

VALE Members Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2024 | 9:30 am – 12 pm | Mercer County Community College

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In attendance: Ali Cole (VALE), Ann Hoang (NJIT), Daisy DeCoster (Saint Peter's), David Marks (Bergen), Dennis Schaub (RVCC), Donna Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), Evelyn Frangakis (PTSEM), Heather Craven (CCM), Isabel Gray (Camden), Janet Hauge (Atlantic Cape), Linda Beninghove (Stevens), Marilyn Ochoa (Middlesex), Muhammad Hassan (Kean), Pamela Price (Mercer), Ralph Bingham (LLNJ), Rob Hilliker (Rowan), Rob Wolf (FDU), Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ), Christina Wilson (TESU).

Guests: Forough Ghahramani (NJ Edge), Malissa Handa (IEEE), Rachel Pieters (RCBC), Sarah Ponichtera (SHU).

Absent: Brett Bonfield (NJLA), Gary Marks (NJAL), Maria Baratta (NJSL), Jodi Shelly (Felician), Susan Van Alstyne (Cenenary), Dianne Mizzy (Montclair), Jane Crocker (RCSJ), Elizabeth Leonard (Drew), Consuella Askew (Rutgers), Caitlin Kaplan (EDGE), Gus Stamatopoulos (Stockton), Adrienne Bross (Saint Elizabeth), Jane Jiang (Union College), Jennifer Pierce (Salem), Kurt Wagner (Monmouth), Leigh Keller (Ramapo), Sabrina Johnson-Taylor (Passaic), Victoria Swanson (Caldwell), William McNellis (Brookdale), Edward Owusu-Ansah (WPUNJ), Fred Smith (NJCU), Jeff Donnelly (Georgian Court), Jen Nelson (NJSL), John Hernandez (Hudson), Laurie McFadden (Berkeley), Lisa Stoll (Warren), Patricia Gaspari-Bridges (Princeton), Patrick Milas (NBTS), R. Chris Ware (Essex), Rosa Canales (Pillar), Sisalle Hecht (Eastwick), Stephanie Cooper (Sussex).

Welcome & Business Meeting. (Ochoa)

- Member Introductions
 1. New member: Rob Wolf, designated by Ana Fontoura, representing FDU in her place as of June 2024.
- Adoption of March meeting minutes - approved.
- Guest speaker introductions: Forough Ghahramani (NJ Edge) & Malissa Handa (IEEE)

Presentation. (Ghahramani/Handa)

- "Data Management Trends & Tools for Discovery and Open Science"
 - Ensuring long-term preservation of and access to data resulting from scientific research, especially data produced by publicly funded research projects is critical. The session explored the fundamental requirements for a unified data and collaboration platform for storing, sharing, accessing, and managing research data, to accelerate institutional research efforts while satisfying funding agency requirements. Features of the IEEE Dataport™ platform was explored.
 - [Presentation materials](#) saved to the shared folder.

10-minute break.

Updates & Reports. (Ochoa)

- VALE, Ann Hoang, Chair
 1. Hoang highlighted the transformative agreement with ACM, noting there are two more in the works: Elsevier (ScienceDirect) and SpringerNature.

Minutes Approved by the Members' Council on 11/07/24

2. FY25 Service Fee approved at only 0.01% increase from FY24. Highlighting that VALE will remain fiscally responsible.
 3. Hoang encouraged all MC members to attend and contribute to the VALE Strategic Planning retreat – to be held at Kean on Thurs. 7/18. Encourage your librarians and staff to join a VALE standing committee. Contact Ali for a site visit if you have not already done so. Please suggest guest speakers for future MC meetings - stay connected with VALE and share your recommendations.
- Budget Report, Taras Pavlovsky, Treasurer
 1. Pavlovsky reviewed current budgetary activity (all spending seems on track) and predicted End-of-Year positions. Due to several different reasons, VALE should finish the year approximately \$23,200 in the black. Of that, \$10K has previously been approved to be put directly toward the FY25 budget (thereby helping to keep the service fee down) and the remainder will go to reserves, which should finish the year at approximately \$278,000 or a net increase of approximately \$13,200.
 - [VALE Business Update](#), Ali Cole, Program Manager

Affiliate Updates & Reports

- [ACRL-NJ / NJLA-CUS](#), Gary Marks, President
- [LibraryLinkNJ](#), Ralph Bingham, Executive Director
- [New Jersey State Library](#), Maria Baratta, State Library Information Center Director
- NJLA, Brett Bonfield, Executive Director – absent

Old Business | Ochoa, Moderator

- Strategic Planning Task Force (Ochoa/Gray/Cole)
 - Strategic Planning survey was sent out to the full VALE listserv (400+) – we received 63 responses. The survey is now closed.
 - July 18th Retreat – Please RSVP, [make appointment w/ consultant](#) if you cannot attend. Appointments are available through June 24th. You may also elect to send an alternate representative from your library to the retreat (in addition to scheduling an interview with Amanda).
 - RSVP Link: <https://tinyurl.com/718RSVP>

New Business.

- Elections (uncontested)
- Introduce candidates
 - [Candidates introduced](#)
- Shared QR code for voting – already collected absentee votes. 28 votes total.
- Newly elected: Community College (2 Seats) - Janet Hauge (incumbent -ACCC); Jane Jiang (UCNJ); Independent (1 seat) - Evelyn Frangakis (PTSEM); MC Moderator (1 Seat): David Marks (BCC)

Conclusion & Adjournment | Ochoa, Moderator

- Adjournment
 - Ochoa adjourned the meeting.
- New EC members were invited to lunch and afternoon Executive Committee meeting.