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VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 7, 2022 | 1pm-3pm virtual via Zoom

Present: M. Baratta (NJSL), J. Cohn (Rutgers), J. Hauge (ACCC), R. Hilliker (Rowan), A. Hoang (NJIT), L. Keller (Ramapo), M. Lena (VALE), D. Mizzy (MSU), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean)

Absent: R. Bingham (LLNJ), A. Fontoura (FDU), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

1) Call to Order / Approval of Minutes (Ochoa)

- Ochoa convened the meeting.
- Minutes of the June 9th, 2022 meeting were approved.

2) Program Manager's Report (Lena)

- Pricing for ACM Digital Library was recently shared.
- Without the ACM renewals, current revenue is \$4.4M in e-resources which is an increase from last year's \$4.2M.
- VALE invoices will go out August 1st.

3) Outreach (Hauge / Owusu-Ansah)

 The Conference Committee had their first meeting in June. They will vote on a theme later this month.

4) Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)

Pavlovsky presented the financial report.

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

• PAC is scheduling their next meeting to revisit the Strategic Plan goals.

6) OER (Hilliker / Ochoa)

• The OER Ambassadors are midway through the summer program.

7) Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Hoang)

- P&L is working on license review for Pressbooks, a new subscription for FY23.
- Kanopy just released their subscription model, and Lena is working with them on a consortial offer.
- Hoang thanked Hilliker for sharing the Ithaka Streaming Media Licensing and Purchasing Practices at Academic Libraries survey results with the Executive Committee. The results were similar to Streaming Video Trends Survey results issued by VALE in 2021.

8) NJ State Library (Baratta)

Margaret Nizolek retired, and Baratta is the new NJSL delegate to the VALE EC for now.

9) LibraryLinkNJ (Lena)

• The LLNJ report was submitted via email.

10) FY23 Executive Committee Officer Elections & Committee Appointments (Ochoa)

- Cohn nominated Hoang for VALE EC Chair and Ochoa for Vice-Chair. Pavlovsky seconded and all approved.
- Hoang nominated Pavlovsky for Treasurer, Owusu-Ansah seconded, and all approved.
- Lena explained the time commitment and scope of work for the Outreach, Planning & Assessment, and Purchasing & Licensing Committees.
- Keller volunteered to Chair the P&L Committee, and Hoang appointed Wagner as P&L Co-Chair in absentia.
- Mizzy volunteered to Co-Chair the Outreach Committee with Hilliker.

11) Kean University as research institution (Hoang)

- In 2021 Kean became a public research institution. The Bylaws state that a representative from each of the state's public research institutions has an ex-officio seat on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee representation currently consists of 4 public research institutions, 3 community colleges, 2 public institutions, and 2 private institutions. Hoang asked if the EC would want to review the Bylaws.
- Pavlovsky noted that any change to the Bylaws would need to be voted on by the Members Council.
- Cohn noted that it is an area of concern to keep research institution involvement high.
- Owusu-Ansah noted to not conflate member engagement with member representation.
- Ochoa and Hoang will continue the conversation with the EC asynchronously.

12) VALE website updates (Hoang)

- Hoang noted that the history section of the VALE website needs to be updated and asked who on the EC is responsible.
- Pavlovsky noted there is a difference between updating and creating new content. Lena is responsible for updating and recommended that Hoang delegate content creation responsibilities.
- Cohn noted that the structure of annual reports by VALE committees changed years
 ago. Those reports helped to inform an annual report. With VALE's reorganization into
 Edge, some of those traditions were lost. The reports served to inform colleagues and
 college leadership about what VALE is and does.
- Ochoa stated that the Strategic Plan includes committee reporting and recommended that Lena include these reports on the website.

13) FY23 Proposed Meeting Schedule (Lena)

- Lena shared the proposed FY23 meeting dates.
- Pavlovsky noted that Edge wants to receive the VALE budget in April, which would require adjusting the current meeting schedule since the budget is approved by the Members Council at the June meeting.
- Hoang suggested adding a January budget meeting.
- A discussion ensued about having all VALE Committees submit a written update prior to each meeting. Hoang will send a poll to the group to decide.
- Lena will update the proposed FY23 meeting schedule to include a January meeting and change the date of the October meeting.

14) Adjournment

• Next meeting: Friday, September 23, 2022; 9am - 12pm; virtual via Zoom