VALE Executive Committee Meeting
March 7, 2013

Rutgers University
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Present: J. Avrin, A. Ciliberti, J. Cohn, J. Crocker, C. Daze, M. Gaunt, P. Glassman, M. Martin, C. O'Connor, T. Pavlovsky, P. Price, L. Rodriguez, A. Scrimgeour, E. Siecke, R. Sweeney

1. Call to Order / Welcome & Minutes of the February 1, 2013 & February 11, 2013 Meetings
Taras Pavlovsky convened the meeting. Minutes from the February 1, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting and the February 11, 2013 conference call were approved as submitted. Judy Avrin will post them to the VALE website.

2. Finance Report
Anne Ciliberti presented the February Budget Activity Report. The ending balance in the Non-Salary Account was $58,750. Payments in the amount of $900 for vendor support of the Users' Conference were received and the sole expenditure was $34.80 in mileage reimbursement for Conference Keynote speaker Ellie Fogarty. The Salary Report was not completed in time for the meeting.

3. VALID Report
Marianne Gaunt distributed the VALID Value Proposition that was revised following the VOSC meeting on February 25th. The vision statement was revised to emphasize that VALID is a VALE project: "To be VALE's catalyst in transforming the role of New Jersey libraries in higher education through the use of a shared information technology infrastructure." Pavlovsky affirmed that while VALID remains in development and until it come under separate business management, it will remain a VALE project. Gaunt and Ciliberti will post the VALID proposition on the VALE web page and incorporate it as appropriate in the RFP for assistance in developing a VALID business plan.

4. Assessment Committee Project Request
Liz Siecke presented a revised project request form from the Assessment Committee for a spring Assessment Fair. They indicated vendor support would be requested to cover expenses for the program. It was noted that accepting vendor donations is not allowed since many of the VALE libraries are state institutions. Since the VALE budget includes funds for committee support, the Executive Committee approved a motion to support the event with funding of up to $500 for food/catering. Siecke will advise the committee.

5. Proposed FY14 Budget
Copies of some FY14 budget scenarios were distributed. Although the following year's budget is generally reviewed at the April Executive Committee meeting, Ciliberti suggested additional review of the Service Fee was needed in light of the growing size of the Reserve Account. In the extensive discussion about the appropriate size of the Reserve and about the extent it might be used to support the development of VALID, the following suggestions were made:

- A Reserve fund covering two years' of operating budget expenses is prudent.

- The Reserve fund might be broken out into two categories: Operational Reserves and Strategic Reserves.

There was general consensus on these two points, which Ciliberti will incorporate in an FY14 budget proposal for discussion at the April 25th meeting.

6. New Jersey Academic Library Borrowing Card

There was discussion of the Resource Sharing Committee's recommendation at the morning meeting for a New Jersey academic library borrowing card. Gaunt stated that VOSC had also identified this goal as a VALID-related effort that could be developed in advance of the technology infrastructure. A motion was approved to charge the VALE Resource Sharing Committee with investigating the feasibility of a New Jersey academic library borrower card. It was suggested that the committee develop and implement it as a pilot project with the VALID alpha and beta participating libraries.

7. NJEDge Executive Team Meeting

Judy Cohn, Luis Rodriguez and Richard Sweeney attended the March 4, 2013 NJEDge.Net Team Regional meeting held at Fairleigh Dickinson University; Pamela Price attended the March 6th meeting held at Monmouth University; Pavlovsky indicated that he planned to attend the March 11th meeting at Stockton. The purpose of these meetings was to address the impact of technology on higher education and to seek input from members on how NJEDge might help address these needs. Cohn reported that George Laskaris discussed infrastructure issues as well as his board's emphasis on greater inclusion from the academic side of higher education. NJEDge is interested in attracting more libraries and librarians to its programs and services. Pavlovsky will send a message to VALE directors encouraging all who attend these meetings to share what they heard, for the benefit of those who are not able to attend.

8. Incorporation and the Future of VALE

Pavlovsky and Gaunt have another meeting scheduled with George Laskaris and others from NJEDge.net on Wednesday, March 13th to discuss possible future relationships between the two organizations.

9. Elsevier Contract

Cohn and Sweeney met with Elsevier representatives to discuss the current VALE negotiated contract which expires at the end of 2013. At this time Elsevier is not offering a new licensing model, but if one becomes available during the term of a contract, VALE libraries would be eligible to participate. It appears that the general terms are still available: options to upgrade to the Freedom Collection; availability of a unique title list; and commitment to maintain core spending levels. Elsevier did confirm that they are willing to continue with a VALE-negotiated contract even after UMDNJ withdraws from that contract. Cohn will send a message to VALE libraries, summarizing the current understanding of Elsevier terms and to assess the level of interest in participating in a meeting with Elsevier representatives to discuss renewals of their Elsevier licenses.

10. NJVid Advisory Committee

Pavlovsky reported that he has consulted with Jane Hutchison to identify members of the Digital Media Committee to participate on the NJVid Advisory Committee, and is in the process of reaching out to those individuals.

11. Adobe Connect

Pavlovsky reported that Paula Williams from Bergen Community College has extensive experience

with Adobe Connect and is willing to head the project. The committee approved a motion to have her oversee the project and Pavlovsky will contact Williams to advise her of the committee's decision and to review project details.

12. New Jersey State Library Update
Colleen Daze reported that on April 8th the State Library will be hosting a program on disaster recovery, "Ports in a Storm: The Library as Disaster Recovery Center". Daze also reported that President Georg Pruitt had staff participate in a very helpful active shooter training program run by the company that provides security for the state library.

13. LibraryLinkNJ Update
Cheryl O'Connor provided a strategic plan overview, noting that in an effort towards transparency and increased participation, their website home page has a "mind map" with extensive information and details. A Strategic Planning survey was distributed to over 4,000 members on March 4th. O'Connor stressed the urgent need for academic library participation. Pavlovsky will send a message to the directors' list to emphasize the importance of participation.

14. VALE Strategic Plan
Discussion of the Strategic Plan was tabled.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2013 at Rutgers University.

Minutes prepared by: J. Avrin