

Minutes of VALE SIL Meeting

George F. Smith Library UMDNJ Newark, NJ October 8, 2009

In Attendance: Leslin Charles, Anne Ciliberti, Jacqui DaCosta, Megan Dempsey, Bonnie Fong, Heather Huey, Leigh Keller, Denise Marshall, Lynee Richel, Roberta Tipton, and Nancy Weiner,

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jacqui DaCosta welcomed attendees and introductions were made.

2. a) Minutes of June 11, 2009 meeting were accepted as accurate.

Item 3d) - In terms of the information literacy survey being run by William Paterson, we are still at 30 institutions. An appeal was made for more respondents but there were no further participants. Nancy acknowledged that we have a good representation of over 60%. It became apparent that some respondents inaccurately stated that they had a graduation requirement. Nancy will go back to check these.

Item 6 - Thank you letters were sent out to participants. Anne assured us that there is no need for us to have a web expert librarian to serve on the committee. We seem to have lost some members but we welcomed new ones so we are still a strong entity.

b) Minutes of August 6, 2009 meeting were accepted with minor corrections.

Denise Marshall expressed curiosity on the use of mobile technology and said she would speak with one of her colleagues regarding its possibilities.

Due to the president's proclamation of National Information Literacy Month, different members are celebrating in a few ways: At both Felician College and Morris County Community College there will be competitions.

3. FY09 Objectives - Round-up

b) **'The Information Literacy Life Cycle of Litetia'** update was given by Jacqui DaCosta. There were 55 registrants and 6 no shows. We have to find means of reconciling no shows with our obligation to pay for catering. There was excellent feedback from participants. Nancy is attending a meeting of NJASL and stated that she will pass on the feedback on the need for programs for K-12 librarians. Lynee Richel wanted the question to be raised about retention since it appears that students are getting IL concepts before they come to college. A cohort study might be the way to go with this question.

Denise wrote a report for publication in the NJLA Newsletter which she will send on to them.

c) **Voila Wiki** update was given by Heather Huey. It was noted that few items had been submitted. Following discussion it was agreed that another call for materials submission should be made. Prior to this, we should test the system. Heather is going to try it out by the end of this month and communicate the result to members. We aim to be ready to advertise it again in January 2010.

4. Information Literacy Progression Standards

There will be a meeting of the task force on Oct. 16. Page 4 was replaced as it had links to other sites that had put standards together. It was decided that sample assignments, which would actually test the standards would be more appropriate. The omitted page will be available on the wiki. The next VALE SIL committee will see the final product. We are focusing more now on endorsement and awareness: various college and librarian bodies that might have interest. Nancy Weiner did a proposal for a poster session for NJ Edge and was asked to turn it into a session. She will present on Nov. 18 along with Amy Clark and Jacqui DaCosta.

5. **Joint Programs with ACRL User Education Committee**

a) *VALE 2010*

Vale Survey (Nancy Weiner). The goal is for everyone to see where they are in relation to other institutions and Jacqui DaCosta and Megan Dempsey will then state what their institutions have.

David Scharf has submitted a proposal on Information Literacy Plans and Strategy.

Jacqui DaCosta submitted a proposal on the progression standards.

Lynne Richel and Leslin Charles submitted a proposal on the role of the librarian in distance learning. Denise Marshall expressed interest in working on this panel

b) *NJLA 2010*

Bonnie Fong reported on her topic on How to Increase Faculty Collaboration

Roberta Tipton and Nancy Weiner are looking at Assessment of Information Literacy. The focus is on Google Docs for assessment. Ma Lei also is interested in the assessment so Roberta will reach out to her.

The ACRL User Education committee is meeting Oct. 16 and they will confirm how they want to receive proposals. Following this meeting, we will be notified of the due date for submissions to be approved by the chairs. Bonnie Fong and Leslin Charles were asked to submit a draft to Jacqui DaCosta so that she has something concrete to take to the meeting.

Next week at the task force meeting of the Progression Standards, Jacqui will raise the possibility of submitting this topic to NJLA.

Leslin Charles is working on a proposal to NJLA as a follow-up or Part B to the proposal to VALE: Meeting the Needs of Our Online Users. Lynne Richel has expressed interest contingent upon her being able to attend two conferences in one academic year. Denise Marshall has expressed interest also.

6. **VALE Executive Committee**

Anne Ciliberti reported that it became apparent that the person to whom the progression standards were originally sent was not the correct one. The document eventually got to the AOA committee however and acknowledgment of receipt has been acquired.

There will be coordination with Rutgers University on how VALE libraries might prepare for the OLE (Open Library Environment) Duke Melon project. It is still a number of years before it will be ready. Policies and procedures, migration, and database clean up are issues that will arise. If they decide on a joint discovery, they would have to look at view find, etc. The committee is now looking to organize the work for the next step.

ASP and BSP are being continued by NJKI through June 2010. Leigh Keller will find out if we still have RefUSA and notify the members of the committee.

DRUPEL (content management system) open source project is imminent and should be announced within a month or so. Users do not need to know code and so anyone can upload documents to it.

7. FY10 Objectives

- a. Jacqui DaCosta is seeking volunteers to assist with our website. Denise Marshall and Bonnie Fong expressed interest. The volunteers will wait to see what the new VALE website looks like then get together, brainstorm, and keep the committee updated. There will also be training for members so that we can all use the website.
- b. Revitalizing the image of the committee.
 - a. This can be done via the aforementioned website and a poster session.
 - b. Submitting to the NJLA newsletter
 - c. Continue to have joint meetings with the User Education Committee.
 - d. Anne Ciliberti recommended that we do a presentation to the deans and directors/top administrators in libraries (Vale Members Council). The council meet 3 times a year and will meet again early in 2010.
 - e. Denise Marshall noted that the same colleges seem to be presenting at conferences. That a lot of things that are presented are not relatable to her type of institution. We agreed that Nancy Weiner's information on surveys will give us an idea of the information literacy landscape and Lynee Richel noted that if we get to the senior administration in NJ we will get good advertising for ourselves. We can go back to the respondents of the survey and have dialog with those who are making strides in information literacy.
- c. Provide relevant programs. We can look at a program that looks at web 2.0 tools. We can also see what responses we get from NJLA and VALE proposals.

8. Proposed Meeting Dates

The next meeting on Friday December 11 will be joint with the ACRL User Education Committee. It will be at Rutgers, via videoconference between New Brunswick, Camden and Newark. Heather Huey will investigate whether she can obtain parking spaces at NJIT for members attending at Newark.

The meeting dates for the first half of 2009 will be: Thursday February 18, Friday April 23 and Thursday June 10.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 12 PM.

Submitted by Leslin Charles