

**VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 4, 2019 | 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Rutgers University, Alexander Library

**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), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), K. Schalk-Greene (LibraryLinkNJ), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ)

**Absent:** M. Chute (NJSL), P. Tumulty (NJLA), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

**1) Call To Order / Minutes of March 7, 2019 Meeting**

- Craven convened the meeting.
- Minutes from the March 7, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected.

**2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)**

- A motion to fund OER Summit food expenses was approved.
- A motion was approved to fund OTN membership in the budget for the next year and possibly two years.
- Chapel proposed to review VALE's NJEdge dues structure to eliminate dues-based fee, recalculate based on actual VALE expenses, and charge accordingly. These changes will be consistent with MOU.
- Chapel proposed to reconvene the VALE-NJEdge Partnership Review Committee, and will bring up this discussion at the May 2 NJEdge Board meeting.

**3) Program Manager's Report (Lena)**

- EdgeXchange, the private online community from Higher Logic, will launch at the end of April.
- Update on status of Finance Committee: In 2015, Executive Committee approved motion to eliminate the Finance Committee and amend the bylaws accordingly. Lena will revise and send to EC for approval to add to the website.

**4) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Chapel)**

- NJEdge has NJ Lead Agency status, which enables them to do RFP's on behalf of their membership. This status provides for an opportunity to offer more products that are of interest to VALE member libraries.
- Chapel recommended that VALE consider expanding its offerings to more than just databases, and to sell to libraries outside the state and outside of higher education.
- NJEdge has become involved in research support structure, and is looking to integrate information management into a research agenda. Libraries are integral part of research vision and execution.

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**5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)**

- A discussion ensued about offering databases to member institutions with out-of-state campuses. The licenses should be reviewed to see if this is possible and not in breach of contract.

**6) Outreach (Muir / Dempsey)**

- A reciprocal borrowing survey has been drafted to gather information about how the program is being used.

**7) Planning & Assessment (Beninghove / Ochoa)**

- The Planning & Assessment Committee presented a draft of the strategic plan. A separate meeting to review the plan with the Executive Committee will be scheduled before the June meeting.

**8) OER Task Force (Chudnick / Dempsey)**

- The Task Force provided a report and recommendations for the OER Ambassador positions. After discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously voiced its approval of the recommended candidates. The Ambassadors will be notified by email from the Chair, and their appointments will be announced on VALE and NJEdge listservs.

**9) LibraryLinkNJ (Schalk-Greene)**

- In February the LLNJ Board decided to continue operating in FY20. The NJSL will contract with LLNJ. In March some positions were terminated.
- Membership meeting will be held on June 5th.

**10) NJ State Library (Nizolek)**

- Representatives from NJ and DE will attend the DPLA Conference on April 17-18.
- The Statewide Services Task Force met on March 28. The group represented different types of libraries, consortia, and geographic regions across the state; and included several VALE members. Their discussion centered on the results of the Statewide Services Survey.
- Seventeen statewide database RFQ responses were received from vendors. The Database Advisory Committee will meet on April 15 to discuss the proposals.



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**11) Statewide Institutional Repository (Lena)**

- An informal poll at the last Members Council meeting showed there is interest in VALE implementing a statewide institutional repository.
- A discussion ensued about IR features, and weighing the benefits of an open-source vs proprietary solution.
- Wagner recommended keeping an eye on PALNI/PALCI's implementation of an open-source IR.

**12) Nominations for Executive Committee (Hoang)**

- Elections for Executive Committee will take place at June 6th meeting. The four open positions are: 1 representative from a State College/University, 1 representative from an Independent institution, 1 representative from a Community College, and 1 Moderator from any sector. Nomination ballots will be sent 2 weeks before June meeting.
- With Dempsey stepping off the Committee after the June meeting, the Community College representative with the next highest number of votes from the last election will be invited to take her seat on the Executive Committee.

**13) Clarifying the committee structure (Craven / Lena)**

- Lena tabled item due to time, and because it will be addressed in Strategic Planning discussion.

**14) Adjournment**

- **Next meeting:** Thursday, June 6; NJIT