The Resource Advisory Committee began discussions concerning the possibility of moving to either self-management or soliciting competitive bids for e-resource management through an RFP process during our May 6, 2015 meeting. After the discussion, the committee recommends that the ALI Board consider appointing two separate task forces for the 2015/2016 – 2016/2017 academic years –

1) **A task force to investigate the feasibility of self-administration.** This committee would need to investigate administration of this position (human resources responsibilities, oversight, insurance, etc.), possible management systems, and where to house staff.

   **Rationale:** The RAC chair position requires a great deal of concerted effort - dealing with vendor requests, negotiating contracts, acting as a liaison between vendors, Lyrasis, and the ALI membership, and more. This is also only a two-three year commitment, and each new chair requires at least 6-12 months to sufficiently adjust to the role. In addition, with self-management, there could be the opportunity for this position(s) to provide support to other ALI committees to increase the role of ALI in academic libraries in Indiana.

2) **A task force to review and issue an RFP for services to consortia for management.** This committee would need to develop a list of requirements for service, as well as the format for response.

   **Rationale:** The new ALI-Lyrasis agreement anticipates fees for ALI institutions to increase from $162,885 in FY2014 to approximately $271,000 in FY18. It may be possible to receive comparable services from another consortia for handling ALI’s billing and invoicing. (Note that overall, ALI members have expressed satisfaction with Lyrasis thus far.)

The timeline to complete these tasks and send recommendations to the Board would need to be before January 1, 2017. This would enable movement towards whichever option was chosen to be taken before the ALI-Lyrasis agreement ends on 12/31/2017. If the Board does move forward with this recommendation, the RAC recommends that the task force include representatives from the RAC, from the ALI Board, from previous RAC chairs, and from PALNI staff.