Executive Board Meeting - **Friday, October 1, 2010 10AM** - via videoconference

Attending:
At Monmouth University: Trevor Dawes, Eleonora Dubicki, Mary Mallery, Sharon Yang
At Montclair State University: Dorothy Meaney, Denise O'Shea, Luis Rodriguez, Mark Thompson, Nancy Weiner
Excused: Melissa Hofmann, Julie Maginn, Paul Martinez, Karen Pifher, Gary Schmidt, Steven Shapiro

Approval of minutes was postponed for lack of a quorum at the start of the meeting.

President's Report:
- ACRL released "Value in Academic Libraries: a comprehensive Research Review and Report" on September 14. http://www.acrl.ala.org/value/. Her Campus Committee on Student Retention contacted Eleonora about it; they also asked about 'personal librarians' (a recently publicized program at Drexel U.). She suggests pulling NSSE data and examining library influence, which is mentioned in the report. Mark was previously involved in doing a longitudinal study of students who have had library instruction which compares their later academic results, and is beginning to do this at Middlesex.
- ARL released a special issue of *Research Library Issues* on assessing organizational performance, with articles on using LibQUAL data and making changes in libraries based on results. http://publications.arl.org/rli271. VALE is promoting LibQual for Spring 2011; Jeanne Boyle to coordinate.
- Invitations to join CUS committees were sent to the VALE Directors, ACRL, and NJLA listservs, with some success. Eleonora received an invitation to participate in the College Library Directors' Mentor Program and forwarded it to several new directors. Luis will bring this up with VALE directors to gauge interest.
- Three members of the Programming Standards Task Force will talk about information literacy in academic libraries at the Rutgers SC&I Colloquium on October 20.
- VALE Conference: The deadline for poster and breakout session proposals is today (10/1/2010). So far there are 14 breakout proposals and 8 posters. The conference evaluation survey is being revised to allow feedback on individual sessions. Paul Glassman and Ann Hoang are running a program cover contest. David Pinto will extend an invitation to Norma Blake to speak at lunch.
- NJLA Conference: Megan Oakleaf has a conflict and cannot be our luncheon speaker; we are now awaiting a response from Kathy Dempsey. Paul Martinez attended the planning meeting on September 10; the deadline for proposals is November 15 and Lynn Schott is the liaison to the CUS. Luis received an proposal idea from Dan Figueredo on "What Else to Do with an MLS?" Professional Development will co-sponsor the program with CUS. Mary has contacted Ken Bain about a breakout session and is waiting to hear back.

Vice President's Report: The wiki has been set up for NJLA conference proposals. A 'teaser' about the Distinguished Lectureship will be sent out soon.

Committee Reports
Research (Melissa Hofmann and Karen Pifher):
- The first meeting is scheduled for November 12; will discuss where the committee wants to go for the year. Suggestions include supporting research for public librarians, perhaps through

mentoring, and hosting roundtable discussions where participants could discuss current research and receive help/suggestions. We have a new member.

- Submitted poster session proposal to VALE. By October 1, will submit the call for submissions for the Research Award and Research Forum to the newsletter; have submitted a write-up about our 25th anniversary celebration at NJLA.
- The committee decided they were not ready to submit a VALE breakout session proposal at this time. Karen did talk with Dan O'Connor about suggestions on how to promote research among public librarians. He suggested a panel discussion with representatives from large public, large private, and community college libraries and a faculty member. Infolink might want to co-sponsor. This could be a session at NJLA as well. Committee will discuss.

Technology (Denise O'Shea): The first meeting was September 24 and revolved around ideas for the NJLA conference. They contacted Sarah Houghton-Jan of San Jose Public Library (blogger *Librarian In Black*) who charges a $2500 honorarium for two sessions, which would be a lot for us. Possible topics are "innovation, risk and failure" and "tech for smaller libraries and budgets." Luis asked if videoconferencing is a possibility here, to lower the cost. Trevor suggested Karen Schneider or K(?) Neufeld for the same topics. Denise will follow up with the conference committee on this. The criteria for the annual tech award were reviewed and not changed; the deadline for application is February 1, 2011.

User Education (Nancy Weiner): There will be a joint meeting with the VALE SIL committee on Friday, October 8, to focus on the NJLA Conference and soliciting proposals. Some VALE breakout sessions have been proposed as well as a poster session.

Newsletter (Julie Maginn): Another new member has joined this committee – Lisa Price from UMDNJ. There have been many submissions in the last week, including one from Mark for the director's column. The deadline for the next issue is October 1 and it should be published by the end of the month.

Membership (Paul Martinez), Nomination (Steven Shapiro): no report

Other:
- Website: Mary reported that the website is updated, and linked to facebook as well as the User Ed wiki. She met with Paul Martinez about a page for new librarians, to include career services (links to job and university websites as well as info on the job shadowing program). She suggested we create a Website Committee, or Communications Committee; Mary will define and outline this and make a more formal proposal at the next meeting.
- Legislative: Luis reported that there were some postings about the White House summit on community colleges and the need to vote for library involvement. Eric Zino from Lyrasis spoke to the VALE Executive Committee to discuss OCLC's recent decision to work directly with customers instead of through regional organizations.

Old Business: Trevor will contact Julie Still about the job-shadowing program. In the past, we have paid for several students in this program to attend the NJLA Conference, on the basis of sponsor recommendation. It was suggested that a more formal application process might be appropriate.

New Business: Mark is on a campus committee looking at distributing laptops to all incoming freshmen, and wanted to know of places that already do this. He also asked for advice on alternatives to Odyssey. Trevor will put him in touch with his ILL librarian; posting on the VALE listserv and contacting the VALE Resource Sharing Committee were also suggested.

In order to gauge the feasibility of having online meetings, Trevor will coordinate a test meeting for us using ILinc. Dorothy will update an emergency contact list to be used in case of weather-related or other last minute meeting cancellations.

Quorum present, the minutes from June and September 2010 were approved with minor corrections at the end of the meeting.

Next meeting: November 5, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Meaney
Secretary