

VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 22, 2020 | 1pm-3pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: L. Beninghove (Stevens), 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), S. Sacchetti (LLNJ), J. Toth (Stockton), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

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

1) Call To Order / Welcome / Minutes of the September 25, 2020 Meeting

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the September 25, 2020 meeting were approved.

2) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)

- The OER Committee met with the Planning & Assessment Committee earlier in the week.
- All personnel on the committee were reappointed and able to move forward with activity.
- They have been working on the US Dept. of Education Open Text Book Grant with participation from Forough Ghahramani, NJEdge AVP for Research, Innovation, and Sponsored Programs. The 4 curriculum subjects identified as growth opportunities are: innovation and technology, energy, health services, and global manufacturing and supply chain management.
- A discussion ensued about communicating grant information and updates to all players.

3) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky presented the Treasurer's report.

4) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- Member invoices were sent out in ConsortiaManager in early October.
- Lena has been hosting monthly informal Zoom meetings for the Members Council to discuss institutional coronavirus/pandemic preparedness.
- Lena solicited ninety vendors for VALE Conference sponsorship, including current VALE vendors and last year's sponsors.
- ALA Executive Director Tracie Hall has been confirmed as the keynote speaker.
- EdgeCon sessions are being pre-recorded on the vConference platform, and VALE may have to do the same. Wagner will contact Chapel to discuss.
- A discussion ensued about FY21 VALE invoicing, and that members found it confusing to receive 2 versions of a VALE invoice that came from Edge rather than VALE.

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5) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner)

- Wagner will meet with Chapel tomorrow to discuss the Edge Board report.
- A discussion ensued about the original terms of the VALE/Edge merger.

6) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- Essex cancelled 90% of their subscriptions, and Lena has reached out to them for more information about this decision.
- The Elsevier ScienceDirect contract is up for negotiation. The Committee is looking into a product called Unsub, a browser-based decision making tool made for an academic library's journal collection management team.

7) Outreach (Hunt /Owusu-Ansah)

- The Conference was discussed during the Program Manager's report.

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

- PAC met with the OER Committee to review roles and responsibilities in the Strategic Plan. They will meet next with the Outreach Committee.
- PAC created an anonymous survey for the Members Council on institutional COVID-19/pandemic responses, and will share the results when the survey closes.

9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)

- The Digital Public Library of America Executive Committee continues to meet monthly. Metadata from Princeton Theological Seminary will be first from NJ/Delaware collaboration to be included in the DPLA.
- NJSL staff created a 2020 NJ Voting Locations guide that library staff and patrons can use to locate drop boxes and polling locations in their counties and municipalities.
- Mary Chute's retirement date has extended through January 2021.

10) LibraryLinkNJ (Sacchetti)

- Delivery Service is scheduled to resume on October 19.
- LLNJ renewed its contract with NJSL. The next member meeting is December 9.
- LLNJ is moving into a new office at the Talking Book and Braille Center.

11) Adjournment

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