

# VALE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 19, 2016

Rutgers University

**FINAL**

Present: J. Avrin, L. Beninghove, M. Chute, J. Cohn, G. Fallon, A. Hoang, S. Muir, T. Pavlovsky, S. Prupis (via conference call), K. Schalk-Greene, J. Toth, C. Van Houten, K. Wagner

## **1. Call to Order / Welcome / Minutes of the June 9, 2016 Meeting (Toth)**

- Joe Toth convened the meeting.
- Welcome to Ann Hoang and Kurt Wagner
- Minutes from the June 9, 2016 meeting were approved.

## **2. Treasurer's Report (Toth / Avrin)**

- Toth discussed FY16 actuals. Some remaining questions.
- Many reports received from NJEDge/NJIT. Will take time to digest.
- FY17 report not yet available.

## **3. VALE / NJEDge Partnership Committee (Toth / Prupis)**

- No new update.
- Toth noted that a discussion of possible VALE uses for NJVID took place at the prior meeting. A presentation at a future Members' Council meeting was discussed.

## **4. Purchasing and Licensing (Cohn / Fallon)**

- Cohn reported that Consortial Manager has accepted the revised language in the license. A few last minute changes need review and signature by NJEDge. Once fully executed implementation will move forward.

## **5. Outreach (Muir / Wagner)**

- Conference
  - Muir and Wagner have had communication with conference committee. An organizational planning meeting is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Registration will be administered through NJEDge's event account. Avrin will work with Adrian Sharrief and bring in Prupis if needed.
- Website
  - Muir spoke with Prupis use of NJEDge's server.

- A new, smaller and more agile website committee will be formed. Wagner consulted with former chair Tony Joachim. Three former members have agreed to serve.
- To be determined: what gets ported to new site. Wagner will discuss with Joachim.
- A motion to dissolve the current website committee and thank them for their service was approved.
- Dave Hoover will continue to maintain the VALE server until the transition to a new one occurs.
- Propis advised NJEDge hopes to have a timeframe for their new site soon. They have committed to WordPress but are still open to discussion.

#### **6. Planning and Assessment (Beninghove / Van Houten)**

- Beninghove and Van Houten met to discuss the future of the committee.
- A summary of recurring themes from the June Members' Council meeting was distributed and they will determine what to focus on and how to move forward before reaching out for volunteers.
- Discussion included advocacy for the profession, limited professional development.

#### **7. Sweeney Plaque (Avrin / Cohn)**

- Money was collected at the informal memorial in June. NJIT was approached and is supportive of a VALE remembrance. NJIT consulted with Ethics and received approval.
- A motion that VALE procure an appropriate memorial plaque to be hung in the NJIT library and cover any additional costs from VALE funds was approved.

#### **8. Treasurer**

- Taras Pavlovsky was nominated and approved as the new VALE Treasurer.

#### **9. Digital Public Library in America Project (Van Houten)**

- Carol Van Houten reported on a presentation on the Digital Public Library in America project at the State Library on May 24<sup>th</sup>. She will share the powerpoint. It included an overview and news about what other states have done.
- Effort in each state is voluntary.
- For New Jersey to become a Service Hub 50,000 metadata records in the public domain are needed.
- Rutgers Digital Highway will most likely be the opening backbone of the project.
- Question posed: what role would VALE like to play in the project?
- Mary Chute noted that VALE members should continue to create their own repositories but keep an eye on evolving standards so that when NJ has a hub we'll be able to join.

#### **10. Reciprocal Borrowing (Craven / Toth)**

- Toth shared notes from Craven on the Reciprocal Borrowing program.
  - Might this be a task force? Steps would be to draft charge, ask former Resource Sharing Committee members if willing to serve, recruit new members if needed.
    - Questions: Is it being used? Is it still useful? Do we have data?
    - Toth will ask Craven to work with someone to do a survey to get further info.

#### **11. LibraryLinkNJ / VALID Support**

- A motion to refund the \$40,000 in funds granted to VALE under the terms of the VALE-LLNJ VALID Implementation Partnership Memorandum of Understanding was approved.

#### **12. Multiple Campuse Issue / Licensing (Toth)**

- A VALE member institution with several out of state campuses has requested the ability to include their FTEs for participation in VALE licenses.
- Toth reviewed the VALE licenses and they do not specify state issues.
- He spoke with James Lonergan, Deputy State Librarian regarding state negotiated licenses. In the spirit of the state contracts it was agreed that those databases are for New Jersey residents.

#### **13. Digital Media Committee (Toth)**

- Tom Nemeth is looking for direction for the committee.
- It is to be incorporated into Purchasing and Licensing.
- Cohn and Fallon will reach out.

#### **14. Storage (Muir)**

- Muir reported on a July 1<sup>st</sup> conference call with librarians from four VALE libraries and two representatives from Iron Mountain. The purpose of the call was to see if the idea that was proposed to the Statewide Affordability Task Force several months ago could be pushed forward. Agreement that this was an important objective.
- He will send notes to a wider group of librarians who were unable to be on the call and will organize the next call. Four action steps were agreed upon:
  - Every librarian will let his or her president know that the project is moving forward .
  - Muir will form a “study team” to investigate the Research Collections and Preservation Consortium Project (ReCap) that is housed at Princeton.
  - Cohn will explore UBorrow, one of several new services being introduced at Rutgers.

- After there is more data each library will estimate the number of volumes/cubic feet it would be willing to guarantee.

#### **15. LibraryLinkNJ Update (Schalk-Greene)**

- A Board retreat will be held at the end of July. Following reorganization new officers will be elected.
- Webinars have been scheduled for the year.
- Looking closely at their communications policy and how they communicate with member libraries.
- Planning a delivery survey to be distributed in late August for rebidding service in 2017.
- Working on getting a consultant to work on their new strategic plan for FY18.

#### **16. State Library Update (Chute)**

- The Governor's Office has requested an across the board 30% reduction in all departments regulations. All proposed amendments and deletions were sent out and will be submitted to the NJ Register for publication and public comment.
- The list of statewide databases was announced and they are available on the State Library's website. A language learning product was added.
- A sizeable LSTA Career Connections grant was awarded for workforce development. Training and communication is being coordinated among the 18 participating libraries.
- There will be a career center at the State Library Information Center.
- Following Colleen Daze's retirement, finalists for the new Director of SLIC have been interviewed and an announcement will be out soon.
- Kathy Schalk-Greene will present at the NJLA public policy meeting about the need for them to lobby for an increase to the line item for NJ library network funding.

#### **17. Calendar of Meetings**

- The next Members' Council and Executive Committee meetings are scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2016.
- The remainder of the year's meetings will be scheduled at that time.

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