

VALE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Thursday, March 28 | 1 pm - 3 pm | Virtual via Zoom | [Meeting Document Folder](#)

In Attendance: Ali Cole (VALE), Ann Hoang (NJIT), Isabel Gray (Camden), Ralph Bingham (LLNJ), Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ), Caitlin Kaplan (EDGE), Maria Baratta (NJSL), Janet Hauge (ACCC), Marilyn Ochoa (Middlesex), Leigh Keller (Ramapo), Rob Hilliker (Rowan)

Absent: Dorianne Mizzy (MSU), Donna Rosinski-Kauz (OCC), Ana E. Fontoura (FDU), Kurt Wagner (Monmouth), Brett Bonfield (NJLA), Consuella Askew (Rutgers), Muhammad Hassan (Kean)

- I. Call To Order (Hoang)
 - A. AH called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.
- II. Approval of March 28, 2024 minutes (Cole)
 - A. MNO moves, TP seconded. Minutes approved as is.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Upcoming Committee Nominations (Ochoa/Cole)
 1. MNO is reaching out to those who previously served to populate the ballots for the June EC elections.
 2. At the July EC meeting, a Vice Chair/Chair Elect will be elected from the new group of EC members.
- IV. New Business - Open Discussion – None
- V. Standing Reports
 - A. Strategic Planning Task Force (Ochoa/Gray/Cole)
 1. Consultant Amanda Standerfer has returned the signed agreement, onboarding in process.
 2. The July Strat Planning retreat tentative date is July 18th and will potentially be held at Kean's Union Campus.
 3. Date will be promoted to get feedback from MC on their availability to attend. This will be done after onboarding the consultant to confirm what the options are.
 4. AH asked – if MC Rep is not available, do we still want representation from the library? MNO – there will be opportunity for asynchronous feedback and participation. We will have a conversation with the consultant.
 - B. Treasurer's Report (Pavlovsky)
 1. We are on track. Projecting about 15k under budget, about 5k going into reserves, 10k going into FY25 to offset.
 2. CK – we have received everything we have meant to receive.
 - C. Edge and VALE Update (Hoang/Kaplan) - No Update
 - D. Purchasing & Licensing Report (Keller/Hilliker)

1. RH shared that P&L is excited to be doing more licensing – reminder to everyone to look at the OverDrive information and the NYT Offers.
 2. Seven new volunteers have been added to the committee.
 3. RH mentioned the [Catalyst grant](#) program – interested in getting VALE involved.
 4. [ICOLC Statement on AI Licensing](#)
 - a) RH moved to endorse this statement, TP second motion. 9 YES to endorse – unanimously passed. AC will fill out the endorsement form.
 - b) RB was at the ICOLC meeting last week – there was a lot of discussion about this and transformative agreements. There is a lot of weight and effort behind the scenes with the solidarity on this – a lot of academic representation. It will be a difficult road but there is a lot going on.
 - c) RH and AC to attend the [ONEAL project](#) webinar next week.
 - d) AH mentioned the keynote speaker - C. Edward Watson, Ph.D. – from [EdgeCon Spring 2024](#). AH mentioned that we need to start talking about ScienceDirect – is a transformative agreement possible. For P&L.
- E. Planning & Assessment Report (Fontoura/Rosinski-Kauz) - No update
- F. Outreach Report (Hauge/Hassan) – Janet
1. Community College SIG Idea
 - a) Discussion about former county college caucus and whether it should be for all CC staff or just directors.
 - b) SIG would need a convener, and a goal. Come back to EC for approval with the convener and goal. Could be a Community College Administrators or Directors Only SIG.
 2. VALE “Open House” visits to each other
 - a) Piloting – JH to visit IG & staff at Camden.
 - b) Discussion: AH noted that in the past there were staff retreats / visits to libraries that have had renovations or upgrades etc. Staff communicate often – face to face interaction is always nice. My staff has wanted to do something similar. What are the new programs? Vision? Mission? Etc.
 - c) RH added that the Campbell library in Glassboro is being renovated and can offer a tour VR space and alien zoo! TP asked, when does this begin to compete with VALE Members’ Council in person meetings?
 - d) AC added that Outreach also discussed the potential to invite a wider audience to MC speaker series, there is opportunity to open it up for more of VALE to participate. Will discuss more to make a proposal.
- G. Program Manager’s Report (Cole)
1. Full PM Report is in the Meeting Folder
- H. Professional Development Task Force (Askew/Mizzy)
1. Survey draft was presented last time – having issues with survey access, CA is on vacation. More info next time. The Planning & Assessment committee and PM should be able to work on the data for the survey.

VI. Standing Updates (15 mins)

- A. LibraryLinkNJ (Bingham)

1. Full report is in the shared folder. Note the new virtual office hours.
 2. EDI Initiative Update – Expert EDI Consultant hired, worked with Denver Public Library
 3. RFP will be out this summer for delivery service.
- B. NJLA (Bonfield) – No update
- C. NJ State Library (Baratta)
1. Full report in meeting folder. The State Library is partnering with 14 other state libraries on an AI project out of University of Texas Austin.
 2. April 1st – new version of state digital publications library. Digital Publications Library migrated to DSpace 7.
 3. If you have not yet – please participate in eResource survey (Concerning JerseyClicks content)
- VII. Adjournment and Future Topics (Hoang)
- A. Future Topics
1. [PALCI/ALPA OER Statewide Project Survey](#) (Mizzy)
- B. Upcoming meetings
1. Reminder – no May meeting.
 2. Final meeting of FY24 - June 13 in Person EC & MC meetings at Mercer County Community College
 - a) Look out for more info on the listserv.
- C. AH Adjourned for the good of the order at 2:06 pm.