

VALE's Shared Information Literacy Committee

Minutes of the May 30, 2007 Meeting

Present: Vibiana Bowman, Leslin Charles, Anne Ciliberti, Caroline Geck, Ruth Hamann, Dave Hoover, Richard Kearney, Sharon Kurzmann, Kathy Malanga, Linda Scanlon, Amy Schleigh, Dorothy Warner

1. Following a welcome and introductions, the group discussed whether it should remain an independent, VALE committee or whether it should join forces with the NJ/ACRL User Education Committee. Various members stated that while both groups are interested in academic library instructional programs, the VALE group focus seems to be different from that of the ACRL group which, is on professional development programs. The consensus was that the VALE Committee should continue but work closely with the ACRL group and perhaps collaborate on programs or other projects.

2. The desirability of interactive meeting technology to permit participation in meetings without having to drive great distances was discussed. Dave Hoover asked the group for guidance on what their needs/expectations for this kind of software/hardware might be. For example, visual and audio? Co-browsing? Independent, desk-top applications or multiple group sites?

The discussion on this issue included the following points: visual connection is highly valued, audio is essential and while some central sites would be okay, there is also interest in participating individually or in groups of 2 or 3 from a single desktop. Hoover and Ciliberti will explore NJEdge's software and others.

3. The sub-committees met and discussed what their goals and interests for the coming year would be. These groups were as follows: Assessment, convened by Dorothy Warner, was joined by Linda Scanlon, Leslin Charles, Sharon Kurzmann and Ruth Hamann. DSILM, convened by Kathy Malanga, was joined by Richard Kearney. Best Practices, convened by Vib Bowman, was joined by Caroline Geck and SIL Web Page, convened by Anne Ciliberti, was joined by Dave Hoover and Amy Schleigh.

4. The SIL Web Page group reported that its goal is to create an up-to-date, informative and visually appealing web site that supports the work of the SIL Committee. Ciliberti volunteered to provide updated content, such as the group's purpose and member roster; Schleigh will work on design and Hoover will implement the changes.

5. The DSILM group reported that its purpose is to make member-created instructional materials of all types easily accessible and available to other VALE members. Its immediate goal is to populate the DSILM with more content which will be achieved by personally reaching out to librarians around the state. Other work included clarifying review and submission procedures and improving the technical functionality of the database.

6. The Assessment Group reported its main purpose will be to provide support for the NJ librarian community regarding programmatic assessment of student learning of information literacy. Several ideas for content to be provided by group were identified and will be refined.

7. The Best Practices group reported that it had arrived at a definition of “best practice” based upon the ACRL Best Practice Initiative. The group also drafted guidelines for developing best practices for instructional programming and for creating teaching materials/learning objects.

8. The group’s next steps will be to reach out to those who were unable to attend and determine which sub group they wish to work with, to update the website and to plan a next meeting.

Notes prepared by Ciliberti