

VALE Executive Committee Meeting

April 2, 2015

Rutgers University

FINAL

Present: J. Avrin, G. Agnew, A. Beth, J. Boyle, J. Buschman, J. Cohn, H. Craven, C. Daze, G. Fallon, G. Laskaris, S. Muir, C. O'Connor, T. Pavlovsky, R. Sweeney, M. Thompson, J. Toth

1. Call to Order / Welcome & Minutes of the January 23, 2015 Meeting

- Taras Pavlovsky convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the January 23, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. VALID Update

- Grace Agnew provided a detailed VALID update.
 - We are not big enough risk-takers; we need to make more effort for staffing. Need marketing people to approach the right people in the state and ask for money.
 - Reviewed and discussed Statement of the Relationship between VALID and VALE.
 - Motion: The Executive Committee agree with the VALID Open Library System Steering Committee (VOSC) recommendation that VALID's affiliation with VALE continues. Passed with two abstentions.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Joe Toth presented January and February Activity Budget reports
 - January Activity
 - Revenue: \$600 - vendor conference support
 - Expenditures: \$14,943.50 – final database payment, conference expenses, VALID Consultant fee
 - Salary: final salary payments through WPU
 - February Activity
 - Revenue: \$2,900 - vendor conference support.
 - Expenditures: \$6,074 –conference expenses, MIG retirement gift, VALID consultant travel, Avrin travel.
 - Reserve and Salary accounts unchanged.
- Funds transfer from WPU to NJEDge
 - Remaining funds totaling \$389,862.64 were received by NJIT via wire transfer on 3/12/15.
- Budget/Banner Account
 - January Activity
 - Revenue: \$600 - vendor conference support

- Expenditures: \$14,943.50 – final database payment, conference expenses, VALID Consultant fee
- Salary: final salary payments through WPU
- Discussions with NJEDge about setting up 3 funds (non-salary, salary, reserve) rather than one fund. Brian Gately submitted the request to NJIT business services. Awaiting reply.

4. Community College Caucus

- Mark Thompson reported the group met on February 2nd at Hudson County College Library, hosted by Director Carol Van Houten
- Discussed Information Literacy issues
- Discussed future direction of VALE committees.
- Heather Craven pointed out the value of VALE name recognition.
- Thompson announced that a team from Bergen Community College won the 2015 NJLA-CUS Technology Innovation Award for their development of a Bergen Community College Library app, currently available in the iStore and in Android Store.
- Next meeting scheduled for the end of April at Ocean County College

5. Partnership Review Committee

- George Laskaris reported that the committee met on March 13th and formally endorsed NJEDge taking over financial responsibilities for VALE.

6. By-laws Change

- Judy Cohn noted that according to the by-laws, the position of Council Moderator is a one year term. Historically the position has been held for 2 years, in part due to the steep learning curve.
 - Moved that the term be changed to 2 years. Approved.
 - Will be presented to Members' Council for approval at the June meeting.

7. Nominating Committee

- Greg Fallon and Judy Cohn reported that they have candidates for the community college sector.
- Raised question of eligibility of interim directors for Executive Committee positions. By-laws silent on the issue. Discussion and agreement that this should not limit eligibility.

8. VALE Committee Structure

- Lengthy discussion of morning's joint meeting with VALE committee chairs and future structure.
- Pavlovsky asked everyone to carefully consider possible changes and respond to the entire group within two weeks.

9. LibraryLinkNJ

- Cheryl O'Connor noted it has been two years since the last NJLA/LLNJ Statewide Strategic plan. Many libraries have incorporated parts into their own plans. NJLA has completed their Strategic Plan.

- Discussion of new strategic direction scheduled for June 16th at Sheraton Eatontown.
- Want participation from each group. She will send invitation to Pavlovsky and ask him to select 5 or 6 people.

10. Next meeting scheduled for April 23, 2015 at Rutgers.

Minutes prepared by J. Avrin.