

# VALE Executive Committee Meeting

March 9, 2017

Rutgers University

**FINAL**

Present: J Avrin, L. Beninghove, J. Cohn, H. Craven, G. Fallon, A. Hoang, S. Muir, M. Nizolek, D. Rosinski-Kauz, K. Schalk-Greene, G. Schmidt, J. Toth

## **1. Call to Order / Welcome / Minutes of the February 3, 2017 Meeting / Toth**

- Joe Toth convened the meeting.
- Gary Schmidt announced that he is leaving his position at Fairleigh Dickinson University on March 24, 2017 and is stepping down as Moderator of the Members' Council. The committee thanked him for his service to VALE. Toth noted that someone will need to fill in as moderator for the June Members' Council meeting.
- Minutes from the February 3, 2017 meeting were approved.

## **2. Treasurer's Report**

- There was no report.

## **3. VALE / NJEDge Partnership Committee (Toth)**

- Toth will contact Ed Chapel to schedule a meeting.

## **4. Purchasing & Licensing (Cohn / Fallon)**

- Consortia Manager
  - Two training webinars took place in February. Feedback from participants was positive.
  - Avrin will review the registered user list to make certain that all libraries are prepared to use the system.
- Nature Subscriptions
  - Ann Hoang was approached by Lyris to discuss rolling their Nature subscriptions into a more cost effective package. She will investigate the offer and advise.

## **5. Outreach (Muir)**

- Conference Planning
  - Muir reported on a conference call with Kurt Wagner, Amanda Piekart, Heather Dalal, Judy Avrin, and incoming chair Leslin Charles to discuss the 2018 conference.
  - Rutgers advised there will be additional Busch Campus Center room charges of approximately \$1,000 next year. This increase will be included in the FY18 proposed budget and discussed at the April Executive Committee meeting.
  - There was a delay in paying Rutgers for Busch Center. Other methods of booking and paying were discussed.
- Website

- Muir, Wagner and Chapel spoke and will continue bi-weekly calls to develop the new website. Avrin will participate going forward.
- Target date for going live is August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Will likely use the same person designing the NJEDge site.
- Points discussed by the executive committee included:
  - Who will maintain the site? Site must be designed so that we can update our content ourselves.
  - Important to maintain separate VALE presence with the current URL and not become intermixed with NJEDge.
  - Preservation of existing/historical content critical.
  - There was a delay in getting the Cvent information up for this year's conference. We need to be able to do this in timelier manner, potentially with VALE staff or conference committee volunteers. Conference info must also be archived in case we cease using Cvent in the future.

#### **6. Planning and Assessment (Toth)**

- Toth spoke with Linda Beninghove and Donna Rosinski-Kauz about first steps toward strategic planning. Uncertain of process but agreed that the items members noted at the June 2016 Members' Council meeting should be discussed and acted upon.

#### **7. Nominating Committee (Toth)**

- Ann Hoang agreed to serve and Toth will contact Wagner about serving. Avrin will send them a roster highlighting expiring terms.

#### **8. LibraryLinkNJ (Schalk-Greene)**

- Strategic Planning
  - Stakeholder Engagement Workshops were held across the state.
  - Online focus groups, an online survey and in-depth interviews to gather more input will be offered.
  - Target date to release the Strategic Plan is fall 2017.
- Delivery Service
  - Working with statewide delivery consultant to evaluate current service and make recommendations for the RFP for bidding later this year.
  - Conducted survey with 50-60 libraries to gather specific data.
  - Final report will be presented to Delivery Task Force on March 23.
- Powering stations
  - LLNJ is funding purchase of secure public device charging stations to be installed in selected libraries. Deadline for application is April 28.
- Planning for FY18
  - Working with staff, committees and the Board to develop Strategic Initiatives, Budget and Board Candidate Slate for FY18. Documents will be posted to LLNJ website prior to voting at the spring membership meeting.

#### **9. New Jersey State Library (Nizolek)**

- JerseyCat

- RFP proposals for an interlibrary loan management system for JerseyCat were due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Current contract ends in late June. Panel has been assembled to review proposals.
- JerseyConnect
  - Staff is working to on infrastructure changes to increase bandwidth.
- New Jersey Digital Newspaper Project
  - The Library of Congress approved the project's selection of three historical NJ newspapers for the National Digital Newspaper Program.

**10. Northeast Regional OER Summit (Toth)**

- The conference is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at UMass Amherst.
- Several members attended last year's summit. Very interesting and productive.

**11.** The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Rutgers.

Minutes prepared by J. Avrin