

MINUTES OF THE VALE MEMBERS' COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2019
Mercer County Community College

ATTENDEES: Linda Beninghove (Stevens Institute of Technology), Andrew Bonamici (Drew University), Ed Chapel (NJEdge), Steven Chudnick (Brookdale Community College), Judy Cohn (Rutgers University), Heather Cook (Caldwell University), Heather Craven (County College of Morris), Jane Crocker (Rowan College at Gloucester County), Daisy DeCoster (Saint Peter's University), Megan Dempsey (Raritan Valley Community College), Jeffrey Donnelly (Georgian Court University), Gregory Fallon (Passaic County Community College), Isabel Gray (Camden County College), Sisalee Hecht (Eastwick College), Ann Hoang (New Jersey Institute of Technology), Bonnie Lafazan (Berkeley College, NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ), Melissa Lena (VALE), Judith Lin Hunt (Montclair State University), David Marks (Bergen Community College), Scott Muir (Rowan University), Margaret Nizolek (New Jersey State Library), Edward Owusu-Ansah (William Paterson University), Taras Pavlovsky (The College of New Jersey), David Peterson (Rowan College at Burlington County), Nicole Potdevin (Fairleigh Dickinson University), Jennie Pu (Hudson County Community College), Pam Price (Mercer County Community College), Richard Riccardi (Rider University), Donna Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean County College), Patti Schmid (Cumberland County College), Jodi Shelly (Felician University), Joe Toth (Stockton University), Kurt Wagner (Monmouth University)

Steve Chudnick called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Dr. Robert Schreyer, Assistant Vice President for Academic Operations at Mercer County Community College, welcomed VALE members.

VALE UPDATE:

Kurt Wagner reported on the VALE Executive Committee. He said that the committee is addressing several issues including greater communication between members, OER, new resources for VALE, and the possibility of a conference with NJEdge. Wagner stated that the VALE conference in January 2019 hosted 226 attendees and was well received.

VALE BUDGET:

Taras Pavlovsky reviewed the Users' Conference Budget and the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 (as of 12/31/18).

ACRL-NJ/NJLA-CUS:

Bonnie Lafazan reported that NJLA-CUS was an active participant at the 2019 VALE Users' Conference with members presenting both posters and presenting lighting talks and breakout sessions.

Lafazan stated that there is a call out for NJLA Honors and Awards. Three awards will be presented; a Technology Award, a Research Award and a Distinguished Service Award. The deadline for nominations is March 25, 2019, and VALE directors are encouraged to nominate colleagues as these three awards are specific to college and university librarians. Awards will be presented the NJLA Conference in Atlantic City May 30 – 31, 2019. Additional information may be found at <https://njla.org/awards>.

The NJLA CUS Luncheon speaker will be Joyce Valenza from Rutgers SCI. Ms. Valenza will be speaking about the future of LIS Education. The luncheon will take place on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 11:30 am.

NJEdge.net:

Ed Chapel stated that almost 400 people attended the Edge.con Annual Conference 2019 in January in Long Branch, New Jersey. Chapel spoke of the possibility of a joint VALE and NJEdge conference. NJEdge is now physically located on the NJIT campus in Newark, New Jersey. The organization continues to offer products and supplies to libraries and seeks consortium pricing.

LibraryLinkNJ:

Kurt Wagner reported for Kathy Schalk-Greene. Wagner spoke of the difficult financial position of LibraryLinkNJ and the survivability of the organization. He and Steve Chudnick reported on recent legislation that affects LibraryLinkNJ and advocacy actions that could possibly aid in the future.

New Jersey State Library:

Margaret Nizolek reported that 67 new titles and 27 new towns have been added to the New Jersey Digitized Historic Newspapers research guide. The Library is beginning to organize and digitize the New Jersey Administrative Code superseded collection. A survey concerning statewide services has been sent out to VALE members for completion.

OLD BUSINESS:

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Textbook Network:

Megan Dempsey, Melissa Lena, and Steve Chudnick reported on the Open Textbook Network. VALE members, and non-librarian representatives of their respective academic institutions, will have the opportunity to attend a training session in Minnesota on February 28, 2019.

VALE will host an OER Summit at Raritan Valley Community College in June. Last year's Summit was held at Passaic County Community College.

Lena reported that PALCI is partnering with two other consortia to develop an open-source institutional repository. She polled the membership to see if VALE should consider looking into supporting an institutional repository, and the consensus was favorable.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.