



**VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 7, 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), M. Nizolek (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

**Absent:** L. Keller (Ramapo), J. Machie (NJLA), D. Mizzy (MSU)

**1) Call To Order / Approval of Minutes**

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting were approved.

**2) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)**

- Pavlovsky presented the financial report.

**3) Vice-Chair's Report (Ochoa)**

- Ochoa and Lena met with the Chairs of the Purchasing & Licensing Committee and the Outreach Committees to review the Strategic Plan. They will schedule meetings with the Planning & Assessment and OER Committees. The timeframe to achieve the Strategic Plan goals is the end of the calendar year.

**4) Program Manager's Report (Lena)**

- McGraw Hill canceled their webinar and have yet to reschedule.
- The VALE monthly check-ins continue to be well-attended. The next one is May 25th.
- Executive Committee elections will be held in June, and the call for nominations will go out later this month. The available seats are 2 community college, 1 public institution, and 1 private institution.

**5) VALE / Edge Partnership (Wagner)**

- Wagner has had conversations with NJEdge Board of Trustees President Steve Rose regarding correspondence between the NJEdge attorney and the TCNJ Deputy General Counsel. They have arrived at a shared understanding for what a potential TCNJ-VALE collaboration would look like.
- All parties acknowledge that VALE intends to terminate its MOU with Edge.
- Rose is seeking a statement of readiness from TCNJ to enter an MOU with VALE.
- VALE's next step is to have TCNJ create that document, and for the VALE-Edge Partnership Review Committee to reconvene with Edge to pursue a more conclusive termination.

**6) Outreach (Hauge / Owusu-Ansah)**

- At their Strategic Planning meeting, Outreach reviewed their strategic planning goals and objectives.

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

- Fontoura attended the Outreach Committee strategic planning meeting, and Rosinski-Kauz attended the Purchasing & Licensing Committee strategic planning meeting. PAC will assist each committee with their goals.

**8) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)**

- OER met with the OER Ambassadors late last month. They have developed an OER Certificate program and will put out a call for applications soon with an April 24th deadline.
- The Ambassadors want to work on a research paper that demonstrates the value of OER, rather than an infographic.

**9) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)**

- Lena attended a Kanopy Town Hall meeting where they announced a consortial subscription purchasing model was in development. Lena will report back when more information is available.
- P&L will meet on May 12th to discuss the objectives on the Strategic Plan and establish next steps.

**10) NJ State Library (Nizolek)**

- The Statewide E-resources and Software Review Committee had their first meeting on March 9th to review RFQ responses that have been submitted by library vendors. Vendors will be recommended by the committee to the State Librarian for a final decision on three-year contracts.
- NJSL will be hosting sessions at the 2022 NJLA Conference in June at Harrah's Atlantic City.

**11) LibraryLinkNJ (Bingham)**

- LLNJ is currently in the process of strategic planning and aiming to present a draft plan in June.
- The membership meeting will be held on June 21st and will focus on business rather than reports.
- The Delivery Task Force is finalizing their recommendation to the LLNJ Executive Board for a delivery vendor.
- LLNJ is partnering with NJLA on a scholarship modeled after the ALA Spectrum Scholarship, to assist in building equity into librarianship.
- LLNJ will sponsor the NJLA Conference and host an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion preconference session.
- Bingham recently attended a statewide Ebook Summit on the state of ebooks in NJ. Wagner was also in attendance and gave remarks.

## **12) FY23 Draft Budget (Pavlovsky)**

- Pavlovsky presented a draft budget.
- Ochoa recommended co-sponsoring Kean's OER event rather than VALE hosting its own event.
- Hoang recommended removing catering from the budget in favor of having virtual meetings.
- A discussion ensued about continued sponsorship of other groups' events. The Kean event is of strategic importance to VALE's mission. VALE used to sponsor Code4Lib because of the VALID initiative and it used to be attended by several VALE members.
- Hilliker moved to remove catering from the OER budget and add \$500 to OER sponsorships. Ochoa seconded, and all approved.
- Hoang moved to stop sponsoring Code4Lib in FY23, Ochoa seconded, and the motion was approved.
- Owusu-Ansah moved to have the 2023 NJALC Conference be virtual rather than in-person, Fontoura seconded - 6 members approved, 5 disapproved, and the motion passed.
- Hilliker moved to set the OER travel budget to \$2,700, Ochoa seconded, and the motion was approved.
- Pavlovsky will update the draft budget accordingly to be voted on asynchronously via email.
- Hoang recognized and thanked Pavlovsky for his service as Treasurer and all agreed.

## **13) Adjournment**

- Next meeting: Thursday, June 9th, 1pm–3pm; virtual via Zoom