

Report on meeting with State Library officials.

On November 18th, 2014 Valerie Green, Leslie Bednar, and I met with four representatives of the State Library to discuss the letter we received in August about the interpretation of a statute concerning authority behind hiring, firing, and compensation.

The consensus of the room at the end of the conversation was that the statute is clear that the responsibility is shared between the Executive Director and the Board. How that task is shared has been a matter of some contention in the past. It is perhaps the next task of the board to clarify this sharing.

It is our understanding after this conversation that the Executive Director hires, fires when necessary, and sets appropriate levels of compensation. It is the Board's responsibility to ratify these decisions (or not) in fulfilling its task to oversee Leslie's direction of the system. This understanding meets the expectations of the State Library in their interpretation of the statute.