

Report on the Planning Committee Meeting

August 12, 2015

The committee discussed the proposal from Nancy Bolt & Associates regarding facilities. The proposal includes a review of the three current IHLS facilities and would have recommendations for future facility needs and uses. This would not include an architectural, structural or environmental review of the buildings. The review would consist of site visits, staff meetings and discussions, documentation review, budget review, and a report to the IHLS board. Committee members raised several issues that needed further clarification from Nancy Bolt & Associates, so decided to keep the proposal in committee. Additional information and answers to specific questions should be available before the next committee meeting. In addition to gathering this information, Leslie Bednar will be contacting SIUE to see if a geographical study of the system offices and member libraries could be accomplished. This information would be useful to both the board and the consultants, if the proposal is accepted.

The committee discussed the format of the presentation to the full board on the mission, vision, values and goals developed at the July planning session. Member libraries have had the opportunity to provide feedback on the work completed at the planning session and that will also be available to the board. System staff is working on strategic initiatives to support and accomplish the goals.