



VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 2020 | 1:30pm -3:30pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: L. Beninghove (Stevens), E. Chapel (Edge), S. Chudnick (Brookdale), J. Cohn (Rutgers), H. Craven (CCM), A. Hoang (NJIT), J. Hunt (MSU), M. Lena (VALE), J. Machie (LLNJ), S. Muir (Rowan), M. Nizolek (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

Absent: M. Chute (NJSL), G. Fallon (Passaic), P. Tumulty (NJLA)

1) Call To Order / Welcome / Minutes of the March 5, 2020 Meeting

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the March 5th meeting were approved.

2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Hoang asked if VALE's reserves were being invested. Chapel relayed that according to Joe Rearden, our financials are consolidated, there is an investment portfolio for consolidated financials, and the reserve is invested uniformly.
- Owusu-Ansah asked for historical financial report data, and Pavlovsky asked for data on growth of investment.
- The Partnership Review Committee will need to reconvene to review budgeting and financing.

3) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- Lena attended the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference in March, and met with Kanopy. They presented new purchasing and acquisition models, which will be reviewed by the P&L Committee.
- Renewals are on track to be published to the membership in May and orders sent to publishers in June.
- Some of our FY20 vendor payments have been delayed, which warrants a discussion with Edge's financial department.

4) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner / Chapel)

- Chapel presented the Edge report.

5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- Hoang presented the [ICOLC Statement on the Global COVID-19 Pandemic and Its Impact on Library Services and Resources](#). Chudnick moved to endorse the statement, Pavlovsky seconded, and all approved.
- A discussion ensued about VALE's status as a vendor and if the endorsement also applied to the membership fee.

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6) Outreach (Hunt / Muir / Owusu-Ansah)

- Hunt and Owusu-Ansah will work together as Outreach Committee Chairs after Muir's retirement.

7) Planning & Assessment (Beninghove / Ochoa)

- PAC will be making appointments with Committee Chairs to review their role in the Strategic Plan.

8) OER (Chudnick / Ochoa)

- Due to the pandemic, all OER Ambassador campus visits and the June OER Summit have cancelled.
- OSHE announced a 90 day extension for institutions to submit their open textbook plans.

9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)

- All NJSL staff are working remotely.
- The NJ state budget is frozen, so they are maintaining services in the best way that they can.

10) LibraryLinkNJ (Machie)

- LLNJ's biggest challenge at the moment is restructuring their budget in light of NJ budget freeze. They have received conflicting numbers from the state, and will carry over subsidies to FY21.
- MentorNJ is an online portal that provides opportunities to engage, excel, and have conversations.

11) COVID-19

- Wagner and Lena have compiled a [VALE Libraries COVID-19/Virtual Services spreadsheet](#) that was shared with the Members Council.

12) June Members Council meeting location & nomination process

- The June Members Council meeting will now be held virtually via Zoom.
- Chudnick and Hunt will work with Lena on nominations, and investigate remote voting options.

13) Adjournment

- Next meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2020; virtually via Zoom