

VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 1, 2018 | 12:50pm - 3:00pm

Mercer County Community College

Present: L. Beninghove (Stevens), E. Chapel (NJEdge), S. Chudnick (Brookdale), J. Cohn (Rutgers), H. Craven (CCM), M. Dempsey (RVCC), A. Hoang (NJIT), M. Lena (VALE), S. Muir (Rowan), M. Nizolek (NJSL), K. Schalk-Greene (LibraryLinkNJ), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

Absent: M. Chute (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), P. Tumulty (NJLA)

1) Call To Order / Welcome / Minutes of December 6, 2018 Meeting (Wagner)

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes from the December 6, 2018 meeting were approved.

2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky presented the Treasurer's report and explained that the OTN expenses were not budgeted for.

3) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- Lena attended EdgeCon in January and staffed the VALE exhibitor table.
- ConsortiaManager will be migrating to an updated version later this month. We will need to negotiate for another 3-year contract in FY21.

4) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner / Chapel)

- Chapel and Wagner presented the VALE report at the November NJEdge Board of Trustees meeting.
- At next NJEdge meeting, Wagner will highlight VALE conference, explosion of interest in OTN/OER, and digital repository interest. Chapel will report that VALE is undertaking strategic planning, and inform them of areas of interest.
- A discussion ensued about the need to communicate the reason and benefit of the VALE-NJEdge partnership.
- A discussion ensued about the benefits of a VALE-NJEdge co-located conference. These included opportunities to have vendors, which could subsidize the membership fee, and opportunity to collaborate with other campus constituencies. The discussion will be continued to include the Conference Chairs.

5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- P&L completed the Elsevier ScienceDirect contract in December for 12 members. P&L was able to save money for these members.
- If P&L introduces new products, we will need to do research on how the membership service fee will be impacted, and might need to use different strategies to calculate the fee.

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- The P&L License Review Group is currently reviewing the license with Springer Nature. It will be reviewed by NJEdge legal counsel before signature by Wagner.
- Dempsey recommended that Kanopy be considered as a new vendor because they now offer a new moderated pricing option.

6) Outreach (Muir / Dempsey)

- The Conference report was presented at Members Council.

7) Planning & Assessment (Beninghove / Lena)

- PAC has been going through data from survey, affiliate leader calls, and conference focus group. Several themes, such as improved communication, have been identified, and PAC will make recommendations based on these themes.
- A discussion ensued about methods of improving communication; such as having Moderator and Chair keep track of Directors, including Director updates as an agenda item, and implementing a standing report at Members Council.

8) LibraryLinkNJ Update (Schalk-Greene)

- Legislation has been introduced to add funding, with March 5th as the deadline for the vote.
- LLNJ will be having a meeting to discuss what happens if they do not receive more funding. The Board will recommend dissolving the nonprofit, or go forward with contract on curtailed level of service. If they decide to go ahead, they'll carry on with FY20 prep.

9) New Jersey State Library Update (Nizolek)

- The NJSL report was presented at Members Council.

10) Revise VALE Bylaws to accommodate Montclair State University as Executive Committee member

- A discussion ensued about the origins of having the research institutions be ex-officio seats on the EC.
- Cohn moved to have EC representation expanded to include a representative from each of the 4 research institutions, and Muir seconded.
- The EC will vote by email on Friday after reviewing VALE membership demographics. Wagner will contact Montclair to inform them of the motion.



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**11) Offering Eduroam and Springshare as a shared VALE/NJEdge product to members
(Chapel / Wagner)**

- A discussion ensued about the benefits of having Eduroam and Springshare be VALE consortial offerings.
- Chapel and Lena will get more pricing information from vendors.

12) Improved communication - Higher Logic (Chapel)

- NJEdge is implementing Higher Logic, a membership engagement platform and invites VALE to participate.
- Lena will demo the product and report back.

13) Replacing Toth on Executive Committee (Wagner)

- The Executive Committee unanimously voiced its approval to appoint Edward Owusu-Ansah from William Paterson University in the seat vacated by Joe Toth.

14) Adjournment

- **Next meeting:** Thursday, March 7; Alexander Library, Rutgers University

Minutes prepared by M. Lena