



VALL Executive Meeting | September 17, 2024 (Teams)

Attending: Kurtis Kolthammer, Suzanne McBeath, Jen Brubacher, Kate LeBere, Alex Everitt, Nancy Li, Caroline Nevin, Alise Nelson

Regrets: Beth Galbraith, Erin Clupp, Chelsea Merkl, Stephanie Karnosh, Kathy Barry

AGENDA

- August 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Approved (Moved by Kurtis, seconded by Jen)
- Reports & New Business
 - **President** – *Kurtis Kolthammer*
 - Recruiting volunteers for survey committee, hoping to send out survey in January – people outside of exec also welcome to volunteer
 - Programs moving to end of agenda – going forward as well
 - Need to pick up cheques
 - **Vice President** – *Nancy Li*
 - Trying to reach contact at Van City, will ask Erin for alternate contact
 - **Past President** – *Caroline Nevin*
 - No updates
 - **Web Editor** – *Jen Brubacher*
 - Feed to Twitter broke some time ago and has now been removed, still have link to X
 - Susannah posts to Twitter/X – still useful? – Jen will speak to her
 - Join us page updated – front-facing page, open to more updates
 - Blog sign-up doesn't provide notifications of new posts – should it be removed if permanently broken? – Jen will update at next meeting
 - Consider digest for blog? Once every 2 weeks or so?
 - **Membership** – *Alise Nelson*
 - Quite a few members have not yet renewed, one new member, send additional reminders?
 - Education fund could be offered to help with cost

- Alex suggested we need to email people individually, Alise will email list of outstanding renewals to Kurtis, remind people they'll lose Lawbster access
- Use library tour as opportunity for reminder, email student listservs
 - **VALL Review** – *Beth Galbraith, Suzanne McBeath*
 - VALL Review Report Update
- Issue topic brainstorming, Suzanne, Beth and Katherine will meet again soon
 - **Treasurer** – *Erin Clupp*
- Sent Treasurers report by email, unable to attend meeting
 - **Programs** – *Alex Everitt, Kate LeBere, Chelsea Merkl*
- First event planned – Oct 1st joint tour of Blakes & DLA Piper, Blakes providing catering
- Substantive panel planned for early November – related to weeding over Zoom
- Holiday event for end of Nov or early Dec, will start reaching out to venues for cost info, might move from Sutton – prices going up, looking for space suggestions, could still have catered event elsewhere
- Brown bag round table for New Year hosted in boardroom
- Zoom session in New Year
- Pub night – Mahoney's again?, really nice to work with, didn't have to pay for private room

Next meeting Oct 15th