**VALE Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee (BCMC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

October 22, 2015, Technical Services Conference Room, Rutgers University

**Members present:** Almodóvar (NJCU), Mei Ling Chow (Montclair, Chair), Melissa De Fino (Rutgers), Martha Loesch (SHU), Scott Smith (Stevens), Yuji Tosaka (TCNJ), [Lisa](http://www.valenj.org/users/weissbard)[Weissbard](http://www.valenj.org/users/%5Bname%5D) (NJIT), Jian Wang (Stockton), Cathy Weng (TCNJ)

1. **Approval of July 22, 2015 meeting minutes:** the minutes were approved with corrections.
2. **VALE BCM SIG or NJLA CUS /ACRL-NJ BCMC?**

Mei Ling informed members that she had attended the August NJLA CUS /ACRL-NJ Board meeting and learned the following:

1) Only committee chairs in the organizations need to be NJLA-CUS /ACRL-NJ members.

2) Charges to events depend on event organizers.

3) Committee will have a web presence, and

4) The organizations welcome new committees like BCMC. Currently, there are several VALE committees have moved to NJLA-CUS /ACRL-NJ, such as the Reference Committee, the Archives and Special Collections Committee.

A discussion on whether BCMC should join NJLA-CUS /ACRL-NJ was followed. The pros and cons of joining NJLA-CUS /ACRL-NJ:

Pros:

1. A “committee” carries more weight professionally than an “interest group”. This is considered beneficial to members in their tenure or promotion process.
2. NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ welcome us with open arms.
3. The committee would have a website on NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ (vs. VALE which allows us only a link on its website).
4. Only committee chairs in the organizations need to be NJLA-CUS /ACRL-NJ members.
5. There is no negative effects in participating in VALE’s annual conference, for the conference is co-sponsored by NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ.
6. Members would have an easier time getting permissions to attend events sponsored by the organizations.
7. Currently ACRL-NJ is combined with NJLA-CUS, which plays a smaller role than its counter parts in other states, such as ACRL-NY or Delaware. By joining ACRL-NJ, we can make contributions to the organization and make it more visible and vibrant.
8. NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ offer another platform for members to conduct scholarship and professional development activities.

Cons:

1. The chair of the committee needs to be a NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ member which involves a fee.

The membership fee for the chair might be too costly for junior members who are new to the profession.

Possible ways discussed to solve the fee issue:

1. Charge a fee to the committee membership and use the fee to cover the membership of the chair in NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ. The leftover money can be used for meeting/event refreshments.

Issues with this solution:

1. Whether collecting a committee membership fee is legitimate.
2. The trouble of collecting and handling the money.
3. Paying the fee to NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ shows one’s professional commitment/dedication.
4. Shorten the term of the chair position to one year so that the burden of the fee is less. This option received less support from the past chairs who thought that a chair needs the first year to get familiar with the work so that s/he can conduct business in the second year.

Other options for the committee:

1. Stay with VALE (pros: no fee involved; cons: IG carries less weight, no website, no professional obligations, not welcome by VALE)
2. Stand alone as an independent group (pros: no fee involved, has complete freedom; cons: carries much less weight, members might have difficulty getting approvals to attend its meetings or events, an orphan group which is less resourceful to conduct scholarship or professional development activities).

**Action item**

It was decided that a vote was necessary for the members to decide the fate of the committee. Mei Ling is going to post the motion online for members to vote soon. The motion choices include:

1. Stay with VALE as an interest group.
2. Join NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ. It should make it clear that the chair needs to be a member of the new organization, and information on the membership fee should be provided.
3. Being an independent committee.
4. **NJ BIBCO update (Weng)**

Cathy reported that Montclair and TCNJ had submitted records. John Wright and Cathy have discussed about the progress to independency. Cathy thought that we may be independent by early next spring.

**5. Technical services programs in VALE Conference 2016**

Cathy and Jian had requested the committee to sponsor their poster on BibFrame at the VALE 2016 conference. No other topics were considered to be presented.

**6. Cataloging / Metadata issues update (Tosaka)**

Yuji reported that there were minor changes that appeared in the October release in RDA. The changes are for music cataloging. Catalogers who work in that category should pay attention to the changes.

There are major changes in LC PCC’s series treatment.

**7.  New business**

The committee chatted on topics such as libraries’ roles in the Middle States accreditation, library as a place for students or as a service for students’ learning/studying with the help of librarians, reference services such as roving reference and workshop format, and digital theses.

**8. Next meeting date:**

March 31, 2016

Alternative date: April 7, 2016

Respectively,

Jian Wang