



**VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 4, 2020 | 1pm - 3pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

**Present:** L. Beninghove (Stevens), E. Chapel (Edge), S. Chudnick (Brookdale), J. Cohn (Rutgers), H. Craven (CCM), G. Fallon (Passaic), R. Hilliker (Rowan), A. Hoang (NJIT), J. Hunt (MSU), M. Lena (VALE), J. Machie (LLNJ), M. Nizolek (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), J. Pu (Hudson, member-elect), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean, member-elect), J. Toth (member-elect), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

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

**1) Call To Order / Welcome / Minutes of the April 2, 2020 Meeting**

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the April 2, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

- The OER Summit, which would have received revenue of \$25 per attendee was cancelled.
- Chapel stated that VALE needs to make it clear to stakeholders that VALE provides value, and that OER has a calculable benefit.

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

- The annual renewal timeline has been shifted by a month to accommodate the NJ state budget extension. Pricing will now be available in ConsortiaManager in June/July with a commitment deadline of mid-August. Invoices will go out in September/October.
- Lena asked if this year's meetings should be scheduled entirely online, or if she should consult with Rutgers to reserve the conference room at Alexander Library. The group consensus was that all dates should be scheduled online for now.

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

- Wagner noted that VALE's budget timeline does not match with Edge's.
- Chapel noted that the Partnership Review Committee will need to reconvene to discuss the budget timeline and realignment of fee structure.
- Chapel requested Pavlovsky's feedback on the cost recovery model draft.

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

- Hoang, Lena, and Richard Kearney recently had a call with EBSCO. Pricing for MLA will remain flat in FY21.
- The entire committee was scheduled to meet in May, but the meeting has been postponed.
- The Committee is currently reviewing the EBSCO license.

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**6) Outreach (Owusu-Ansah)**

- A discussion ensued about whether the 2021 Users' Conference should be an in-person or virtual event. Owusu-Ansah spoke in favor of cancelling and noted that: ALA decided to cancel their annual conference rather than host it virtually, the loss of face to face networking interaction makes a virtual conference less valuable, and that cancelling would save money.
- Cohn spoke in favor of hosting a virtual event and noted that: there are multiple virtual platforms to choose from, people are looking for avenues to connect in these times of quarantine and social distancing, and that the catering savings would be formidable.
- Craven suggested surveying the membership to determine their preferences.
- Beninghove volunteered for PAC to create the survey for the membership.
- Wagner recommended to continue the discussion online until the survey results are ready.

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

- PAC met with the P&L Chairs to discuss their roles and responsibilities for the strategic plan in light of the pandemic.
- Beninghove recommended using EdgeXchange to build communities of practice around various topics.

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

- A discussion ensued about the status of institutional OER plans during the 90-day extension period.
- Fallon noted that it would be helpful to have a mechanism to review each others' plans. Chudnick recommended storing final plans on the OpenNJ repository as a state resource.

**9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)**

- Report was presented at Members Council.
- Nizolek noted that Mary Chute's retirement has now been moved to December.

**10) LibraryLinkNJ (Machie)**

- Report was presented at Members Council.
- Wagner recommended sharing TOPCATS information on the VALE website.

**11) Adjournment**

- Next meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2020; virtual via Zoom