VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 7, 2019 | 12:30pm - 3pm
Rutgers University, Alexander Library

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

1) **Call To Order / Welcome / Minutes of February 1, 2019 Meeting**
   ● Wagner convened the meeting and welcomed new member Owusu-Ansah.
   ● Minutes from the February 1, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected.

2) **Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)**
   ● Pavlovsky presented the financial report.
   ● The FY20 budget report will be presented in April.

3) **Program Manager's Report (Lena)**
   ● Lena has set meeting dates with vendors for FY20 renewals.
   ● ConsortiaManager updated to a new version that will be more intuitive for members when they renew their subscriptions in May.

4) **VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner)**
   ● Some VALE EC members had a Zoom meeting with the Conference Committee co-chairs about co-locating the VALE Conference with EdgeCon. The VALE Conference will be budget neutral, registration will continue using VALE system, and VALE will still decide its own theme.
   ● Wagner called for a motion to co-locate for 2020 pending approval from NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ; Dempsey moved, Chudnick seconded, and all approved.

5) **Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn)**
   ● P&L is on its third round of updating the license with Springer Nature. They will continue to review licenses as they go through the renewal process.
   ● P&L made a recommendation to expand VALE content offerings. With a full-time employee and ConsortiaManager there is capacity for more offers to go out to membership.
   ● Going forward, the membership service fee may need to be restructured based on spend.
   ● Lena will send message out to make sure that each institution has updated contact information in their ConsortiaManager profile.

6) **Outreach (Muir / Dempsey)**
   ● Dempsey will send a survey created by B. Sewell to gather more information about how and if the Reciprocal Borrowing program is being used.

7) **Planning & Assessment (Beninghove / Ochoa)**
   ● PAC is drafting a strategic planning document. The document has a variety of categories including: mission statement, core purpose, defining relationships with partners, core values, and goals/objections relating to areas of impact. The areas of impact include collaboration/community, collections, and creation.
   ● PAC is not identifying solutions themselves, but presenting ideas to have a bigger conversation on a 3-5 year plan with major objectives.

8) **OER Task Force (Chudnick / Dempsey)**
   ● The VALE-OTN workshops were well-attended and received positive feedback. The materials from the workshop are available in a Google Drive folder that was sent to all attendees.
   ● Dempsey will create announcement and form to track OTN workshops that member institutions have on their campuses.
   ● Dempsey moved to have VALE endorse the OER Summit at RVCC in June, Chudnick seconded, and all approved.

9) **LibraryLinkNJ Update (Schalk-Greene)**
   ● Bills A4815/S3395, *Makes supplemental appropriation of $750,000 to New Jersey Library Network for continuation of services*, are now making their way through the legislative process.
   ● MentorNJ is a joint project with LLNJ/NJSL. It has received positive feedback from other state libraries, and there is a possibility to collaborate with other states.
   ● A board meeting was held on the future of LLNJ. The Board decided to continue into FY20 as a leaner organization. LLNJ is finalizing layoffs and reconfiguring for some curtailed services. They will continue with some professional development, including Super Supervisor, which is used by all library types and library job titles.
   ● Delivery will continue the same with a cost-sharing model.

10) **NJ State Library Update (Nizolek)**
   ● The next update on the DPLA will be in April.
   ● Results from the statewide services survey are up on NJSL website.
   ● The database advisory committee will be meeting in April, after which the database survey data will be ready to share.

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11) **Revise VALE Bylaws to accommodate Montclair State University as Executive Committee member (Wagner)**
   ● An EC vote was passed via email to present a Bylaws revision at the June MC meeting.
   ● Pavlovsky noted that the Finance Committee doesn't exist, and suggested an overall review of the bylaws.
   ● Wagner recommended that after the June meeting, a general review of the bylaws should take place along with strategic planning.

12) **Higher Logic member engagement platform (Lena)**
   ● Lena demoed the Higher Logic platform and is working on customizing it for VALE audience. The platform will launch in May.

13) **Statewide Institutional repository (Lena)**
   ● An informal poll at last Members Council meeting showed that a majority is interested in a statewide institutional repository.
   ● A discussion of currently used institutional repositories ensued.
   ● Wagner will survey ICOLC listserv about the IR's that they use.

14) **Adjournment**
   ● Dempsey announced that she will be going on sabbatical in the Fall. During that time she will step down as Library Chair at RVCC. Her seat on VALE EC will be filled by the person who received the second- highest number of votes in the community college sector at the June 2018 election.
   ● **Next meeting:** Thursday, April 4; Alexander Library, Rutgers University