



VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2022 | 1pm-3pm

virtual via Zoom

Present: R. Bingham (LLNJ), A. Fontoura (FDU), J. Hauge (ACCC), A. Hoang (NJIT), L. Keller (Ramapo), M. Lena (VALE), D. Mizzy (MSU), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

Absent: J. Cohn (Rutgers), R. Hilliker (Rowan), J. Machie (NJLA), M. Nizolek (NJSL), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU)

1) Call to Order / Approval of Minutes

- Wagner convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting were approved as corrected.

2) VALE-Edge Partnership (Wagner)

- VALE will remain with Edge as the fiduciary agent.
- The VALE-Edge Partnership Review Committee will create an updated MOU.

3) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

- Pavlovsky presented the financial report.

4) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- The FY23 renewals have been processed in ConsortiaManager.
- WALDO is still waiting on pricing for ACM Digital Library. Lena will provide a detailed renewals report after the ACM Digital Library order has been processed.
- Kanopy emailed Lena to inform that pricing will be available soon. Lena will request pricing for the entire consortia as well as individual subscription pricing.
- Lena noted that she does not have information on what products libraries subscribe to outside of VALE. Lena will work to collect this information.

5) Outreach (Hauge)

- The Conference Committee will meet later in June to begin planning for the all virtual 2023 NJ Academic Libraries Conference.
- Alyssa Valenti will again chair the committee, along with incoming ACRL-NJ/NJLA-CUS President Nicole Potdevin of Fairleigh Dickinson University.
- A discussion ensued about how VALE should market the value of the VALE service fee to the membership; as it provides for a free conference for NJ academic librarians.

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

- PAC met May 11th to discuss initiatives in the Strategic Plan.

7) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)

- The Open Textbook Collaborative (OTC) project, funded through the US Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), is developing an alternative to Pressbooks, called OpenPublishing.
- Ochoa will meet with Lena to schedule an OpenPublishing product demo for the membership.

8) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- At the most recent P&L Committee meeting, a member asked if VALE would deduct the WALDO fees from their VALE e-resources spend total before calculating the VALE member service fee. Pavlovsky explained that since the operating budget is relatively stable from year to year, a deduction of WALDO fees would just result in a nominal increase in the percentage fee to make up the difference, and the member would still pay about the same amount of money to VALE.

9) NJ State Library (Lena)

- Report was presented at the Members Council.
- One June 30th, Nizolek will retire from her position as Chief Deputy State Librarian and Director of the State Library Information Center at the NJ State Library.
- The Executive Committee recognized Nizolek and noted their appreciation for her service on the VALE Committee.
- Wagner will contact NJ State Librarian Jen Nelson about the new delegate to the committee.

10) LibraryLinkNJ (Bingham)

- Report was presented at Members Council.

11) Lena performance review and salary evaluation (Wagner)

- The Executive Committee went into a closed session to discuss Lena's performance review and salary.
- When Lena rejoined the meeting, Wagner stated that he would follow up with Lena later.

12) FY23 Proposed Meeting Schedule (Lena)

- Lena asked if the group wanted to schedule any meetings in person, or if they should be all virtual. The group consensus was for all virtual meetings in FY23.
- Lena will send out the proposed dates before the next meeting.

13) NJLA DEI Coalition (Mizzy)

- A collaborative framework for addressing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in New Jersey's libraries, was recently announced by the leadership of the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey Library Association, and LibraryLinkNJ. Mizzy asked if VALE is a member of this coalition.

- Wagner stated that he attended one of their meetings, and will relay information between our groups.
- Bingham stated that everyone is welcome to get involved. So far they have had meetings and crafted plans, and are looking forward to next taking actionable steps. The majority of the coalition represents public libraries, and they want to include VALE, NJASL, and other non-public library organizations to make sure that all of NJ's libraries are represented and included.

14) Adjournment

- Next meeting: Thursday, July 7th, 1pm-3pm; virtual via Zoom

Minutes prepared by M. Lena