

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the February 9, 2005 Meeting

Present: J. Avrin, A. Ciliberti, J. Cohn, J. Crocker, C. Daze, G. Fallon, J. Jeney (via videoconference), J. Marcum, L. Oster, D. Pinto, A. Scrimgeour, R. Sweeney

1. Judy Cohn convened the meeting and welcomed Judith Jeney via videoconference. She noted that it would be useful to survey members to determine remote conferencing capabilities. The January minutes were approved.
2. Anne Ciliberti presented the budget report. All member invoices have been paid with the exception of several small mid-term database additions. It was noted that the Public Relations balance stands at \$1,349.17. Users' Conference costs were covered by vendor support and budgeted funds. All invoices have been paid. Conference expenses were lower this year than for FY04 since the keynote speaker did not have travel expenses. Contingency funds remain untouched. Judy Avrin will distribute via email a copy of the conference budget.

Responses to the online conference evaluation form are being submitted. Judy Cohn advised that one of the respondents commented that the last three conference dates have conflicted with observance of the Eastern Orthodox Christmas. It was noted that the date selected for next year's conference, January 5th, will not conflict. Efforts will be made to maintain awareness of potential conflicts.

3. Greg Fallon noted that there would be a Council meeting on May 6th or 13th. Executive committee members were advised to bring budget and slate recommendations to the April Executive Committee meeting.
4. Judy Avrin distributed a list of eight databases the Electronic Resources committee is recommending to the Finance Committee for acquisition. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet at the conclusion of the Executive Committee meeting and will discuss obtaining pricing. Judy Cohn noted that due to an unknown level of commitment or pricing benefit, the ER Committee generally recommends several more databases than will ultimately be added.
5. Judy Cohn provided a Knowledge Initiative update. Funds amounting to \$6 million have been approved by the State Treasurer and will be released over two years. A survey was conducted after the January 21st Council meeting to determine a priority ranking of databases. Results were distributed. Vendor negotiations will continue with an anticipated April 1st start date.
6. Committee Reports:

- Assessment Committee - Anne Ciliberti reported that the committee met on February 7th under the new direction of Susan Beck. Previous goals were discussed and most will be maintained. Of particular interest is determining a methodology for measuring the impact of VALE in terms of qualitative as well as economic terms. Trish Libutti from Rutgers has joined the committee and will do a literature search. The committee web site will be updated.
 - Bibliographic Control & Metadata Committee - David Pinto forwarded to the committee the recommendation of both the Electronic Resources and Reference Services Committees that the VALE databases be catalogued. It was noted that Rutgers already does it.
 - Electronic Resources Committee - Judy Cohn reported the committee met on February 2nd and completed the list that was discussed in item 4 above. As a follow-up to discussion at the Users' Conference breakout session, there is interest in looking beyond databases - possibly at a federated search product.
 - Public Relations Committee - The conference evaluation form has been posted to the VALE web site and responses are coming in. They will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Reference Services Committee - Jane Crocker reported that the Q&ANJ web site has been revised and is now easier for students to enter. Two other academic libraries have expressed interest in joining. She announced that the committee has been nominated for an NJLA CUS Technology Innovation Award and will be making a presentation on March 10th at Monmouth University.
 - Resource Sharing Committee - Andrew Scrimgeour reported that training sessions on February 16th and 17th are scheduled for customizing Jersey Cat screens.
 - Shared Information Literacy Committee - Anne Ciliberti reported that the committee has reached out to NJ ACRL and they will attend each other's next meetings.
 - Last Copy Repository - Judy Cohn has contacted Mary Mallery about chairing the committee.
 - Web Site Committee - Anne Ciliberti reported that Ray Schwartz has met with the committee. Priority is being given to repairing broken links. A sub-group will work on creating an entirely new design. Efforts will include creating a template for all committee pages, establishing a cleaner look to the site, eliminating images that are hard to update, and adding licenses, a license grid and preferred licensing terms. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 28th.
7. Judy Cohn distributed copies of a digital film proposal submitted by a sub-group of the Educational Activities Task Force (EATF) of NJEDge.Net. There is a great deal of interest in licensing and providing media content digitally and Films Media Group has already begun to market digital films this way. The films can be downloaded or streamed. It was suggested

that several Executive Committee members meet with the NJEDge group to explore possible collaboration. Judith Jeney and Greg Fallon agreed to follow up.

8. Anne Ciliberti reported that LibQual is scheduled to go live at William Paterson University the week of February 14th. Richard Stockton is already live.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2005.

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