



VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 3, 2020 | 1pm-3pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: L. Beninghove (Stevens), E. Chapel (Edge), R. Hilliker (Rowan), A. Hoang (NJIT), 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),

Absent: M. Chute (NJSL), J. Cohn (Rutgers), J. Hunt (MSU), J. Pu (Hudson), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

1) Call To Order / Welcome / Minutes of the October 22, 2020 Meeting

- Toth convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the October 22, 2020 meeting were approved.

2) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)

- The Committee is waiting for Wagner to reappoint the OER Ambassadors.
- They are reviewing the institutional OER plans sent by the membership. So far they have received 22 out of 50 plans.
- A discussion ensued about how the committee can prove the repository's cost-saving value. The value would derive from institutional self-reported numbers.

3) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky presented the Treasurer's report.

4) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- The Conference schedule was recently published to the VALE website.
- Three vendors have signed up to sponsor the conference: EBSCO, Springer Nature, and the American Psychological Association.
- Lena will work with Edge colleague Nancy Zimmerman to get registration form live by mid-month.
- The last scheduled Members Council coronavirus informal discussion will be held on December 10th.

5) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner / Chapel)

- The Partnership Review Committee will need to reconvene, as a few members are no longer on the board.
- Chapel wants to determine net new revenues.

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6) Purchasing & Licensing (Hoang)

- The next P&L meeting will be held on December 7th.
- The ProQuest license was reviewed by the group and is currently being finalized by the Edge attorney.
- The P&L Chairs had a meeting with Elsevier for the ScienceDirect renewal. All the subscribers received a proposal.

7) Outreach (Owusu-Ansah)

- Conference planning remains ongoing.
- Hoang recommends that VALE prepare an annual report to share with members on our accomplishments.

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

- PAC will meet with the Outreach Committee to discuss their roles and responsibilities in the strategic plan. At this meeting they can also discuss Hoang's recommendation for an annual report.
- Toth notes there is room to change committees and their charges if needed.
- PAC issued a COVID-19 Pandemic Response survey to the membership and received 27 responses. The results were then shared back with the membership. PAC suggests sending a followup survey next year and are open to suggestions.
- Chapel notes that Edge has generated revenues from pandemic products, and that EdgeNet has seen a 30% increase in revenues. This has allowed Edge to reinvest in a strategic business model. Chapel recommends diversifying VALE offers as a pathway to financial viability.

9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)

- The Library Construction Bond Act recommendations were sent as an Appropriations Act to both the Assembly and the Senate. Both houses of the legislature approved the awards on November 16, 2020 in bill A4942, and Governor Phil Murphy signed the legislation on November 20, 2020.
- On December 1st, grant award announcements were emailed to recipients; libraries have 90 days to certify and prove they have matching funds. Libraries from 16 counties were awarded and these grants include repairs, barrier free access, and new buildings.
- The Roger McDonough Librarianship Award, usually presented at Archives and History Day at the Monmouth County Library, was presented virtually to Deborah Mercer, head of SLIC's New Jersey Collections.



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10) LibraryLinkNJ (Sacchetti)

- The LLNJ Conference subsidy will continue for the 2021 VALE Conference.
- LLNJ is moving into a new office at the The New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center. They are implementing a new phone system and ticketing system for issues.
- LLNJ will hold a membership meeting on December 9th.

11) Outreach Committee Chair appointment (Toth)

- Pu will replace the vacancy on the Outreach Committee left by Hunt's retirement.

12) Adjournment -

- Next meeting: Friday, February 5, 2021; 1pm-3pm