



VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 8, 2021 | 1pm-3pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: L. Beninghove (Stevens), J. Cohn (Rutgers), A. Hoang (NJIT), M. Lena (VALE), K. McCoy (LLNJ), M. Nizolek (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), J. Rearden (Edge), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), J. Toth (Stockton), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

Absent: R. Hilliker (Rowan), J. Hunt (MSU), J. Machie (NJLA), J. Pu (Hudson)

1) Call to Order / Approval of Minutes

- Wagner convened the meeting and welcomed LLNJ Interim Director Keith McCoy.
- Minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting were approved as corrected.

2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky presented the financial report. The reports now show a charge for a percentage of Rearden's salary.
- The VALE-Edge Partnership Review Committee has a meeting on April 23 where they will vote on a flat fee and confirm what expenses are rolled into the fee.
- Pavlovsky presented the proposed FY22 budget and a discussion ensued. Hoang asked if VALE should look into a new membership model. Owusu-Ansah noted that other expenses go up 3-4% each year, so it is reasonable that the VALE fee would too. Toth asked if the VALE model is unsustainable, what other models are sustainable? Hoang suggested only paying for coffee and not breakfast and lunch at the Members Council meetings, and Pavlovsky noted that host institutions used to pay for meals before.
- A consensus was reached for a 3% service fee increase from last year.

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 April 16th.
- EBSCO donated \$25,000 to VALE. This donation will be applied to FY21.

4) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner / Rearden)

- The Partnership Review Committee will meet on April 23rd. A draft of the agenda was prepared and shared with Rearden. The agenda will be finalized in time for the meeting.
- Rearden will meet with Bonato, Lown, Blanton in advance of the meeting to review the agenda. Wagner noted that going forward PRC meetings will be scheduled annually or semi-annually.



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5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- The next meeting of the full committee is May 19th.
- The most recent legally reviewed license was ProQuest, and the next to be reviewed is Unsub.
- They have yet to receive a proposal from Kanopy. A streaming video trends survey was sent to the membership and received 28 responses. P&L will do an analysis of the data and report back to the EC.
- Cohn noted that Infobase has a new streaming video product for nursing and health sciences programs. Lena will look into making this an offering for FY22.
- P&L is considering doing an environmental scan on the membership's e-resources later this year. Going forward budgeting will be a huge factor, and we want to attract the right products.

6) Outreach (Owusu-Ansah)

- The Outreach Committee moved to migrate the VALE listserv from EdgeXchange to Google Groups starting in May. Pavlovsky seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

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

- The PAC plans to schedule a meeting.
- Lena prepared a streaming media survey for the membership that was reviewed and approved by PAC.

8) OER (Ochoa)

- The Co-Chairs will update the VALE EC and Membership on Open Textbook Collaborative activities to help disseminate that information to result in greater participation by VALE members. Non-grant partner institutions are also invited to write OER for us.
- The Open Textbook Collaborative anticipates development of 12 OER courses in its 36 month period.
- They are working with the NJ Council of Community Colleges on industry partnerships.
- Ambassadors were approved by the Executive Committee and we'll meet with them later in the month to determine activities for the year.

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9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)

- On behalf of Jen Nelson, Nizolek noted that there is an opening for an academic librarian on the LSTA Advisory Council. The council's charge is to advise for the LSTA 5-year plan and establish annual grant activity. The commitment involves 1-2 meetings annually, reviewing budget and statistics, and making suggestions on spending LSTA funds.
- On March 15th, Governor Murphy announced a second round of applications for the Library Construction Bond Act, allocating \$37.5 million in grants. Applications are due June 4th.
- Foundation Directory Online (FDO) Essential remote access is now limited to one 24-hour period every 30 days. A benefit of this feature is that users will have access to the MyFDO features that were not previously available.

10) DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals (Wagner)

- Wagner created a survey to get feedback from the membership on supporting the DOAJ. There were 16 survey responses that were not representative enough for statistical significance. The Committee reached a consensus that VALE would not donate to DOAJ at this time.

11) New Business

- Toth will assist Lena with the upcoming Executive Committee nominations and election.

12) Adjournment

- Next meeting: Thursday, June 10th, 2021; 1pm-3pm