

**ACRL/NJLA User Education Committee and VALE Shared Information Literacy
Committee**

**August 9, 2012 10:00am-12:00pm
Monmouth University**

In attendance: Nancy Weiner (Chair, NJLA User Ed), Nancy Becker, Heather Dalal, Roberta Tipton, Erleen Harris, Leslin Charles (Chair of VALE SIL), Leslie Murtha, Lisa Price, Nicholas Jackson, Cara Scotto, Linda Beninghove, Michelle Martin (Executive Committee Liaison), Jaimie Donnelly, Denise Marshall, Eleonora Dubicki.

1. Welcome and introductions. Nicholas and Jaime were officially welcomed as new members as was our new Liaison to the Executive Committee, Michelle Martin.

Nancy explained the reason for combined committee meetings: There is overlap in our membership so it worked out better in terms of less meeting dates.

We are hoping to continue meeting once a year at the same location. For regular meetings, it was acknowledged that video-conferencing has worked well. There was a recommendation to consider Skype as an alternative tool.

Thanks to Rutgers and UMDNJ for accommodation and an indication that we will be seeking continued accommodation in the new academic year.

2. Minutes. June 20, 2012 minutes approved with the following correction:

Under Update from ACRL/NJLA User Education Committee, entry (c):

Nancy also noted that in discussion with the NJLA/CUS Executive Board and the committee, the suggestion was made that committee members be required to attend at least one meeting per year in order to remain a member of the committee.

Under VALE Executive Committee Feedback, entry (a):

Amira thanked the VALE SIL committee members for their service but did not have any updates/feedback.

3. VALE Executive Committee Update. Michelle Martin

Michelle reviewed the revisions to the VALE SIL Committee Annual Report that had been recommended by the Executive Committee. The revisions involve listing member names rather than providing a URL to the list.

She also shared the new proposal format for the upcoming VALE Users Conference and encouraged members to think about topics now since the call for proposals is imminent.

4. VALE SIL committee Update. Leslin Charles

a. The Annual Report revision was addressed (see VALE Executive Committee Update above).

- b. Erleen Harris is the new Co-Chair of the committee. Heather Dalal was acknowledged and thank for her willingness to take on the role.
- c. Membership – The wording of an email to all members regarding meeting attendance and continued membership was crafted. A link to the meeting minutes will be included. The committee has determined that all members should be required to attend at least one meeting per academic year. Leslin will send out this communication.

5. NJLA User Education Committee Update. Nancy Weiner

- a. Review of Annual Report
- b. Ma Lei Hsiesh is the new Co-Chair of the ACRL/NJLA User Ed committee.
- c. NJLA CUS Drupal website. Nancy requested that individuals login and create passwords to the new Drupal site.
- d. Committee Membership. Nancy has employed the same strategy as the VALE Sil committee where members will be contacted with guidelines. See VALE Sil entry above.

6. New Business

Potential program proposals for VALE Users Conference, NJLA Conference, and ACRL Conference

- a. VALE Users' Conference will be held on Friday January 4, 2013. We are anticipating the call for proposals usually comes out in September. Eleonora recommended:
 - I. That we diversify the types of presentations
 - II. We focus on more technical issues
 - III. We should look at panel presentations that give multiple perspectives on a given topic
 - IV. Poster sessions are good because they afford opportunities for a lot of feedback and opinions on your topic/board
- b. NJLA 2013 will be held again at the Revel Resort in Atlantic City. Nancy reminded us:
 - I. That the proposal has to sponsored by a committee.
 - II. Last year, 9 proposals were sponsored by the User Ed. Committee and 3 were accepted.
 - III. Cross over appeal is good as we think of the audience. We should try to broaden our scope
- c. ACRL conference will be held in Indianapolis this year. Proposal deadline is November 9. Again, members discussed the need for crossover appeal. There are options of poster sessions, virtual conference/webcasts, round table discussions among others.

Heather re-iterated interest in engaging with library schools. This topic was tabled for the next meeting. Meanwhile, the subcommittee will get started with the process.

Leonora attended LILAC this year and found the round robin format interesting. She recommended that it be considered in our future programming endeavors.

7. 2012 – 2013 Meeting dates will be determined by the Co-Chairs and communicated to members.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslin Charles, Recorder