they may be addressing projects intended to prepare their collections for VALID, such as weeding, inventory, CD policies and reclamation projects.
 - Gathered Collection Development Policies of committee members.
 - Started a list of contacts of people willing to work with libraries which may need assistance in weeding, etc as they prepare for VALID.
 - In response to survey results, will conduct a workshop in collaboration with BCMC on how to develop general procedures related to activities for preparing collections for VALID. Various inventory methods will be included in the workshop.
- Committee meetings include professional development and membership engagement initiatives.
- The Committee has elected 2 new Co-Chairs. Pavlovsky reminded all Committee chairs that each spring, as their committees elect new leadership, they must notify the VALE Executive Committee (through the liaison, typically) so that the new chairs can be appointed.
- Sponsored a Users' Conference session on analyzing ebooks.

Digital Media Committee – Paul Glassman

- The committee met in August 2012 when the list of commercial distributors and offers was presented. Tom Nemeth prepared a Procedural Process Guide for streaming commercial videos which was posted on the VALE website along with the vendor list. Abhishek Hegde

(NJEDge.Net) provided an update in which he discussed the ingest process, turnaround time and new features that are available on NJVID.

- Albert Municino stepped down as chair and Jane Hutchison accepted the position as interim chair.
- A survey was sent to assess digital media satisfaction levels and the services member libraries find useful. Hutchison is obtaining the compiled results from Municino
- Sponsored a poster session at the Users' Conference. Glassman produced a brochure about the Digital Media Committee that was inserted in the conference program.
- The committee believes streaming video is a primary service to VALE members and should be given more visibility on the website.
- The committee will meet in the spring to assess services for the following year including providing a licensing model for negotiations with distributors.

Electronic Resources Committee – Judy Cohn

- There are two vacant slots that will be filled consistent with outgoing sector representation.
- Several product trials have been reviewed.
- There is overlap between e-resources and digital video. There needs to be more collaboration between the ERC and DMC and determining what is reviewed by each group. Judy Matthew suggested the Resource Sharing Committee be considered when buying e-books.
- The committee will schedule at least two spring meetings to continue product reviews and continue discussion of possible consortial e-book agreements. Currently there are no e-book licenses. Matthew suggested that as licenses are acquired, VALE members keep in mind ways to share the ebooks, and include those terms in the licenses.

Reference Services Committee – Kate McGivern

- The committee has three new members
- Sponsored two breakout sessions at the Users' Conference
- Used Adobe Connect for several meetings but experienced some technical issues.
- Conducting an evaluation of reference data collection and virtual reference tools.
- A subcommittee is developing a questionnaire on discovery tools for VALID.
- Objective for next year is a survey to assess virtual reference in academic libraries and creating best practices.

Resource Sharing Committee – Judy Matthew

- In response to their VALID charge, the committee provided a circulation policy statement that was presented in a breakout session at the Users' Conference.
- Committee is recommending that VALID libraries review current circulation policies in preparation to a move toward more consistent and shared policies.
- Seven libraries are participating in the Rapid ILL Pod.
- Reciprocal Borrowing Program page links have been updated and the committee is working with the website committee to implement a link checker program.

Shared Information Literacy Committee – Leslin Charles

- Very active committee with 27 members.
- The committee is providing professional development workshops for its members. One was held in the fall and several more are on the spring calendar.
- Four committee members have had proposals accepted for the NJLA Annual Conference in June.
- Committee is investigating ways to connect administration or students in library graduate programs to emphasize importance of instructional design or user education courses for future academic librarians.

Users' Conference Planning Committee – Denise O'Shea

- Very successful conference
- 280 attendees
- 43 VALE institutions represented
- 19 Poster sessions
- 23 Breakout sessions
- Keynote speaker feedback was split as is generally the case.
- New conference schedule this year resulted in a lot of comments. 68% rated the change positively.
- Next year's conference date has been confirmed for Friday, January 10, 2014.
- Eleonora Dubicki compiled the evaluation statistics.
- Judy Avrin will send individual evaluation results to session and poster leaders.

The Executive Committee would like to commend the Users' Conference Planning Committee for their wonderful work each year.

VALID Steering Committee—Marianne Gaunt

- Coordinated the work of the VOIT, the VALID Implementation Team, as it selected and recommended the adoption of VuFind as a discovery tool for VALID; implemented use of Amazon Web Services for a cloud-based server host; advanced the work of several sub-committees and recommended the creation of VALID Serials Taskforce to work on the complex issue of serial records' display in a merged database.
- Develop a "context document" to describe the VALID initiative to potential bidders to an RFP for consulting services to assist in the development of a business plan for VALID. The RFP itself will be prepared this spring.
- Discussed preliminary third-party funding strategies.
- Prepared a succinct "value proposition" for VALID that highlights the mission, strategies and deliverables of the project.

Website Committee – Tony Joachim

- Provided Drupal training for new committee chairs and Website Committee members.
- Joachim completed two online Drupal classes offered through LibraryLinkNJ. Very beneficial.
- Held two meetings, one virtual.
- Assisted the Users' Conference Committee in preparing all the web pages for the January conference with special thanks to Ann Hoang.
- Instituted a Link Checker module on a limited number of content types on the VALE website to evaluate results.
- Working with Essex County College to help transition away from dependency of VALE menu to access databases.
- Performed much ongoing maintenance and documentation for the WALE website.

Minutes prepared by J. Avrin