

VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 25, 2020 | 1pm - 3pm

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), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), S. Sacchetti (LLNJ), J. Toth (Stockton), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

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

1) Call To Order / Welcome / Minutes of the July 9, 2020 Meeting

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting were approved.

2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky presented the Treasurer's report.
- A reserves report was not shared due to a discrepancy with the Edge Controller.

3) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- FY21 offers were published in ConsortiaManager, invoices will go out in early October. FY21 database revenue is approximately \$4.1m.
- Lena has hosted several informal COVID-19/reopening discussions on Zoom with the Members Council. Three more are scheduled for the rest of the year.
- Lena will begin to seek sponsorships for the 2021 Conference.

4) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Chapel / Wagner)

- A discussion ensued about whether VALE should use vConference, the virtual conference software that is being used by EdgeCon. Chapel explained that this platform provides a higher production quality than other formats and allows for a virtual exhibit hall. It includes recorded sessions which allow attendees to review at a later date which provides a benefit.
- Rosinski-Kauz noted that a virtual conference opens the door to many members being able to participate, and that vendors may be interested because they know that there will be more virtual attendees than in-person attendees.
- Wagner called for a motion to approve the use of vConference for the 2021 VALE Conference, all approved.
- A discussion ensued about charging non-members to attend. Hilliker moved to allow outside attendee participation with the Conference Committee deciding the cost, Pavlovsky seconded, and all approved.

5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- P&L had a full committee meeting yesterday.
- They are currently reviewing the licenses for EBSCO & ProQuest.
- COVID-19 has impacted materials budgets. The pandemic has been used as leverage for discounted/flat funding. Print budgets have been moved to digital media. There is new interest in OER.

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- They are considering a consortial evidence based model for streaming media to give everyone access and chip in by budget. Faculty know what titles they want, and don't want to just subscribe to a collection where only a few titles are being used.
- The Elsevier ScienceDirect subscription ends in December 2021. P&L is investigating using the product Unsub for general title analysis.
- A discussion ensued about article processing charge models for faculty that publish OA.
- Lena asked for a status update on illumira. Chapel replied that many institutions stayed on board with illumira, and support has been extended to June 2021. Edge will be proactive and give ample notice if anything changes.

6) Outreach (Hunt / Owusu-Ansah)

- Bethany Sewell conducted a reciprocal borrowing survey and found that few are participating in the program during the pandemic.
- Lena will update the reciprocal borrowing webpage with a disclaimer to reflect the current situation.

7) Planning & Assessment (Beninghove / Rosinski-Kauz)

- PAC plans to meet with Outreach & OER Chairs to review their roles and responsibilities in the Strategic Plan.
- They are drafting a survey to members about COVID restart and plans for spring semester.

8) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)

- The Committee is working on a proposal for a federal Open Textbook Pilot Grant. The award is \$5k-\$2m from the Department of Education and proposals are due November 16.

9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)

- Report was presented at Members Council.

10) LibraryLinkNJ (Sacchetti)

- Report was presented at Members Council.

11) Adjournment

- **Next meeting:** Thursday, December 3rd, virtual via Zoom