

Joint Meeting of the VALE Executive Committee and VALE Committee Chairs

Minutes of the March 10, 2009 Meeting
Revised 4/27/09

1. David Pinto welcomed the group to the second joint meeting of the VALE Executive Committee and Committee Chairs. Introductions including institution and committee representation were made.

Judy Avrin - VALE

Jeanne Boyle – Rutgers University, Assessment Committee Chair

Anne Ciliberti – William Paterson University – Shared Information Literacy Committee Liaison

John Cohn – County College of Morris – Digital Video Committee Liaison

Judy Cohn – UMDNJ – Electronic Resources Committee Liaison

Jacqui DaCosta – TCNJ – Shared Information Literacy Committee Chair

Colleen Daze – NJ State Library

Marianne Gaunt– Rutgers University - Assessment Committee Liaison

Maureen Gorman – TCNJ – Electronic Resources Committee Chair

Tony Joachim – William Paterson University – Reference Services Co-Chair

Christopher Lee – Seton Hall University – Resource Sharing Committee Chair

Andrea MacRitchie – Union County College – Users’ Conference Liaison

Mary Mallery – Montclair State University, Cooperative Collection Management Committee Chair

Birthe Nebeker – Raritan Valley Community College – Reference Services Committee Liaison

Cheryl O’Connor – Infolink – Library Region Representative

Denise O’Shea – Fairleigh Dickinson University – Website Committee Co-chair

Taras Pavlovsky – The College of New Jersey – OLS Co-chair

David Pinto – Richard Stockton College – Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee Liaison

Brian Richards – Middlesex County College – Digital Media Committee Representative

Mark Sandford – William Paterson University – Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee Chair

Andrew Scrimgeour – Drew University –Resource Sharing Committee Liaison

Bruce Whitham – Rowan University – Website Committee Liaison

Yingting Zhang – UMDNJ – Website Committee Co-chair

2. Pinto noted that last year’s joint meeting resulted from concerns there was not enough communication between committee chairs and the Executive Committee. He briefly reviewed committee guidelines developed over the year, covering duties of both committee chairs and committee liaisons. The group also reviewed the timeline for committee work cycles and annual reports. It was noted that the terms of service for committee members need to be added to some of the committee websites and rosters. Although the guidelines called for a joint meeting last November, Pinto recommends meeting only once, in March, each year as the timing seems better.

A lengthy discussion followed to determine how the guidelines worked this year and what considerations might be added for further improvement.

The following suggestions were made:

- Committee chairs would benefit from more specific guidelines for addressing submission of proposals and projects; Judy Cohn will draft a one page template for organizing and communicating committee projects and proposals.
- From time to time committees may wish to create sub-committees or task forces and they should feel free to do so, following discussion with their liaison.
- Letters of appointment to new committee members and their deans/directors will now come from the committee chairs, not from the Executive Committee Chair. There are just too many to come from one person. However, the Executive Committee Chair will continue to send letters of appointment to new committee chairpersons.
- Committee chairs are encouraged to recruit new members using a variety of techniques such as word of mouth, blogs, listservs, etc.

3. Committee Updates:

Assessment Committee - Jeanne Boyle

- Held a successful LibQUAL results meeting in October with 11 people from 8 participating institutions.
- Trying to determine direction for moving forward since most of their projects are undertaken at the Executive Committee's direction unlike other committees which generate theirs from within.
- Some changes to their charge are not reflected on VALE website. Will send them to Pinto for Executive Committee approval.

Bibliographic Control and Metadata – Mark Sandford

- Committee's next steps will be to focus on a few research projects that a subcommittee has identified.
- Committee members often attend other committee meetings with overlapping interests as a means of staying abreast with activities and projects.
- The group looks forward to having significant communication with OLS developers as the project becomes reality since there will be many cataloging and metadata issues to be resolved.
- Have had successful involvement with NJVid.
- The NACO project is still underway at a few institutions and the group will seek new ways to involve others.

Website Committee – Denise O'Shea and Yingting Zhang

- Committee has 16 active members.
- Several members have received Drupal training and the consultant project to migrate the VALE website to Drupal is scheduled to begin shortly. The new website will enable chairs to more easily update their information and to use more

kinds of media, etc. and is slated to be ready before next year's users' conference. Currently, the group is conducting informal surveys to find out what committees want on the new website and have created a blog to facilitate feedback. Committee chairs will be trained on accessing and updating pages.

