**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes**

**April 10, 2019 Noon**

GoToMeeting or at ISFIS 1201 63rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50311

*GoToMeeting Attendees: Dennis McClain, Laurie Noll, Paul Croghan, and Nick Trenkamp.*

*ISFIS Office Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel, Jen Albers*

**I        Call To Order and Introductions/Roll**

*Dennis McClain, acting as Chair Pro Temp, called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.*

**II       Approve Agenda**

*Croghan moved and Noll seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.*

**III      Approve Minutes of March 13, 2019 Meeting**

*Trenkamp moved and Croghan seconded approval of the minutes from 03/13/2019. Approved unanimously.*

**IV Membership Report**

*Albers shared the membership report, with paid RSAI member districts to date at 101 members.*

**V Monthly Financials**

*Albers walked through the financial report for financial through February 28, 2019. Croghan moved approval of the monthly financial report. Noll seconded. Approved unanimously.*

**VI      Mission Critical Actions**

* Regional Meetings: Paul/SW Region meeting at Riverside on June 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Laurie/SE Region meeting at Fairfield on July 18, 2019 at 4:30 pm. Nick & Bob set the other two meeting dates & locations. Consider inviting someone who should be an RSAI member district but isn’t yet. At each meeting, we will review legislative accomplishments, set legislative priorities for the region, consider bylaws or other policy changes, and plan for October annual conference. Also, regional leaders are elected for 3-year term (Paul Croghan SW Region this year) and legislative representative is elected annually.

*Buckton discussed the status of scheduling for the Regional Meetings as well as the agenda for the meetings. Buckton suggested each Leadership Committee member identify a couple of individuals or districts in their areas to make personal invitations to attend, whether or not current RSAI members.*

* Annual Meeting: Confirmed for October 16, 2019 at 4:30 – 7:30 pm, FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, Iowa. Mark your calendars. At-large election. Dennis McClain three-year term up in 2019, so there will be an election. No terms limits, so Dennis may continue if elected by those in attendance.

*Buckton discussed the date/time for the Annual Meeting as well as those with terms up for election. Leadership Committee members should mark their calendars to attend.*

* CTE call with US DOE arranged by NREA April 16, 10:00 am. Tara Paul and Bob Olsen Confirmed. Who else can join?

*Buckton shared that the US DOE requested some rural school attendees on this call and reviewed who was currently signed up. Several Leadership Committee members agreed to participate.*

* Membership Renewals 2019-20: Review fee schedule and renewal packet materials

*Buckton and Albers reviewed the draft membership renewal materials and plans with the group. The Committee approved the dues fee schedule for 2019-20 with no changes, and discussed offering testimonial information to add to the renewal mailing. Dues are anticipated to be mailed out mid-May.*

* RSAI Legislative Priorities Status: SAVE, Children’s Mental Health, plus financial literacy mandate delay and Praxis test proposals, all school choice bills (Vouchers, Charter Schools and Diversity plans) died due to April 5 funnel deadline.

*Buckton reviewed the status of the various RSAI legislative priorities.*

**VI      Other Business**

* Report on results from Grant Writing Survey conducted

*Buckton and Albers reviewed the results of the grant writing survey that was conducted. The Leadership Committee concluded they believed offering a grant identification and vetting service would be helpful to RSAI members, and if we could also offer grant writing assistance to schools it would be a helpful service. Staff will work on this option and bring a recommendation at a future leadership committee meeting.*

*There being no other business, Trenkamp moved to adjourn and Noll seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.*

**VII. Next Meeting dates:**

May 8 Noon (gotomeeting)

*June 12 ISFIS Conference, FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny*

June - TBD

July - No meeting but Regional Meetings will take place in June or July

SW - June 20 at 4 pm– in Riverside

SE - July 18 at 4:30 pm – in Fairfield

NE & NW - TBD

Aug. 9 Legislative Group Meeting at ISFIS (At-large members)

Aug. 14 Noon (gotomeeting)

Sept. 11 Noon (gotomeeting)

Oct. 16 4:30-7:30 pm - Annual Meeting

Oct. 16 7:30 pm - Leadership Group Organizational Meeting

Oct. 24-26 NREA Annual Convention Louisville, KY

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate

As of 4/10/2019