**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes**

**December 8, 2016 Noon**

Noon via gotomeeting or at ISFIS 1201 63rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50311

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In attendance via gotomeeting: Bob Olson, Brad Breon, Kevin Fiene, Dennis McClain, Jeff Herzberg, Jen Albers. Larry Sigel and Margaret Buckton at ISFIS (and connected via gotomeeting.)

**I        Call To Order** Olson called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**II       Approve Agenda** Breon moved, McClain seconded, approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

**III      Approve Minutes of Nov. 9, 2016 Leadership Group** Breon moved approval of Nov. 9 minutes. Seconded by Fiene. Approved unanimously.

**IV Membership Report, Monthly Financials, Annual Documents Update** (Thanks Dennis for signing and returning – still need everyone else’s) Albers provided the RSAI financial report through Oct 31, 2016. Fiene moved approval of the payment to ISFIS for consulting and association services. Breon seconded. Approved unanimously. Breon moved approval of the financial report. Fiene seconded. Approved unanimously.

**V      Mission Critical Actions**

* + IASB Conference debrief: those who staffed the booth and others – discussed conversations with prospective members and results of the collective bargaining survey.
  + Davenport Equality forum – Nov. 17th. Reflections from Bob. Dr. Olson discussed the forum, engagement with stakeholders outside of education, sited Davenport as a model for advocacy with their district advocacy committee. Will continue to represent RSAI in future meetings regarding equality.
  + Election Outcome impact on Issues: Buckton and Sigel discussed the state cash reserve and EEF balances, election outcome and impact on leadership in the Senate and House key committees, and discussed issues that RSAI will likely advocate, especially collective bargaining, including the impact of downward pressure on salaries on the ability to attract and retain great teachers to rural schools and school choice. Buckton will draft position statement on school choice and circulate for feedback.
  + Membership Recruiting – next steps (updated brochure is posted on the RSAI site here <http://www.rsaia.org/about.html>
  + Legislative Contacts: Forums and other legislative conversation opportunities. Buckton discussed that RSAI should have a key advocate assigned to each important legislative committee member from their area. Stay tuned.
  + Review RSAI Legislative Group Job Description for cross application to Leadership Group Members Job Description. Buckton shared the duties required of the leadership group members in the by-laws, the job description that was created by the legislative group members at their August meeting. Will distribute to Leadership group members with the assignment that everyone connects with one partner by phone/e-meeting to discuss duties in preparation for creating the job description in January.

**VI      Meeting dates for 2016-17 year**

Jan. 11, 2017 (Wednesday) noon

Feb. 8, 2017 (Wednesday) noon

Mar. 8, 2017 (Wednesday) noon

Apr. 6, 2017 (Thursday) noon

May 4, 2017 (Thursday) noon

June 8, 2017 (Thursday) noon

July – not LG meeting – Regional Meetings (dates and locations TBD)

Aug. 9, 2017 Legislative Group Meeting (at-large + legislative reps) at ISFIS

Aug. 11, 2017 (Friday) noon

Sept. 13, 2017 (Wednesday) noon

Oct Annual Meeting: TBD

**VII Other Business**  **none**

Breon shared successful passage of Seymour bond issue with 78% approval!

Fiene moved, McClain seconded adjournment. Passed unanimously. Adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted,

Margaret Buckton 12/8/2016