



VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021 | 1pm - 3pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: J. Cohn (Rutgers), A. Fontoura (FDU), J. Hauge (ACCC), R. Hilliker (Rowan), M. Lena (VALE), M. Nizolek (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), J. Toth (Stockton), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

Absent: R. Bingham (LLNJ), E. Chapel (Edge), A. Hoang (NJIT), J. Machie (NJLA), D. Mizzy (MSU)

1) Call To Order / Approval of Minutes

- Wagner convened the meeting and congratulated Hilliker for being officially hired as Associate Provost for Libraries at Rowan University.
- Minutes of the September 24, 2021 meeting were approved.

2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky presented the financial report.

3) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- The monthly member library informal discussions continue to be well-attended. The meetings originally were focused on pandemic response, but have become open-ended. The next meeting will be on October 27th.
- A few members reached out to Lena to express interest in subscribing to MLA Handbook Plus through VALE. Lena is working with an MLA rep to make this a midyear consortial offering.
- Wagner and Lena met with a representative of McGraw Hill to learn about their Inclusive Access programs. Lena will invite them to sponsor the conference.

4) VALE / NJEdge Partnership (Wagner)

- Wagner noted Chapel's absence and stated that the VALE/Edge partnership will be discussed later in the meeting during new business.

5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- As of January 2022, WALDO will transfer administrative responsibilities over to Lyrasis. Cohn, Hoang, Lena, and Richard Kearney met with representatives from WALDO and Lyrasis to review the transition.
- This transition will not affect VALE until FY23, as all VALE-WALDO subscriptions are current through FY22.

6) Outreach (Owusu-Ansah)

- Trevor Dawes has been confirmed as the keynote speaker.
- The conference will take place entirely virtually via Zoom.
- Lena is seeking sponsorships.

7) Planning & Assessment (Rosinski-Kauz)

- Rosinski-Kauz requested another person to join the PAC and Fontoura volunteered.
- Hauge volunteered to join the Outreach Committee.
- PAC is working on a followup survey for the membership to compare institutional responses to the pandemic in 2020 vs. 2021.

8) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)

- The OER Ambassadors will be presenting at the upcoming NJ Academic Libraries Conference.
- There will also be a session on the OER grant that is managed by Middlesex College.

9) NJ State Library (Nizolek)

- NJSL created the NJSL + Partners Literacy Grant Project to establish public libraries as local literacy hubs that support residents in achieving literacy - including digital, financial, workforce, adult basic, and English language according to local needs.
- The State Library Information Center has resumed a 5-day onsite workweek.
- NJSL remains open on an appointment only basis.

10) New Business - VALE vote to change fiduciary agent from Edge to TCNJ (Wagner)

- Wagner presented a history of VALE; from its formation in 1998, to becoming a Subscribing Parter of NJEdge in 2015, and to present day.
- Wagner noted a divergence in organizational vision and values between VALE and Edge, and an interest to align VALE with an organization that supports our values.
- Wagner stated that The College of NJ has offered to become VALE's fiduciary agent.
- Pavlovsky presented a financial report showing that this move would be financially net neutral, but noted that VALE may see increased funds from earned interest in reserves. Edge has not shown VALE how much money it has earned from interest, but has been told that the amount is negligible.
- Toth moved: "Whereas VALE intends to change its fiduciary agency from Edge to The College of New Jersey at some point in Q1 2022, I move that the Executive Committee initiates the appropriate action to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding that currently exists between VALE and Edge, pursuant to Section E of that agreement." Cohn seconded, and all approved.
- Hilliker suggested that VALE consider going on a strategic planning retreat.

11) Adjournment

- Next meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2021; virtual via Zoom