

VCAL Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
College of Saint Joseph  
Wednesday, June 17, 2015  
10 AM - 1 PM

Present: Eileen Gatti (Hartness Library), John Payne (St. Michael's College), Greg Sauer (Norwich University), Terry Simpkins (Middlebury College), Doreen McCullough (College of St. Joseph), Garet Nelson (Lyndon State College), Sandy Duling (Castleton State College), Jane Kearns (Hartness Library), Sarah Sanfilippo (Southern Vermont College), Cynthia Lewis (Vermont Law School), J. James Mancuso (New England Baptist College of Vermont), Sam Boss (Lyndon State College), Jennifer Lann (Landmark College), Marty Reid (Vermont Department of Libraries), Laura Gewissler (University of Vermont), and Joe Farara (Johnson State College).

*Notes by Cynthia Lewis and Joe Farara. Many thanks.*

## **0. See To Do List at end of document**

### **1. Introduction and welcome (Terry):**

The meeting began at 10:30 AM with an introduction by current president, Terry Simpkins.

### **2. Treasurer's Report (Doreen):**

Doreen McCullough presented the treasurer's report, and the organization's finances are solid. She suggested we might want to underwrite an initiative with a portion of our funds.

Terry suggested various possibilities: Joint institutional repository; information literacy summit; etc. (More discussion below.)

Doreen requested everyone confirm and update if necessary their EIN numbers

### **3. Election of New Officers**

There was an election of new officers:

2015-2016 Executive Board:

President:	Terry Simpkins
Treasurer:	Doreen McCullough
Secretary:	Joe Farara
UVM Representative:	Mara Saule
At-large representative	John Payne

### **4. Department of Libraries (Marty Reid):**

*(Marty Reid's handout included in attachment)*

- State Librarian Martha Reid outlined significant changes at the Department of Libraries. They are losing 4 positions, including Paul Donovan, State Law Librarian, and reducing services. VLS will be taking on public law reference services.
- They are using Bill Wilson as a consultant; he is from WI who works with State Libraries.
- Budget cuts are still needed - looking for \$30K
- Vermont Online Library could be a potential savings. Marty looking for reaction from group. The group expressed its willingness to pay more in subscription costs for the Vermont Online Library.
- For the end of FY15: Ending public library ILL services with UVM. Mara Siegel will be moving to Montpelier full time.
- Investigating a new automated system for a statewide catalog to replace statewide resource sharing network. (VALS is pretty clunky.)
- Still looking at a statewide courier system
- Marty will attend State Colleges meeting with Jeb Spaulding (new President) Wants to “knock his socks off.”
- State Library will be joining SCOOP (Purchasing Cooperative) involving new book contracts with Maine and NH. Also includes supplies, etc.
- Ending OCLC FirstSearch - not of interest to public libraries
- Ending membership with Lyasis - State was given a free membership for another year.
- Terry asked MR about State Library involvement with school libraries. Yes, works some with school libraries, Meetings with Agencies, VOL, attend meetings, children’s book awards, conferences. UVM has school library certification program - Judy Kaplan. Taking it out of Continuing Ed. Moving it to Education.
- VIT looks like it will be disappearing (how certification has been happening.) State Library will provide space for video conferencing. Using Google Hangouts. MR is on State Task Force for Interactive Television (VIT)
- Daisy Benson’s research at UVM - research skills of incoming freshman. Information literacy is essential for strong workforce. Digital literacy also important.
- Discussed “Results based accountability – RBA “. State departments will be using RBA for assessment tool. Good to be versed in new languages. How do we collect, what do we collect; how do we report it?
- Laura (UVM) mentioned they are going to be using incentive based budgeting. Not a central fund; schools and colleges generate revenue - become responsible for funding. Almost like a tax.
- Does State Library still make sense. May have to farm out responsibilities to other departments.

## **5. Web Site Update (Sarah):**

- Sarah Sanfilippo circulated this year’s reciprocal borrowing stickers

- The group agreed to conduct an assessment of users from their home institutions for the upcoming academic year. The assessment will involve simply the number of users from each institution.
- John Payne suggested surveying member libraries about the expansion of reciprocal borrowing privileges to include students.
- Sarah will send around list of contact information for each institution.

