Draft plan for PLSR Steering Committee information gathering discussions

Regional meetings
The regional meetings would consist of a brief presentation, followed by big picture questions for discussion.

The presentation would include what happened at WLA and how feedback can be shared to the workgroups, information about Q&As, and timeline.

The Steering Committee members would then have conversations with the attendees about some big picture questions where thoughts would be gathered from everybody (systems, boards, and libraries). For example, one question could be, “What are the most valuable things about regional connections (networking with system staff, networking with peers, networking with others)?” After the September regional meetings and WLA, the Steering Committee will identify these questions.

These will be completed in November and December.

Focus groups
Focus groups would be held to gather the thoughts of library directors about administration, governance, and structure. The intent would be to gather a representative group of library directors from around the state to discuss the important considerations for these areas, including what is important to them and what concerns they have.

DPI feels strongly that it is critical to get the opinion of the libraries. The systems are there to serve the libraries, so it is important to get their feedback about structure, administration, etc. These focus groups would be an opportunity to do so.

An outside facilitator would manage the focus groups. Steering Committee would set parameters of representation and task them with determining the proper ratio of representation from each system and a plan for how many to hold and where they would be done. The outside facilitator can create method of selection.

These would be completed in early December.

Q&As
The Q&As could be used for reporting back from the focus groups and regional meetings and gather more information from the community around these areas.

These would be held in December - March.