VALE Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, September 23, 2022 | 1pm-3pm | Virtual via Zoom

Present: M. Baratta (NJSL), R. Bingham (LLNJ), A. Fontoura (FDU), 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), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

1) **Call To Order (Hoang)**
   - Hoang convened the meeting.

2) **Approval of the July 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Lena)**
   - Minutes approved

3) **Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)**
   - Presented financial report. Little or no new information since last meeting in July.

4) **Purchasing & Licensing Report (Keller / Wagner)**
   - Wagner commended Richard Kearney for his participation and leadership in P&L.
   - Had P&L meeting with full committee in August. Discussed the WALDO dissolution and transition to Lyrasis. Awaiting information on VALE-Lyrasis membership fee.
   - Discussed VALE & NJEdge relationship. They will discuss revision of MOU.
   - A small group will discuss the VALE-WALDO license agreements. Lyrasis will require a new agreement between VALE and Lyrasis for WALDO subscriptions.
   - The VALE-Kanopy agreement is still being discussed.
   - Considering investigating Library Lever as a vendor.
   - ACRL-NJ / NJLA-CUS has created an Electronic Resources Committee that is focused on professional development.

5) **OER Report (Hilliker / Mizzy)**
   - Ambassadors would like to launch an application process ASAP to run another course in January.
   - VALE's strategic agenda for the OER initiative will guide the work of the OER Committee.
   - A discussion ensued about the VALE Executive Committee's responsibility in creating an OER strategic agenda.
   - Mizzy asked the group to consider what would success look like for VALE and what objectives is VALE looking to achieve.

6) **Planning & Assessment Report (Fontoura / Rosinski-Kauz)**
   - PAC is scheduling meetings to review the strategic plan.
   - PAC will meet with the other committees to review strategic action items.

7) **Outreach Report (Hauge / Owusu-Ansah)**
   - Presented the Outreach report.

8) **Program Manager's Report (Lena)**
   - Lena presented the Program Manager's report.
   - EC agreed to pay the $51.15 undercharge for the ProQuest subscription.

9) **Chair and Vice Chair Report (Hoang / Ochoa)**
   - AH met with Caitlin Kaplan about Edge's financial and administrative support while VALE looks for a new Program Manager.

10) **NJ State Library (Baratta)**
   - Presented report at Members Council.

11) **LibraryLinkNJ (Bingham)**
   - Presented report at Members Council.
   - Strategic Plan, thinking of ways for our organizations to work together.
   - Partnering with Niche Academy for professional development.
   - Investigating statewide library card

12) **Kean University as an Ex-officio research institution (Hoang)**
   - Will not revise the bylaws and will include Kean as a representative to EC.
   - Muhammad Hassan agreed to serve and asked to serve on the OER Committee.

13) **NJ Libraries EDI Initiative (Bingham/Hilliker/Mizzy)**
   - LibraryLinkNJ and the NJ State Library had a meeting with NJ library leaders.
   - Five Working groups were identified, and charges for each were created: collections, advocacy & outreach, programming, governance and policies, and staff development.
   - Includes libraries from all sectors.

14) **Approve Resolution Recognizing Judy Cohn for Years of Service to VALE (Hoang)**
   - Wagner moved to approve the Resolution Recognizing Judy Cohn for Years of Service to VALE, and the motion passed.

15) **VALE Program Manager (Hoang/Ochoa)**
   - Lena recommended Joe Toth as interim Program Manager, who is available and interested.
   - The EC expressed their approval.
   - Hoang asked the EC to consider if they want to appoint him as an interim and do a national search for a permanent or to hire him in the permanent role. The group agreed to appoint Joe as interim for now and review the next steps later.

Adjournment and Future Discussion Topics (Hoang)

- Next meeting: T**hursday, October 27, 2022** | 1pm-3pm | Virtual via Zoom
- Revision of the Edge and VALE MOU (EC working group)
- Revision of VALE Bylaws (EC working group)