



VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 9, 2020 | 12:30pm -2:30pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: L. Beninghove (Stevens), E. Chapel (Edge), J. Cohn (Rutgers), R. Hilliker (Rowan), A. Hoang (NJIT), J. Hunt (MSU), M. Lena (VALE), M. Nizolek (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), J. Pu (Hudson), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), J. Toth (Stockton), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

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

1) Call To Order / Welcome / Minutes of the June 4, 2020 Meeting

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting were approved.

2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky presented the Treasurer's report.

3) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- The bulk of FY21 vendor pricing has been received, and the FY21 offers will be published in ConsortiaManager soon.
- Lena, Wagner, and Pavlovsky met with Chapel, Kaplan, and Rearden to clarify billing practices and procedures for FY21.

4) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner / Chapel)

- Wagner explained the VALE-Edge partnership for new EC members.
- Edge stated that VALE has been assigned a separate account in NetSuite, which allows for financial information in real-time.
- The partnership is evolving, and the relationship with Edge has matured. Elements of the MOU and Bylaws need to be updated to reflect changes.
- Chapel stated that Edge has undergone rapid change in the past few years, and gross revenues have tripled since 2015. The purpose of revenue is to reinvest to our members, and Edge is interested in finding new revenues for VALE.
- Chapel stated that Edge is investigating having a paralegal review the VALE licenses rather than the lawyer, as a way to save on expenses.

5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- Lena worked with vendors for flat or minimal price increases for FY21, in light of the pandemic and accompanying state budget freeze.
- Hoang asked if we would consider breaking up agreements by campus. Lena does not recommend because it could result in decreased subscriptions.

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- Wagner agreed to continue the longstanding policy that a single institution has a single license that applies to multiple campuses of a library within the same institution. An exception will be made this year to accommodate the Gloucester and Cumberland campuses of Rowan College of South Jersey.

6) Outreach (Hunt /Owusu-Ansah)

- PAC is crafting a survey for the membership to determine their preferences for the 2021 Conference, including whether they want to have a virtual or in-person conference.
- Hunt attended the ALA virtual conference and found it satisfactory. She did not interact with the vendors, so she doesn't know what their experience was like.
- Chapel stated that EdgeCon 2021 will be virtual on vConference.
- A discussion ensued about the relationship between VALE and ACRL-NJ/NJLA-CUS and the roles and responsibilities of each on conference planning. Pavlovsky noted that the current committee structure is the last vestigial of the pre-Edge merger, and VALE has not yet found an appropriate way to restructure. Wagner recommended meeting with the Conference Committee, and Lena noted that it is an objective on the Strategic Plan.

7) Planning & Assessment (Beninghove / Ochoa)

- Once new committee chairs have been assigned, the PAC will meet with them to review their role in the Strategic Plan.

8) OER (Ochoa)

- The OER Committee Chair seats are currently vacant.
- The OpenNJ team met, and are making progress on a usability report.
- Toth stated that OSHE should be crafting a report based on the textbook affordability plans submitted by the institutions, and that it's expected this report will be published.

9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)

- The NJSL staff has been working remotely since March 23, and several have been furloughed.
- The TBBC started a weekly newsletter and new book discussion groups.
- Due to budget cuts NJSL is working on a 3 month budget for the first time ever.
- Toth asked about the status of the LSTA and Nizolek answered that the recent LSTA Advisory Council was cancelled.

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10) LibraryLinkNJ

- Susanne Sacchetti has been announced as the new Executive Director for LLNJ. Lena will set up an introductory meeting with Wagner, Toth, and Sacchetti.

11) Executive Committee Officers Election: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer

- Nominations from the floor:
 - Chair - Wagner was appointed by unanimous vote.
 - Vice-Chair - Toth was appointed by unanimous vote.
 - Treasurer - Pavlovsky appointed by unanimous vote.

12) OER Committee Chair appointment (Wagner)

- With 2 Chair positions vacant on the OER Committee, Wagner appointed Ochoa and Hilliker.
- With Ochoa's seat vacant on the Planning & Assessment Committee, Wagner appointed Rosinski-Kauz.

13) Pandemic preparedness institutional reopening plans (Pu)

- Pu recommended having an ad-hoc group to discuss reopening plans.
- Lena will put out a call to the Members Council to send their reopening plans.

14) Adjournment

- Hunt announced her retirement for January.
- The Committee approved the proposed FY21 meeting schedule.
- **Next meeting: Friday, September 25th, virtual via Zoom**