VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023 | 1pm-3pm | Virtual via Zoom

Present: C. Askew (Rutgers), M. Baratta (NJSL), R. Bingham (LLNJ), A. Fontoura (FDU), R. Hilliker (Rowan), A. Hoang (NJIT), M. Hussan (Kean), C. Kaplan (Edge), L. Keller (Ramapo), D. Mizzy (MSU), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky, (TCNJ), D. Rozinski-Kauz (OCC), J. Toth (VALE), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

I.   Call To Order (Hoang)

II.   Approval of February 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Toth)
   A.   Minutes approved without revision.

III.   Standing Reports
   A.   Purchasing & Licensing Report (Wagner / Keller)
      1.   Wagner presented an update on the VALE-WALDO-Lyrasis transition, stating that contact has been made with ACM, Hein, Oxford, Mergent, and Nexis. A full report is archived in the shared EC folder.
   B.   OER Report (Hassan / Hilliker / Mizzy)
      1.   Hassan reported that the OER committee is shifting into a Special Interest Group. He requested that library chief administrators recommend to librarians and staff that they join the SIG. He mentioned that a survey soon will be administered.
   C.   Planning & Assessment Report (Fontoura / Rosinski-Kauz)
      1.   Rosinski-Kauz noted that the committee met with the program manager to discuss its charge. Upon hearing that responsibility for strategic planning will be the responsibility of the EC chair, the co-chairs observed that the committee might change its orientation exclusively toward assessment and recruit committee members from the membership. A report is archived in the meeting folder.
   D.   Outreach Report (Hauge / Owusu-Ansah)
      1.   Owusu-Ansah requested that the chair communicate to this committee what the EC would like from the conference committee with respect to the selection of themes and speakers. The chair will send that message to the committee presently.
   E.   Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)
      1.   Pavlovsky noted that he did not request financial reports from Edge for this meeting because the date of this meeting was too close in time to the last EC meeting.

F. Program Manager's Report (Toth)

1. Toth made no formal report.

G. Chair and Vice Chair Report (Hoang / Ochoa)

1. Hoang mentioned that she submitted a VALE update to the Edge BoT; it is in the meeting folder.

IV. Standing Updates

A. NJ State Library (Baratta)

1. A full report is archived in the shared EC folder. It makes mention of an upcoming Librarians without Borders event and the acquisition of previously upheld NJ documents from 1866 which have been digitized.

B. LibraryLinkNJ (Bingham)

1. Bingham placed a copy of the current LLNJ newsletter in the shared folder. He asked that members nominate candidates to serve on the LLNJ Executive Board. He also mentioned that the DEI group is looking at establishing a community of practice.

V. Old Business

A. VALE Committees' Charge and Action Plans (Toth)

1. The PM stated that he has met with all committees to discuss charges and membership; it is an ongoing discussion.

B. Permanent VALE Program Manager Position Search (Wagner)

1. Wagner mentioned that the Committee the advertisement has been placed; that 47 applications have been received; and that the committee meets later this week for a first screening.

C. Invited Guest Speaker at the Members Council Meetings (Hoang)

1. Hoang reminded the moderator that the EC supports having guest speakers at Members Council meetings.

D. Revision of the Edge and VALE MOU (Hoang)

1. Hoang noted that she presented an MOU revision timeline to Edge and Kaplan mentioned that she is reviewing the document with Conn and legal counsel.

E. Conference Committee

1. Hoang stated that conference committee co-chairs will be invited to the 4/6/23 EC meeting for discussion.

F. Bylaws Revision

1. Pavlovsky presented changes to the bylaws that dealt principally with the election of VALE officers. MOTION: Wagner moved (with Hilliker seconding) that the changes to the bylaws be accepted and presented to Members Council on June 8. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Askew asked if members would be interested in helping to create a mid-managers development program. Interest was strong and the chair will put the item on the next EC meeting agenda.

B. Hilliker shared that Rowan and others applied for grant funding to investigate streamlining library acquisitions with the help of AI and other methods. More information to follow.

VII.   Adjournment (Hoang)

1. Ochoa moved to adjourn the meeting and Hilliker seconded it. Approved by the membership.

A. Next meeting: **Thursday, April 6, 2023** | 1 pm-3 pm | Virtual via Zoom