#### **5. John Henderson (EBSCO rep)**

- John circulated a related PowerPoint of his presentation to the group
- College of Saint Joseph has just signed on with EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS)
- Ebsco publishing and ebsco subscriptions merged - Ebsco Information Systems (?) - EIS (Colleague - Kristy Blomsberg??)
- Doreen McCullough will seek a consortial quote for EDS.

#### **6. Information Literacy (Terry):**

We had a good discussion about how VCAL might get involved with information literacy efforts in the state, centering around bridging gaps between the skills required for success at the high school and college levels, as well as having discussions with school administrators about college-level expectations in this area.

Highlights included:

- Experience in Randolph: discussion with high school librarians was productive.
- Does information literacy mean the same thing to school librarians as it does to academic libraries?
- One of the ways we can explain why info literacy is important to academic libraries is by reaching out to superintendents
- Some teachers are not receptive to information literacy being introduced into high school curriculum
- The Vermont School Library Association (VLSA) is the correct entity to reach out to... also Agency of Education
- VSLA retreat in August might be helpful
- Lots of talk about college completion rates - would be good to link to this
- Getting librarians to attend would be easy; we also need principals, chancellor of Vermont State Colleges, etc.

Recommendations included:

- Use VCAL money to set up a panel with teacher/librarian/policy makers
- Planning committee would need to determine what the goals would look like, and what success would look like. Is it simply getting administrators in a room? Maintaining ongoing dialog/meetings?
- We should find a dynamic keynote speaker to get the sessions rolling
- Planning group to consist of:
  - Oceana Wilson

- Terry Simpkins (convener – will find date/time)
- Marty Reid
- Joe Farara
- Eileen Gatti
- Jane Kearns
- Sandy Duling
- Sarah Sanfilippo
- Sam Boss
- John Payne
- The planning group should create an agenda and a list of invitees.

## 7. Joint initiatives

- Discussed doing an assessment of reciprocal borrowing: focusing on the number of users (how many cards issued?) at each institution
- Does it make sense to expand the reciprocal borrowing program to students? An example was given about a similar program in eastern NY state near Albany. Reciprocal borrowing program includes students, and has been operating successfully for 40 years.
  - This is a good question to take back to our institutions.

## 8. Other Business

- Any interest in waiving VCAL dues for a year? Hardship exemption? - No.
- Get creative with how to spend money.
  - What about inviting Laura (Lolly) Gasaway re: copyright. She spoke at UVM to faculty and librarians and was excellent
  - Ken Cruz, Kevin Smith, or Brandon Butler might be other options?
  - Would want to open it to more attendees than just VCAL board – perhaps piggy back on annual meeting next year.
- Legislative Day sponsored by ALA - Marty and member from VLA and VSLA
- Best way to communicate with this group: Doreen keeps an email membership list. Email is best.
- Where should we meet next year? VLS and Middlebury offered.
- 2 institutions (Marlboro, Burlington) haven't renewed. Doreen will contact them

## FOLLOW UP/TO DO LIST:

- 1) If changed, update their EIN numbers to Doreen (**Everyone**)
- 2) Track the number of reciprocal borrowers at their institution this year (beginning now through next summer's meeting (**Everyone**))
- 3) Consult home institutions as to viability/comfort with expanding reciprocal borrowing privileges to include students. (**Everyone**)
- 4) Seek consortial quote for Ebsco's EDS (**Doreen**)
- 5) Find place/time for Info Lit Planning Group (**Terry**) – members: Oceana Wilson, Terry Simpkins (convener), Marty Reid, Joe Farara, Eileen Gatti, Jane Kearns, Sandy Duling, John Payne, Sam Boss, Sarah Sanfilippo

- 6) Create agenda/invitee list/find host institution for information lit meeting (**Info Lit Planning Group**)
- 7) Touch base with Marlboro and Burlington about their interest in remaining members (**Doreen**)