

Minutes of the VALE Members' Council Meeting
June 7, 2018
Raritan Valley Community College

Attending: Ed Chapel (NJEdge), Steve Chudnick (Brookdale CC), Judy Cohn (Rutgers), Heather Cook (Caldwell) Denise Coulter (Atlantic Cape CC), Heather Craven (CC of Morris), Jane Crocker (RCGC), Marlene Doty (Berkeley), Greg Fallon (Passaic Co. CC), Mark Ferguson (College of St. Elizabeth), Helen Healy (guest of Judith Lin Hunt), Sisalee Hecht (Eastwick), Ann Hoang (NJIT), Judith Lin Hunt (Montclair), Melissa Lena (VALE), Elizabeth Leonard (Seton Hall), David Marks (Bergen CC), Kathleen Melilli (TESU), Scott Muir (Rowan), Margaret Nizolek (NJSL), Edward Owusu-Ansah (William Paterson), Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ), David Peterson (RCBC), Pamela Price (Mercer Co. CC), Kathy Schalk-Greene (LibraryLinkNJ), Liz Siecke (Ramapo), Joe Toth (Stockton), Pat Tumulty (NJLA), Kurt Wagner (Monmouth)

Steve Chudnick opened the meeting at 9:45 am. He thanked Megan Dempsey of Raritan Valley Community College for hosting the meeting.

VALE UPDATE

Joe Toth introduced Melissa Lena as the new VALE Program Manager. Toth stated that VALE will be joining the OER program recently proposed by Megan Dempsey. Toth asked Kurt Wagner for an update on the new VALE website. He reported that Stockton University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, William Paterson University, and The College of New Jersey, are considering migrating to Alma, an Ex Libris product, for ILS/OLS, in 2019.

VALE BUDGET

Taras Pavlovsky presented and explained the 2018-2019 budget that the Members' Council will be voting on. He explained that the largest item increase reflects the salary and fringe benefits for a full time employee.

NJEdge.net

Ed Chapel reported on NJEdge's recent activities. He stated that there is a common business model between NJEdge and VALE. NJEdge holds events throughout the year and is looking for a speaker for an upcoming plenary session. NJEdge is hiring an associate vice president for grants and networking. Chapel stated that a full report will be sent to VALE members.

LibraryLinkNJ

Kathy Schalk-Green reported that LibraryLinkNJ is experiencing serious funding problems, mostly because of flat funding by the New Jersey State Library. The delivery budget was vastly affected by a 45- 50% increase in delivery costs. Schalk-Green encourages VALE members to visit www.librarylink.org/support. There was discussion about internal funding for the delivery service.

NEW JERSEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Pat Tumulty dispersed the “NJLA Executive Board Statement: Continuation of Funding for Statewide Delivery Services” and answered questions about cost sharing models for ILL delivery.

NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY

Margaret Nizolek reported that the application for the NJ/DE service hub will be submitted to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) by the end of June. The State Library hosted a technology session by consultant Carson Block at the recent NJLA Conference. State library staff has started to create a master list of New Jersey newspapers that have already been digitized, in addition to those in the process of digitalization.

VALE ELECTIONS

A FY19 VALE Executive Committee Elections and Budget Approval ballot was presented to attendees and voted upon. The term runs from July 2018 – June 2020.

Those elected for VALE Executive Committee are:

State College/University sector – Joseph Toth, Stockton

Independent sector – Kurt W. Wagner, Monmouth University

Community/County College sector – Heather Craven, County College of Morris and
Megan Dempsey, Raritan Valley Community College

The budget passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Megan Dempsey reported on the OER/Online Textbook Network. Members discussed the importance of student involvement in the process. Dempsey stated that there is a \$15,000 membership fee for the program.

Pam Price reported on the Lyrasis Catalyst Fund Grant Program. The next grant application is due in February 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Liz Leonard spoke of vendors and electronic resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.