**ACRL/NJLA User Education Committee and VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee**
**December 9, 2011 10:00am-12:00pm**
**Rutgers New Brunswick, Camden and Newark**
**Via Videoconference**

**In attendance:** Linda Beninghove, Bonnie Fong (for Leslin Charles,Chair of VALE SIL), Roberta Tipton (Recorder), Nancy Weiner (Chair of NJLA User Ed) [Newark]; Claire Clemons, Theo Haynes, Leslie Murtha, Lisa Price, Donna Wertheimer [Camden]; Megan Dempsey, Mina Ghajar , Ma Lei Hsieh, Nancy Madacsi, John Oliver, Cara Scotto [New Brunswick] via teleconference.

1. Welcome and introductions. History of the Joint Committee—The joint committee meetings emerged from the task force on the New Jersey Information Literacy Progression Standards. It was discovered that four out of eight people on the task force belonged to both committees. Anyone can join both committees, and anyone can be added to the Yahoo Groups list.

2. Minutes. October 14th minutes approved and will be sent out again for information of those who did not receive them.

3. VALE Executive Committee Update. Nancy Madacsi

VALE is preparing its triennial report draft. We need to put together a short list of accomplishments for the Shared Information Literacy Committee (SIL). VALE bylaws were reviewed at the executive committee meeting, because VALE is going to transition to a 501C(3) organization. The committee continued with the strategic planning process.

Design plans for the new library system, known elsewhere as Kuali OLE, are continuing. Although our open source system will not be called OLE, because we are not officially part of this phase of the national testing and design group, we will be building a more robust ILS than traditional vendors are currently offering.

The next VALE Executive Committee meeting will be December 13th, with bylaws a major priority.

4. NJLA User Education Committee Update. Nancy Weiner

a. NJLA Conference—Will be in Atlantic City June 4, 5, and 6. CUS submitted 13 proposals for conference sessions, and four of those were from User Ed. Ma Lei Hsieh and associates sent in two of these. Everything was submitted on December 5, and a call for posters will come out later.

b. NJLA CUS Website—Members of the CUS Executive Committee attended Drupal training for the new NJLA platform. Drupal is easier to use than the old system and offers more ways to communicate, including an event calendar for the whole organization. VALE SIL already has a place on Drupal. We might want to post more information there. We can port info over from Yahoo Groups when the NJLA User Ed site is fully available.

c. The March 9th meeting of User Ed. will be at Rider University.

5. VALE SIL committee Update. Bonnie Fong for Leslin Charles

a.  VOILA—VOILA is gone, and all mentions have been removed from the site.  The materials on VOILA are now unpublished, but people can reach them if they know the URL.  It was suggested that we place a banner at the old VALE SIL site with a link to the new site, stating that the old site is no longer maintained.  Banners might be placed on all outdated pages; Bonnie will inquire.  Nancy Weiner will ask about redirecting from the old NJLA User Ed site to the new one as well.

b.  VALE SIL Objectives

       i.  Assessment – Review the range of information literacy assessment tools and methods that are being used both within and outside of the state with a view to sharing good practice among VALE institutions.  One possible option would be to sponsor a program or a VALE Users' Conference breakout session on this topic.

Nancy Madacsi discussed an assessment project for freshman English classes.  It was suggested that we put together or discover a list of assessment tools of interest to us.

       ii.  Information Literacy Progression Standards – To continue to contribute to the development of the Standards as they are extended to cover upper level and graduate skills.

The new committee for extending the Progression Standards into upper level classes is considering meeting at VALE on January 5.  Their progress report is due in spring 2012.  The committee is still collecting reports of case studies using the Progression Standards.

       iii.  Website – To update the VALE SIL website to provide relevant information and links to members, and to make the most of it as a communication tool.

Bonnie Fong asked us to take another look at the site.  It was suggested that we have links to LOEX, Merlot, and other national sites with excellent IL materials.  We need to include reports on programs and presentations.  Could we add a tab just on the progression standards?  Bonnie and Megan will send out a reminder.  Let them know about your VALE presentations and poster sessions for the news tab.  The Executive Committee likes the idea of having presentations in one place for the organization.

6.  New Business

a.  The committee chairs are still collecting IL programs by members of User Ed and VALE SIL.

b.  Library Link Meeting—Nancy Madacsi

Info Link has $200,000 for grants in mobile technology.  Level 1 is beginning mobile tech.  Level 2 is for developing mobile further.  Information literacy apps for students on any level might be acceptable.

c.  Ebsco mobile app was discussed.

d.  Nancy Madacsi mentioned that we do not have a way to welcome new directors into VALE nor to introduce new librarians to the organization.  A new members table at VALE was proposed, perhaps with mentors at lunch.

e.  Time to start thinking about a theme and structure for the summer institute.


7.  The meeting was adjourned at 11:43am.


Respectfully submitted,


Roberta Tipton, Recorder