



VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 4, 2022 | 1pm-3pm

virtual via Zoom

Present: R. Bingham (LLNJ), J. Cohn (Rutgers), A. Fontoura (FDU), J. Hauge (ACCC), R. Hilliker (Rowan), A. Hoang (NJIT), M. Lena (VALE), D. Mizzy (MSU), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

Absent: J. Machie (NJLA), M. Nizolek (NJSL), E. Chapel (Edge)

1) Call To Order / Approval of Minutes

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting were approved.

2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky requested that the subcommittee Chairs send him their FY23 budget requests.
- Pavlovsky requested a volunteer to assist in budgeting, and Hoang volunteered.
- Pavlovsky asked Lena to send him the financial information for legal license reviews.
- Pavlovsky presented the financial report and noted that several bills were paid in installments.

3) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- Monthly informal check-in discussions continue to be well attended. The next meeting will be on February 23rd, and meetings are scheduled in March, April, and May.
- In a few weeks Lena will reach out to vendors to negotiate FY23 renewal pricing.
- Pavlovsky asked Lena to send him a list of all vendor agreements with their subscription dates.

4) VALE / Edge Partnership (Wagner)

- Wagner met with Edge President Sam Conn. Edge has acknowledged that VALE seeks to dissolve the VALE-Edge MOU.
- Edge's opinion is that TCNJ could not legally conduct VALE business, specifically with community colleges. TCNJ's lawyer disagrees.
- Wagner recommended that a neutral third party should review. Cohn suggests contacting the NJ Office of the State Comptroller, and Wagner will contact them.

5) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- The full committee will meet on February 16th. Cohn, Hoang, Kearney, and Lena recently met in advance to review the proposed agenda.
- At the full meeting they will gather input for the FY23 e-resources interest survey.
- They will also gauge interest in the new ConsortiaManager add-ons.

- Cohn recommended that Lena contact ConsortiaManager to present a refresher course in preparation for upcoming renewals.

6) Outreach (Hauge / Owusu-Ansah)

- A Conference report was shared at the Members Council meeting. Hauge commended the Conference Planning Committee on their work.
- An attendee at the Members Council meeting suggested that VALE consider using Slack as a communication tool. The consensus of the group was to table that suggestion until VALE's host agency status is finalized.
- Owusu-Ansah recommended that the monthly informal check-in discussions become a permanent standing meeting. Hauge was in favor as the meetings provide a networking opportunity for those who may be siloed at their institutions.

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

- PAC met in January to finalize the Members Council COVID-19 Pandemic Response Survey, which will be going out shortly. The survey results will be shared at the next EC meeting.
- PAC reviewed the Strategic Plan and noted that several goals should wait to be completed until our host agency status is finalized.

8) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)

- The report was presented at the Members Council meeting.

9) NJ State Library (Lena)

- The written report was shared at the Members Council meeting.

10) LibraryLinkNJ (Bingham)

- The report was presented at the Members Council meeting.

11) Interim appointment of vacant State College/University Executive Committee seat

- Wagner will contact and appoint the candidate.

12) Suggestion to change EC meeting dates

- Mizzy asked if the Executive Committee would consider changing the EC meeting dates that happen on the same day of the Members Council meetings. After a discussion, the EC noted their preference to keep the MC and EC meetings on the same date because they find it easier to block off a single day, and they like having the ability to discuss matters that were brought up at the MC meeting immediately after it ends while at the EC meeting.

13) Adjournment

- Next meeting: Thursday, March 3rd, 1pm–3; virtual via Zoom