

VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2018; 1PM

Raritan Valley Community College

Present: L. Beninghove (Stevens), E. Chapel (NJEdge), S. Chudnick (Brookdale CC), J. Cohn (Rutgers), H. Craven (CCM), M. Dempsey (RVCC), G. Fallon (PCCC), A. Hoang (NJIT), M. Lena (VALE), S. Muir (Rowan), M. Nizolek (NJSL), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), K. Schalk-Greene (LibraryLinkNJ), J. Toth (Stockton), P. Tumulty (NJLA)

Absent: M. Chute (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex CC), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Minutes (Toth)

- Toth convened the meeting at 1:07pm, and welcomed new EC member Megan Dempsey.
- Minutes from the April 13, 2018 meeting were approved as corrected.

2. Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky passed out budget and explained revenue. There is a discrepancy with NJEdge/NJIT over charges for document scanning. Ed Chapel will investigate.
- Pavlovsky acknowledged receipt of a letter from ACRL/ALA thanking VALE for their 2019 sponsorship.

3. VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Toth/Chapel)

- Chapel asked for strawman capital fund strategic budget and to move forward with review of VALE bylaws with committee.
- The VALE/NJEdge partnership committee has not met. Chapel stated that it was made to insure differences in opinion were balanced on both sides (NJEdge/VALE) but that several NJEdge participants rolled off Board.
- Cohn stated that in absence of disagreement, it is an opportunity to talk about successes and directions. Maybe not meet, but have check-ins and get feedback. The hiring of Lena as a FT Program Manager allows more interaction between VALE and Edge.
- Pavlovsky stated that the MOU doesn't mention how frequency this VALE Partnership RC should meet. MOU created before edge was fiduciary agent. The committee should review (and possibly update) MOU. Chapel will ask Joe Rearden to bring up documentation of NJEdge becoming fiduciary.
- This discussion will continue at NJEdge Board meeting, with a recommendation of convening at least annually.

4. Purchasing and Licensing (Cohn/Fallon)

- Cohn reported that a preliminary meeting was held with Elsevier. She invites others to join conversation about renewal negotiation, and Hoang volunteers. They will reconnect after the summer. Will likely look into 3-year agreements because 5-year agreements are problem for some institutions.

5. Outreach (Muir/Wagner)

- Website
 - Kurt has met with Lena and website management responsibilities are being transitioned to her. Reciprocal borrowing update is in progress. VALE is contracted with Ally Marketing and they can assist.
 - Toth notes that website should be included in strategic planning.

6. Planning & Assessment (Beninghove)

- The committee has had a few phone call meetings. They are moving ahead with their timeline and identifying other individuals who they will try to get involved. By next meeting there will be more to report.

7. Library Link NJ Update (Schalk-Greene)

- Schalk-Greene gave out report on LLNJ's fiscal situation in Members Council.
- Toth asks for confirmation if LLNJ is asking for advocacy. Schalk-Greene confirms that LLNJ is reaching out to all NJ library organizations for support.
- It took numerous board/finance committee meetings until May that there was a proposed budget, timeline shortened. Services that are valued by VALE are outlined in LLNJ report.
- Pavlovsky motions that VALE should draft a letter of formal support, Chudnick seconds. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. State Library Update (Nizolek)

- Report given out at Members Council meeting.

9. NJLA (Tumulty)

- **Annual Conference**
 - Tumulty says conference was success, with lots of academic programming, and that having it in May was good for academic librarians.
 - Toth mentions how academic programming was staggered and some liked it some didn't. Tumulty says there was same number of attendees as last year, but more people stayed for 2 days.
 - There will be a task force on future of conference to determine if current model is sustainable.
 - Pavlovsky asked for number of vendors attending, Tumulty says near 80 which is standard. Before 2008 recession the number was closer to 100. There were more architects this year because of the Construction Bond.
 - Toth recommends Charleston model: treat vendors as participants, exhibit hall is minimal, vendors participate in conference and make presentations/collaborate.

10. Database Accessibility (Cohn/Fallon)

- This is a complex issue, we have many rollover licenses. If we recommend inserting language into contract, we would need to require new license and new processes.
- ConsortiaManager allows for inserting licenses, we will work with Lena to see what we might want to ask them to do.
- ARL has e-resource accessibility testing site. They have a firm to test compliance with latest accessibility standards for 25-30 vendors. New standards are coming out this summer. Colleagues overseas are ahead of us. All libraries are at risk for this. We want to make sure access is continued in this process.
- We will not pursue new licenses before current renewal cycle, but we will initiate the review in the fall. We will ask vendors to supply us with their compliance efforts to show due diligence.
- Chapel asked about having external attorney review; consensus is that there is no sense in reviewing old licenses. NJEdge can initiate legal review of new licenses.
- Seton Hall and ACC have been sued over accessibility issues, which prompted Elizabeth Leonard to bring issue to VALE.
- We will work with Elizabeth Leonard at Seton Hall to bring in a speaker on this issue for September meeting.

11. OER/OTN (Dempsey/Chudnick)

- Chudnick motions VALE join a 1-year membership in OTN and implement the recommendations of the task force. Muir seconds. Motion revised to eliminate any language of implementation. Motion passes unanimously.
- Task Force will solicit contract with OTN and hand off implementation to Lena.

12. Follow-up on Members Council Matters

- Toth notes that there was a lot of discussion from floor today on EC matters, and would consider rethinking about format of Members Council.
- Tumulty states this is issue-oriented which accounts for increased engagement.
- Toth suggests bringing issues to MC more often. Cohn says you won't be able to predict future levels of engagement.

13. Research University Representation on the EC (Toth)

- Issue: Now that Montclair is a research institution, should they be given an automatic EC seat? Pavlovsky notes that colleges have changed since VALE created, do we change representation?
- Toth volunteered to chair task force to re-examine representation of VALE EC, will table until others join.
- Task force will review Bylaws, including the role of the Members Council Recorder, and will consider delegating that role to Lena.
- Muir suggests that Lena should include a VALE staff report and include it as an item in the EC agenda.

14. Partnership Review Committee: Theory v. Practice (Toth)

- Consensus that item was fully addressed earlier in the meeting.

15. Relationship with LLNJ and/or State Library

- Toth asks if VALE should look afresh to partnership with LLNJ? Muir suggests we let relationship continue now that Program Manager is hired. Pavlovsky notes that VALE overlaps in mission with LLNJ/NJSL, but not clientele.
- Schalk-Greene states that time will tell the future of LLNJ. There are several check-in points throughout the year. If VALE is interested in joint relationship, check in in a few months.
- Tumulty notes that JoToth is Co-Chair of LSTA advisory board. LSTA funding has increased. How are we library community spending this money? This goes beyond delivery. Where are libraries going? All of us invest in higher discussions about the future of libraries. A lot of issues to look at how we go forward as library community.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 3:01pm.

Meetings in 2018: July 12.