

VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2023 | 1pm-3pm | Virtual via Zoom

Present: B. Bonfield (NJLA), R. Bingham (LLNJ), A. Fontoura (FDU), R. Hilliker (Rowan), J. Hauge (ACCC), A. Hoang (NJIT), M. Hussan (Kean), D. Mizzy (MSU), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (WPU), T. Pavlovsky, (TCNJ), D. Rozinski-Kauz (OCC), J. Toth (VALE).

Guests: G. Marks (WPU), N. Potdevin (FDU), A. Valenti (RCCC)

- I. Call To Order (Hoang)
- II. Approval of March 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Toth)
 - A. Minutes approved without revision.
- III. NJAL Conference Planning Discussion
 - A. The current and incoming members of the Conference Committee (above “Guests”) spoke to the EC about how themes and keynote speakers are selected. All agreed that the EC should formally receive and approve recommendations for themes and speakers and that the Outreach Committee should liaise with the Conference Committee more aggressively to facilitate better communication between the EC and the Conference Committee. Detailed notes of this conversation made by Gary Marks have been placed in the meeting folder.
- IV. Standing Reports
 - A. Treasurer’s Report
Pavlovsky reported on expenditures and revenues, noting that all of our vendors have been paid save Consortia Manager. Later in the meeting he detected irregularities which he will investigate and report on at a later date.
- V. Purchasing and Licensing and Program Manager’s Report (Toth)
 - A. Toth reported that all nine “WALDO” vendors and the contract administrator from Edge have been contacted. A full report is in the meeting folder.
- VI. OER Report (Mizzy)
 - A. Mizzy and Toth reported that OER survey on interest in the Special Interest Group has been sent and replies are coming in.
- VII. Planning & Assessment Report (Fontoura / Rosinski-Kauz)
 - A. Rosinski-Kauz reported that the committee reviewed the OER survey as requested.

- VIII. Outreach Report (Hauge / Owusu-Ansah)
- A. The Committee had nothing more to report other than what was said in the Conference Planning discussion.
- IX. Standing Updates
- A. NJ State Library: Baratta's report is in the meeting folder.
 - B. LibraryLinkNJ: Bingham placed a copy of LLNJ's current newsletter in the meeting folder.
- X. Old Business
- A. Invited Guest Speakers at the June Members Council meeting: Owusu-Ansah reported that a speaker has been invited and will reply to the invitation soon.
 - B. WALDO/Lyrisis/VALE Task Force: progress covered in the P&L report.
 - C. VALE Program Manager Search: Hauge reported that three candidates will interview on April 26 at Middlesex College.
 - D. Edge / VALE MOU: Hoang reported that she has not received Edge's review copy.
- XI. New Business
- A. BLC-OCLC Controversy: Hauge led a discussion on the Boston Library Consortium's complaint about OCLC pricing, urging members to stay in touch with the matter.
 - B. Nominations for the FY24 Executive Committee: Ochoa will contact sitting and prospective members about running for office. More details are present in the Chair/Vice-Chair report placed in the meeting folder.
 - C. FY24 EC and MC Meeting Calendars: Pavlovsky noted that the EC schedule usually is set at the July EC meeting after new members have been seated. The EC reaffirmed that EC meetings will be virtual until further notice. The Outreach Committee will contact members about their preferences (day of the week; physical or virtual) for future Members Council meetings.
 - D. VALE Strategic Planning: Hoang led a discussion on strategic planning that included discussion on retreats, consultants, and locations. More information on these topics appears in the Chair / Vice-Chair report placed in the meeting folder.
MOTION: Mizzy made and Pavlovsky seconded a motion to form a task force to attend to strategic planning matters with an informal charge to "plan the planning." The motion passed unanimously. Joining the Chair and Program Manager on this Task Force is Ochoa, Rosonski-Kauz, and perhaps others.
- XII. Adjournment (Hoang)
- A. Someone moved to adjourn the meeting and someone seconded it. Approved by the membership.
 - B. Next meeting: **Thursday, June 8, 2023** | 1 pm-3 pm | Virtual via Zoom