



VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: R. Bingham (LLNJ), E. Chapel (Edge), J. Cox (Hudson), J. Cohn (Rutgers), A. Fontoura (FDU), R. Hilliker (Rowan), A. Hoang (NJIT), M. Lena (VALE), M. Nizolek (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), J. Toth (Stockton), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

Absent: J. Machie (NJLA), J. Nelson (NJSL), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU)

1) Call To Order / Approval of Minutes

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting were approved as corrected.
- Wagner welcomed new and returning members: Bingham, Chapel, Cox, and Fontoura.
- A discussion ensued about appointing Pu's replacement. Lena made a recommendation and Wagner will reach out to the potential new member.

2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Financial report was not available to present as the Edge Controller was on vacation.

3) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- Lena met with Edge colleagues Joe Rearden, Caitlin Kaplan, and Bridget Trapanese to review the FY22 invoicing process. Members will receive one invoice from VALE in early August.
- After the June Members Council meeting, several people expressed interest in continuing the monthly informal discussions about the institutional responses to the pandemic. Lena will send a Doodle poll to the Members Council to secure dates for more of these meetings in FY22.

4) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner / Chapel)

- Chapel announced that Rearden was leaving Edge to lead their partner organization: Core Education Foundation.
- Chapel announced that Edge hired a paralegal on staff.
- At the last PRC meeting, the group voted on a flat fee for VALE's dues to Edge.
- Pavlovsky noted that revisions to the MOU were still in progress and he would share them with Chapel once completed.
- Wagner noted the need for the Executive Committee to establish cost-saving measures and proposed devoting the next meeting to the VALE-Edge partnership.

5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- The P&L Committee will regroup and schedule 3-4 meetings in FY22.
- The Committee Chairs will be meeting with Rittenhouse Digital Library to discuss consortial offerings.

6) Outreach (Lena)

- Alyssa Valenti of RVCC will replace Amanda Piekart as Conference Co-Chair.
- There are 35 committee members, and their first meeting was in June. They are currently deciding the conference theme.

7) Planning & Assessment (Rosinski-Kauz)

- PAC will prioritize creating welcome packets for new members.
- They are seeking another person to join the committee.

8) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)

- The OER Ambassadors have been meeting. They are working on a curriculum for a Canvas/Blackboard course to learn about properly licensed OER resources.
- They toured a new publishing platform on the OpenNJ repository.
- They are developing a course to launch around the VALE Conference. The course involves creating your own OER content and not just a “train the trainer” model.
- The Executive Committee recognized the OER Committee for their dedication, work, and efforts.

9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)

- Peggy Cadigan organized and moderated one of the NJLA Annual Conference sessions. The session covered the topic of what lessons could be learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and how organizations could successfully communicate during an emergency.
- The NJSL has partnered with the New Jersey YMCA State Alliance, the New Jersey Department of Health, and Healthy NJ 2030 to record oral histories of NJ residents’ experiences in the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A discussion ensued about Coronavirus precautions at our libraries at this time.

10) Approval of FY22 Meeting Schedule (Lena)

- Toth moved to accept the schedule, Pavlovsky seconded and all approved the FY22 meeting schedule.
- Wagner noted that the next meeting will focus on a single agenda item - the VALE/Edge partnership.

11) Adjournment

- Next meeting: Friday, September 24, 2021; virtual via Zoom