- Dave Hoover has set up the new server and is testing the new operating system but needs some guidelines on when to do the cutover.
- Blog use at the Users' Conference was heavy despite some difficulties due to shortage of wireless logins at Busch Center. An upgraded Flickr account provided additional capacity for posting pictures. A conference video was created and posted to the website.
- The Committee sponsored two posters at the conference.
- Requested that the conference planning committee require presentations to be submitted prior to the event in order to post them to the website.
- All requests for additions to the VALE calendar should go through Judy Avrin. New website will allow committee chairs to have access to the calendar.

Electronic Resources Committee – Maureen Gorman

- The database survey conducted in the fall generated about the same number of responses as in past years, despite serious budgetary concerns around the state. There is sufficient interest in offering five new products, so price quotes will need to be obtained.
- A review of VALE's Preferred Licensing Terms is also on the Committee's agenda.
- A possible overlap between Electronic Resource and Digital Media Committees' charges was noted and the groups should plan a joint meeting in the future to discuss.
- Database training sessions are offered as members volunteer to host sessions open to other VALE members.

Cooperative Collection Management – Mary Mallery

- The group toured the RECAP storage facility in Princeton and learned a great deal about how this successful cooperative venture works.
- Their work on the VALE Last Copy Collection initiative continues, having sponsored a successful panel discussion at the Users' Conference. Two new members, Rowan and Raritan Valley Community College, have recently joined the last copy participants. A poster session on the project will be at the ACRL National Conference in Seattle on March 14th.
- The group believes that a serials sub-committee may be needed, as it would facilitate some of their work.
- The committee is also exploring a variety of digitization grant opportunities.
- Work on the WorldCAT Collection Analysis Tool will likely be restructured to become a sub-committee on the more general topic of collection analysis.

Resource Sharing – Christopher Lee

- The committee held 3 or 4 meetings as well as a session with Scherelene Schatz regarding JerseyClicks

- Within the committee there has been a great deal of interest in creating a NJ pod in the RAPID resource sharing system. A formal proposal may be developed and presented so that those interested can participate.
- The group also plans to survey the membership to determine which ILL products are being used, so that networking between users will be facilitated.

Reference Services – Tony Joachim

- The committee is working to get away from the image of only being interested in QndANJ
- Having difficulty increasing active committee membership. Exploring teleconferencing options.
- The group will be surveying members to determine what kinds of reference services are being provided around the state. The Committee sponsored a panel, “Beyond the Reference Desk” moderated by Jody Caldwell from Drew University with panelists Kate McGivern from Bergen Community College and Pat Dawson from Rider University. The panelists were invited to present it again at PALINET.

Digital Media – Brian Richards

- The committee members have been working with NJVid to increase the number of digital programs and to improve access. NJVid has just begun to work with FMG to pilot 20 titles which should be launching on their system in next few months
- Three new digital media vendor options are available this year: Ambrose, BioMedia, and Intelcom. Working with video publishers is very different than database publishers. Video publishers and distributors are new to the field of streaming media and consortial licensing, so there are many challenges in working with different pricing models for VALE members.
- Negotiations for videos are very complex. Companies are trying to bring in collections rather than negotiating with individual distributors for each title.
- Will work with the Electronic Resources Committee and Judy Avrin to create a cycle similar to the database renewal process.

Shared Information Literacy – Jacqui DaCosta

- The group will hold six meetings this year, rotating between Rutgers and UMDNJ, usually by videoconferencing. There are about 10 – 12 active members.
- Sponsored two very successful programs at the VALE Users’ Conference
- Currently working with ACRL and CJRLC on developing a workshop on information literacy issues from high school to college.
- Another project underway is a survey to collect data on IL programs at the member libraries. The data are being analyzed and will be discussed by the group at the April meeting.
- The group is also developing information literacy progression standards, as requested by the Executive Committee. A task force will be recommending outcomes or standards to guide programming and planning from high school, associate’s degree and bachelor degree program.

- Efforts continue to influence the new General Education articulation standards between community colleges and four-year schools.
- The group is also exploring the possibility of merging with the ACRL/NJLA User Education Committee, with whom there is a great deal of overlap in membership and interest.

VALE Users' Conference – Jan Skica

- This was a very active committee, co-chaired with Richard Kearney
- More than 100 conference evaluations were received with very positive feedback. Gaunt's presentation and the breakout sessions received high marks, as did the posters but there was concern about the space allocated to the posters. An interesting range of topics were suggested for next year's conference.

Notes prepared by J. Avrin