**Executive Board Meeting – Video conference on Friday, October 7, 2011 at Middlesex County College and Montclair State University.**

*Attending:* Elonora Dubicki, Melissa Hoffman, Mary Mallery, Denise O'Shea, Ray Schwartz, Mark Thompson, Nancy Weiner, Paul Martinez, Luis Rodriguez, Gary Schmidt, Steve Shapiro, Roberta Tipton, Julie McGinn, Mark Thompson

*Excused:* Sharon Yang, Julie Still, and Karen Pifher.

* The meeting was called to order at 10:03. Siobhan McCarthy from BCC was welcomed as our new Secretary and was introduced to the Board.
* The minutes from September were approved with one change:
* Correct name of student organization at Rutgers SCI is SCARLA, not SCARLET

**President’s Report** (Mark Thompson):

* Reminder that NJ-ACRL newsletter submissions are due today.
* On VALE: Richard Kearney gave us an update. Received to date: 28 breakout proposals and 17 program proposals. Excellent (only need 20 programs). Brian Matthews is our speaker.
* The NJLA Reference adult services forum being held on October 26 on the MCC campus. Robert Lackey will be the keynote speaker. The theme will be “No turning back: moving forward in the digital age”.

**Vice President’s Report** (Denise O’Shea)**:**

Denise attended the NJLA Annual Conference meeting yesterday. The date and location of the conference have not been decided, as they are waiting on proposals from different venues. Possibilities include the East Brunswick Hilton, Somerset DoubleTree, or the Revel Casino in Atlantic City. Distance may be a problem for Atlantic City for those who are not able to stay overnight at the conference. The date possibilities are May 14-16, May 21-23, or June 4-6. The theme will be “Retooling for the Future”. The online program proposal site is live; and the deadline is November 11. When submitting the form, subcommittees should be listed in the “additional information” field so that subcommittee meetings conflicts will not occur like last year. Paul mentioned the need for additional student participation.

**Committee Reports:**

***Marketing & Communications*** *(more info needed from M.Mallery)- TBD*

**Newsletter** (Julie McGinn): Julie will produce the Fall issue and co-editors will take over for Spring issue: Joan Dalrymple from BCC and Sharon Whitfield from TCNJ. The deadline for the current issue is today. There are no articles for this issue, only announcements so far. All nominations for awards should go into this issue. Luis asks if VALE could be approached for a submission, the answer was yes.

**Membership** (Paul Martinez): Followed up with the co-presidents of SCARLA student group at Rutgers, who were given contact information for signing up to volunteer at VALE. He is currently waiting for list of dates for upcoming meetings, which he will attend. Luis asks if they could be asked to submit something for the newsletter. Yes, Paul will follow up.

**NJLA Liaison / CUS Representative** (Gary Schmidt): Update on NLJA exec board meeting in Plainsboro. Many comments from our last meeting were shared, including portions of draft minutes from last meeting with suggestions (about how NJLA could be more responsive to academic librarians). These were well received, and the topic will be brought up again at future meetings. SCARLA is very interested in having an academic librarian attend their meetings. Lastly, the NJLA PBworks site will be updated with a post: what can NJLA better do to serve the community of academic librarians? Eleanor asked about graduate student colloquium series – there are no updates on this. Nicole Cook will be organizing some of the colloquiums.

**User Education** (Nancy Weiner): There will be a meeting next Friday (October 14th) with the VALE committee. Both committees have submitted proposals for the VALE conference, and now they will discuss what to submit for NJLA.

**Research** (Melissa Hoffman): The poster session has been submitted for VALE. They are working on setting up a meeting in advance of VALE.

**Technology** (Ray Schwartz): Committee met on the Sept 16th, drafted up call to submit this weekend. They will also submit material to the newsletter. Poster will be submitted to VALE. Ideas drafted up for NJLA are going through committee.

**Legislative/VALE Liaison** (Luis Rodriguez): There has not been much activity on the legislative front and there have been few requests to contact legislators. At the VALE executive board meeting, it was discussed that the governor has proposed to dismiss the state overview board and replace it with cabinet position, which has resulted in pushback from the legislature. A series of guidelines/requests is going to other VALE committees, asking them to start preparing information/guidelines for the OLE project. Denise: Other committees asked to submit comments in order to move project forward. The Reference committee will be looking at interface issues/software with bibliographic records and cataloging standards for new ILS. First draft prepared for April 2012. VALE has set up a test server this will be demonstrated at the VALE conference in January.

Gary: Q&A NJ will run through the end of the year during the current hours (which are not 24/7). The executive board has asked to for a plan for the coming calendar year; though the service is being extended, it cannot continue as-is. Expect more changes.

Luis: VALE is moving forward to reform as a section 503 nonprofit. Newsletter is moving forward, there is an editorial board that has put together content. Exec board will review in November, printed in December to be ready for conference. Discussion of the ILS. Discussion of need for mentors in the academic community.

**Nominations** (Steve Shapiro): Will begin to consider candidates for open positions (VP, secretary, member at large). Email will go out in about a month.

**New business:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Siobhan McCarthy, CUS Secretary