

VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 4, 2021 | 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), J. Nelson (NJSL), M. Nizolek (NJSL), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), J. Pu (Hudson), J. Rearden (Edge), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), J. Toth (Stockton), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

Absent: J. Machie (NJLA), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), S. Sacchetti (LLNJ)

- 1) Call To Order / Minutes of the February 5, 2021 meeting
 - Introductions were made to new NJ State Librarian Jen Nelson.
 - Minutes of the February 5, 2021 meeting were approved.
- 2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)
 - Pavlovsky presented the Treasurer's report.
 - Pavlovsky reminded the Committee Chairs to send their projected expenses for next year's budget.
- 3) Program Manager's Report (Lena)
 - Attendees of the monthly Covid discussions decided to continue meeting through the rest of the academic year. The next meeting is March 9th.
- 4) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner / Rearden)
 - Rearden is looking to fill the open Edge seat on the PRC Committee.
 - Wagner appointed Toth, Pavlovsky, and Cohn to serve on the VALE side of the PRC with Lena present as recorder.
 - Wagner and Rearden will work with Lena to schedule the PRC meeting as soon as possible.
 - Rearden and Lena have been meeting weekly.
- 5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)
 - The entire P&L Committee met in February.
 - The P&L Chairs met with a representative from Kanopy who explained that the company is under new leadership, and was looking into pricing models that were more fair and accessible to academic libraries. Kanopy will contact P&L again later in the spring with more detailed information. Hilliker suggested that VALE pursue a consortial model similar to OverDrive.
 - The ScienceDirect 3-year contract was renegotiated, with 10 subscribers renewing and 2 leaving the agreement to negotiate on their own.
 - Lena scheduled a demo for Unsub last month that was attended by 12 members. The Unsub license will go to the attorney for legal review.
- 6) Outreach (Pu /Owusu-Ansah)
 - The Outreach Committee met with the Planning & Assessment Committee to review their roles and responsibilities in the strategic plan.
 - A discussion ensued about the relationship between VALE and ACRL-NJ/NJLA-CUS and their roles in conference planning.
 - Pu moved to invite representatives from the Conference Planning Committee to the June meeting and all approved. In preparation of that meeting, Lena will prepare a short document outlining the history of the conference planning relationship.

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- 7) Planning & Assessment (Beninghove / Rosinski-Kauz)
 - PAC met with the Outreach Committee. They will continue to work on examining the strategic plan.
- 8) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)
 - The OER Committee is recruiting members for curriculum councils in health services, technology, energy, and global manufacturing and supply chain management. They have identified 12 courses that are foundational.
 - They will present at the Kean OER Conference later this month.
 - Middlesex is drafting a LibGuide on the OER grant. It will include a recording of their conference presentation and information about how to do open textbook partnerships with industries.
- 9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)
 - Preparation is underway for the second round of the construction bond act.
 - Materials from the NJ/DE Digital Collective continue to be added into the DPLA.
 - NJSL is temporarily providing remote access to Foundation Directory Online (FDO) Essential through a partnership with Candid.
 - The genealogy librarian created videos accessible through the research guide & NJSL YouTube channel.
- 10) LibraryLinkNJ
 - Sacchetti announced via email that she will be moving out of state and vacating her position. An emergency Executive Board meeting was called and they will be hiring an Interim Director and launching a search for a permanent Executive Director.
- 11) Code4Lib \$500 sponsorship (Wagner)
 - With the sponsorship already included in the FY21 budget and no one opposed, VALE will again sponsor the Code4Lib Conference for \$500.
- 12) DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals (Wagner)
 - A discussion ensued about contributing funds to the DOAJ.
 - Wagner will survey the membership and report back at the next meeting.
- 13) VALE membership for NJ Center for Teaching & Learning (Lena)
 - Wagner moved to make an exception to allow membership for NJCTL and all approved. Lena and Wagner will contact them.
- 14) Adjournment
 - Next meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2021; 1pm-3pm