



**VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 24, 2019 | 12:30pm-2:30pm

Rutgers University, Alexander Library

**Present:** L. Beninghove (Stevens), E. Chapel (Edge), S. Chudnick (Brookdale), J. Cohn (Rutgers), H. Craven (CCM), G. Fallon (Passaic), A. Hoang (NJIT), J. Hunt (MSU), 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:** M. Chute (NJSL), P. Tumulty (NJLA)

**1) Call To Order / Welcome / Minutes of September 27, 2019 Meeting**

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes from the September 27, 2019 meeting were approved.

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

- Pavlovsky presented the financial report.

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

- Lena proposed changing the name of the VALE webpage from Databases to VALE Market. This would reflect that we offer more than databases, align with the EdgeMarket phrasing that Edge uses, and provide an area where we can include language about why vendors should sell through VALE and how it benefits them. Lena will work with the Outreach Committee to review other consortia webpages to see what terminology they use.
- Lena is working on a "Why Buy Through VALE?" document with the Purchasing & Licensing Committee to encourage more member participation.
- A discussion ensued about how Edge communicates its Lead Agency status to its members, and it was noted that that message may not be communicated to VALE members.
- Lena contacted 60 vendors about sponsoring the VALE Conference. Five expressed interest, and one confirmed to exhibit.
- Lena created and distributed an instruction manual for how to use EdgeXchange, and is seeking feedback. The EC will provide feedback at the next meeting. Once approved, the manual will be sent to the membership, and the listserv will be deactivated.

**4) VALE / Edge Partnership (Wagner / Chapel)**

- All VALE members of the Partnership Review Committee (PRC) had a preparation meeting in advance of the full PRC committee meeting in November. The VALE/Edge MOU needs to be updated, and if there are any bylaws changes, they will go to Members Council. Chapel will redline MOU and Pavlovsky will do first review of Bylaws.

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

- The P&L Chairs reconvened, and will have 1 in-person meeting in November and 3 virtual meetings throughout the year.
- Hoang proposed that the Digital Media Committee should no longer be a subcommittee of P&L; and that former Digital Media Chair Tom Nemeth become a member of P&L representing digital media. Pavlovsky moved, Chudnick seconded, and all approved.
- The P&L Committee has been working with Edge outside counsel to review all of VALE's licenses. Two licenses have been reviewed and approved so far, and are stored in ConsortiaManager for members to access.

**6) Recognition of Kathy Schalk-Greene**

- Wagner moved to adopt the following resolution, and all were in favor:  
*On behalf of VALE and New Jersey's Academic Libraries, the VALE Executive Committee, on the occasion of the retirement of LibraryLinkNJ Director, Kathy Schalk-Greene, wishes to commend her for her leadership and service to the library community and wish her health and great happiness in her next chapter of life.*

**7) Outreach (Muir /Owusu-Ansah)**

- A discussion ensued about the role of the Outreach Committee since the migration to the new vale.njedge.net website. The consensus was that Outreach should liaison with the Conference Planning Committee in an advisory and supportive capacity. Lena should consult with Outreach on any website related changes.
- Lena noted that committee responsibilities and communication are included in the upcoming strategic plan. Wagner recommended codifying the onboarding process for new committee members.

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

- A copy of the strategic plan was distributed to the Members Council for comment. Once the comments have been received, they will be coded and presented to the EC at the next meeting.
- The plan will go into effect on January 1st.
- Ochoa presented a template titled "Impact Area Working Group Project Plan" that Committees and working groups can use to report on their key performance indicators (KPIs).

**9) OER (Chudnick / Fallon / Ochoa)**

- The first OER Regional Workshop was held at Ocean County College last week and had 60 attendees. The workshop featured a speaker who was a STEM Dean and brought OER



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- to Broward. The workshop included breakout sessions where the OER Ambassadors went into depth. There is interest in VALE members producing OER content together.
- There will be another workshop at County College of Morris, and then 2 more workshops in the Spring. In the meantime, members can request an Ambassador come to their campus.
  - The OER Committee submitted OER Plan guidelines and framework to the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, and are awaiting their response.
  - Ochoa presented a beta version of the OER repository hosted at Middlesex that will eventually be linked to VALE website. It is a mix of repository and reference material, and includes Creative Commons licenses on each resource.

**10) LibraryLinkNJ Update (Schalk-Greene)**

- There are many committees and task forces at work due to Schalk-Greene's upcoming retirement.
- The Delivery task force is very active, and are developing a survey to present in the spring.
- There is a discussion in the organization about voting rights and representation. The interest in nomination by petition has an impact on board representation, and the Bylaws Committee is studying this.

**11) NJ State Library Update (Nizolek)**

- Nizolek presented the State Librarian's Update. Of particular interest to academic libraries is that the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides services for college students who are NJ residents.

**12) New Business**

- Last Copy Policy - A question was asked on the VALE listserv about the status of the last copy policy. Pavlovsky noted that this was a voluntary policy and not a mandate. Lena will review the documentation on the policy and Wagner will reply to the listserv with an official statement.
- Chudnick requested an update on the status of Illumira. Lena will consult with Edge and report back.

**13) Adjournment**

- Next meeting: Thursday, December 5; Alexander Library, Rutgers University