

Vermont Consortium of Academic Libraries (VCAL)
Board of Director's Annual Meeting (via video conference)
July 17, 2020

Attendees:

Samuel Boss (NVU)
Clara Bruns (Goddard)
Bryn Geffert, (Dean of UVM Libraries)
Elieen Goti (VTC/CCV)
Emily Crist (Champlain)
Jennifer Lann (Landmark)
Jane Woldow (VLS)
Jim Allen (VTC/CCV)
Jim Mancuso (NEBC)
Laura Crain (Saint Michael's)
Laura Gewissler (UVM)
Greg Sauer (Norwich)
Patrick Spurlock (SIT)
Oceana Wilson (Bennington)

Meeting called to order at 10:34am

1) Welcome and Introductions

Due to the departure of our Fy20 president, and In accordance with the VCAL bylaws, Secretary Woldow welcomed all, followed by individual introductions of attendees.

2) Treasurer's Report

Greg Sauer:

Fiscal Year 21 begins July 1st.
Total balance on hand: \$21,658.81
Expenses for FY20: \$7302.94
Dues for FY21; total dues: \$0

Annual dues (typically yielding about \$3,500 in revenue) are waived for Fy21, to accommodate current budgetary pressures on member libraries, and because there are sufficient funds on hand to perform the work of the organization.

2) Election of the new Executive Committee & Officers

5 Executive positions; 3 officers (President, Treasurer, Secretary)

Nominations:

President: Jim Mancuso
Treasurer and Independent College rep: Greg Sauer
Secretary, Webmaster, and Independent College rep: Jane Woldow
Member at Large: Laura Crain
UVM rep: Bryn Geffert
VSC rep: Samuel Boss

Move to accept slate of nominees for Executive Committee and officer positions; candidates accepted

3) Review Initiatives

VCAL borrowing

Discussion acknowledged that the demand for this program may be limited in the short term, but is a worthwhile program to continue. Additional discussion clarified that the program is open to member institution faculty and staff, but not students at this time. At some point, we may refine the policies for this program, including whether to have formal borrowing cards.

Initiatives

President Mancuso may contact former President Kearns for preliminary guidance regarding past organizations activities. Discussion affirmed that we are not ready to determine whether or how to offer programming this year, but it remains a possibility. Ideas included offering a virtual program as well as partnering with other library associations. If programming proposals emerge, they will be brought to the Executive Board or full Board for review.

In response to further discussion regarding member library adaptations to the pandemic, President Mancuso will generate a Google Form to gather each library's service offerings, and Secretary Woldow will update any broken urls on the VCAL reciprocal borrowing page.

7) Other business

None

8) Round Table

In lieu of a roundtable discussion, there was a short question and answer session on the following topics: library building opening status, Interlibrary Loan status, recent activity levels of virtual reference chat, activity levels (and satisfaction) of free subscription content available due to the pandemic.

President Mancuso intends to provide a follow up meeting, for further discussion of initiatives as well as a more robust round table opportunity.

Meeting adjourned 11:45am

Respectfully submitted by Jane Woldow, Secretary