

VALE Executive Committee Meeting

July 13, 2017

Rutgers University

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Present: J. Avrin, L. Beninghove, E. Chapel, J. Cohn, G. Fallon, A. Hoang, S. Muir, M. Nizolek, M. Ocha, T. Pavlovsky, K. Schalk-Greene, J. Toth, P. Tumulty, K. Wagner

Absent: S. Chudnick

1. Call to Order / Welcome / Minutes of the June 15, 2017 Meeting (Toth)

- Joe Toth convened the meeting.
- Minutes from the June 15, 2017 meeting were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Taras Pavlovsky presented the Treasurer's Report.

3. VALE / NJEDge Partnership (Toth / Chapel)

- No report. No meeting has been scheduled.

4. Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Fallon)

- In a follow up to a member institution's inquiry on database ADA compliance accessibility issues and filed government forms, Judy Cohn reported that most vendors provide accessibility information on their websites.
- It was agreed that rewriting licenses for VALE at this time would be difficult.
- Following discussion it was agreed that:
 - A consolidated list of vendor accessibility statements will be compiled.
 - An email will be sent to vendors requesting more detailed information on government required ADA accessibility documents.
- Cohn will inform the member institution that these are the steps that are being taken at this time.
- It would be useful to have a field in Consortia Manager to memorialize ADA compliance.

5. Outreach (Muir / Wagner)

- Scott Muir reported that a productive meeting was held with the website contractor Ally Marketing.
 - Ally had our specs and had already produced an outline based on initial discussions. They clarified who will do what and provided an outline following the call.
 - Kurt Wagner gave a demo and showed a schematic wireframe diagram of the new site. A lot of content from the Drupal site has already been scraped into the outline. Wagner is working with Dave Hoover to create a clone of the current site to allow Ally access.
 - After some discussion the consensus was that although we don't necessarily want walls now, we want the capability to build them as needed.

- September 30th is the new delivery date.

6. Planning & Assessment (Beninghove)

- Linda Beninghove met with Donna Kauz-Rosinski and reviewed items to be discussed. Marilyn Ocha will be the new co-chair.

7. LibraryLinkNJ (Schalk-Greene)

- They are working on the new Strategic Plan which will include a section on sustainability.
- Working on a series of workshops.
- LLNJ is working with a statewide delivery consultant to make recommendations for the RFP which will be bid in late July.

8. State Library Report (Nizolek)

- Margaret Nizolek reported that beginning July 1st EBSCO databases on JerseyClicks will use geolocation authentication. Reference USA will also switch to geolocation by the end of the month. Libraries can still link directly from their library database pages.
- Registration for the Futures Conference is now open.

9. Business Manager Replacement

- Cohn distributed a document with a detailed workflow of Avrin's responsibilities and reviewed key categories.
- Toth commented on the need to examine whether to fill the position in the same way or to consider other options.
- Scott Muir advocated for an executive director approach to move VALE forward strategically.
- A taskforce was named to determine the direction of the position. Joe Toth, Judy Cohn, Taras Pavlovsky and Ed Chapel were named to the taskforce.

10. FY18 Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

- Friday, September 22, 2017 [later changed to September 15th]
- Friday, October 27, 2017
- Friday, December 8, 2017
- Friday, February 2, 2018
- Friday, March 9, 2018
- Friday, April 13, 2018
- Thursday, June 7, 2018
- Thursday, July 12, 2018

11. Reciprocal Borrowing (Muir / Wagner)

- Pavlovsky will ask Bethany Sewell if they keep any statistics on users.

12. OER Advocacy (Fallon)

- Fallon and Ann Hoang attended the OER summit. CUNY and SUNY received \$8 million in funding from the State of New York to focus on high-enrollment courses. Fallon gave a summary of various groups, outlining their activity.
- There is interest in encouraging advocacy for OER. Toth will draft a letter to the Presidents' Council advocating adoption of OER initiatives.

13. Advocacy in General (Tumulty)

- Pat Tumulty discussed ways that VALE can participate in advocacy through NJLA.

14. Investigating Other Consortia (Beninghove)

- Beninghove compiled a list (to be distributed electronically) of other consortia around the country from the ICOLC list and summarized information on the following:
 - Job description for consortial employees.
 - Services provided.
 - Professional development opportunities.
 - Core values.
 - Sustainability, succession planning, etc.
- Schalk-Greene suggested that it would be useful for members to have a map of VALE's partners and that VALE take advantage of MentorNJ. Some of the infrastructure to do this is already there.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2017 following Members' Council.

Minutes prepared by J. Avrin