



**VALE Members' Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 6, 2019 | 9am - 12pm

NJIT, Central King Building

**Attendees:** L. Beninghove (Stevens), A. Bonamici (Drew), J. Buschman (SHU), S. Chudnick (Brookdale), J. Cohn (Rutgers), H. Cook (Caldwell), S. Cooper (Sussex), J. Cox (Hudson), H. Craven (CCM), J. Crocker (RCGC), D. DeCoster (St. Peter's), M. Dempsey (RVCC), I. Gray (Camden), J. Hauge (ACCM), A. Hoang (NJIT), J. Hunt (MSU), R. Lackie (Rider), B. Lafazan (Berkeley, NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ), M. Lena (VALE), J. Marler (Ocean), M. Nizolek (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPUNJ), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), D. Peterson (RCBC), N. Potdevin (FDU), P. Price (Mercer), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), K. Schalk-Greene (LibraryLinkNJ), P. Schmid (Cumberland), J. Shelly (Felician), P. Tumulty (NJLA), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

**1. Call To Order / Welcome**

- Chudnick called the meeting to order.

**2. VALE Update**

- Wagner reported that VALE has an OER initiative. Two “train the trainer” workshops presented by representatives from the Open Textbook Network were held at Middlesex. They were well-attended and included faculty as well as librarians. An OER Summit will be held at RVCC in June.
- VALE is currently undergoing strategic planning. The Planning & Assessment Committee has prioritized 3 areas of focus: collaboration and community, collections, and customization.
- Wagner welcomed Judith Lin Hunt, who will serve on the VALE Executive Committee in the ex-officio position created from MSU’s status as a research institution. Megan Dempsey will be stepping down from the EC to take a sabbatical, and her position will be filled by Greg Fallon.

**3. VALE Budget**

- Pavlovsky presented and explained the FY20 budget that the Members Council will be voting on.

**4. ACRL-NJ/NJLA-CUS**

- The NJLA Conference held in May at Harrah’s in Atlantic City was a success. On July 1st Cara Berg will begin her term as the new president of ACRL-NJ/NJLA-CUS.

**5. LibraryLinkNJ**

- LLNJ held an election, and 3 new board members were nominated by petition. The LLNJ budget passed and they will continue to serve for another year.

**6. NJ State Library**

- Nizolek presented the State Librarian's Update.

**7. OER Task Force / Open Textbook Network**

- The OTN Workshops had 170 attendees over 2 days. The goal of these workshops was to train the attendees to grow initiatives on their own campuses.
- Four OER Ambassadors will attend the Open Textbook Network’s Summer Institute (OTNSI) in July and receive more intensive training. These Ambassadors are Alison Cole (Felician), Ken Karol (Passaic), Janet Marler (Ocean), and Marilyn Ochoa (Middlesex).
- The OER Ambassadors will be the go-to resource for NJ OER events. They will be sending out an environmental scan survey to the membership. They are planning on developing an OER repository to build visibility in the state.

**8. VALE Elections**

- A FY20 VALE Executive Committee Election and Budget Approval ballot was presented to attendees and voted upon. The term runs from July 2019 – June 2021.

Those elected for VALE Executive Committee are:

State College/University sector – Taras Pavlovsky, TCNJ

Independent sector – Linda Beninghove, Stevens Institute of Technology

Community/County College sector – Marilyn Ochoa, Middlesex County College

The budget passed.

**9. Old Business**

- No old business was reported.

**10. New Business**

- NJEdge has implemented a private online community and communication tool called EdgeXchange, and VALE will have its own online community there.
- The 2020 VALE Conference will be co-located with EdgeCon at Ocean Place in January. The VALE Conference will remain free to attend.

**11. Adjournment**

- The date and venue of the next VALE Members Council meeting will be announced shortly.

*Minutes prepared by M. Lena*