

VALE Executive Committee

Minutes of the November 10, 2009 Meeting

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Present: J. Avrin, F.W. Chickering, A. Ciliberti, John Cohn, M. Gaunt, B. Nebeker, C. O'Connor, T. Pavlovsky, D. Pinto, A. Scrimgeour, R. Sweeney, B. Whitham

1. David Pinto convened the meeting and the minutes of the September 25, 2009 meeting were accepted as distributed.
2. Anne Ciliberti reviewed the October budget report, noting YTD receivables total \$2.88 million including October receivables of \$427K. Only one member invoice remains unpaid and vendor invoices are being paid upon approval of state required paperwork. Travel reimbursement for the Members' Council speaker was paid. The Reserve Account remains the same.
3. Ciliberti reported that she and Judy Avrin met with Lyasis representatives and discussed pricing strategies as well as new collaborative opportunities available within the newly structured organization. They have created a Consortial Licensing service and Avrin will follow up with the head of the program.
4. Strategic planning

Cheryl O'Connor reported that preliminary discussions have been held on the coordination of database licensing efforts with representatives from the State Library and the Regional Library Cooperatives. A grid describing the procedures of all three groups is being prepared.
5. In planning for a scholarly communication workshop, Avrin reported that Judy Cohn discussed with the Electronic Resources Committee the need to first hold a basic workshop for VALE libraries. A subcommittee was formed to organize a spring workshop: Cohn, Geetali Basu, Erin Finnerty, Richard Kearney, and Elizabeth Sosnowska. Ciliberti noted that there are tentative plans to offer a second, upper level workshop geared for faculty to be held in the fall of 2010.
6. Bruce Whitham reported that problems in transferring content from the old server have put the launch of the Drupal-powered website behind schedule, such that it might not be able to handle the Users' Conference registrations. The committee has an alternative production server in place, if a back-up for conference registrations is required.
7. In an update on the Electronic Resources Committee, Avrin reported that a survey was sent to the VALE list to solicit member recommendations for new database offerings. Any serials management related products will be referred to the serials subcommittee of the Cooperative Collection Management Committee and primarily non-text resources will be referred to the Digital Media Committee.

8. Pinto provided an update on the status of efforts to obtain non-profit designation. At the request of Sister Rosemary Jeffries, chair of the New Jersey Presidents' Council, Pinto wrote a draft summary report and distributed it to the committee for review. Several edits were suggested but additional changes will be discussed electronically and the final copy will be sent to committee members. Avrin will provide a list of all VALE member libraries to be included with the letter.

9. Ciliberti distributed the final draft of the "Progression Standards for Information Literacy" that was created by the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee in cooperation with NJLA/ACRL's User Education Committee and the Academic Reference Librarians of CJRLC. Jacqui DaCosta and Nancy Weiner will be presenting it at the annual NJEDge conference on November 18, 2009. The committee recommended adding authorship and date and formally accepted the document, noting how well it was formatted. A more polished version is being prepared for distribution through the website. Ciliberti acknowledged the tremendous effort of the task force and Pinto asked her to relay the Executive Committee's gratitude for their efforts. It will be formally presented at the Users' Conference.

10. Pinto reported that arrangements with the Users' Conference speaker, Alex Wright, have been confirmed. The four RLCs had previously offered to contribute to the cost of the honorarium and O'Connor affirmed the offer. The committee expressed its gratitude to O'Connor and asked her to relay it to her RLC colleagues. Their generosity will be publicly acknowledged at the conference. Andrew Scrimgeour will stand in for Pinto at the conference since Pinto will be out of town.

11. Taras Pavlovsky distributed a revised proposed organization structure to guide VALE's future work on developing and implementing an OLE-based open-source library network. In the discussion that followed, several suggestions were made to clarify the proposal and Pavlovsky agreed to incorporate the changes and re-send it to the Committee electronically. Further discussion and comments will be requested at that time. There was also general agreement that a narrative version will also be necessary, as Deans and Directors begin to share the proposal with their administrations. The proposal should be finalized and ready for distribution and discussion at the February meeting of the Members' Council.

12. Task Updates – three surveys have gone out:

- Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee – their survey had about a 50% return rate and analysis has begun. It will be sent out nationally once state analysis is complete.
- Reference Services Committee – Birthe Nebeker reported that the survey is still running and will ask committee co-chairs Tony Joachim and Pat Dawson to resend it. They have requested a change to their committee charge which was approved as follows: "The VALE Reference Services Committee explores and recommends programs and services that will enhance reference services to New Jersey academic libraries and their user communities."

- Digital Media Committee – John Cohn reported survey results identified PBS, Insight Media and Bullfrog Films as the top three content providers. Twelve institutions have committed to buying FMG titles, enabling them to obtain a higher discount levels.

13. Pinto noted the next Executive Committee is scheduled for December 15, 2009 but the group agreed to conduct any necessary business electronically, so that a physical meeting will not be held.

14. Committee Updates:

- Cooperative Collection Development Committee – Chickering reported there are four new participants in the VALE Last Copy Project and that the serials subgroup is organizing and looking into opportunities.
- Assessment Committee – Gaunt reported the group met recently and discussed holding an Assessment Fair in March to illustrate different types of assessment methods.
- Resource Sharing Committee – Scrimgeour reported the committee will be presenting a session at the Users' Conference.

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