**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes**

**August 20, 2019 4pm**

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

*GoToMeeting Attendees: Bob Olson, Dennis McClain, Laurie Noll, Nick Trenkamp, and Jeff Herzberg. ISFIS Office Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel, Jen Albers*

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

*Bob Olson called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.*

**II       Approve Agenda**

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

**III      Approve Minutes**

Leadership Group Meeting – May 8, 2019

NW Regional Meeting – June 7, 2019

SW Regional Meeting – June 20, 2019

SE Regional Meeting – July 18, 2019

NE Regional Meeting – July 23, 2019

Legislative Group Meeting – August 14, 2019

*Trenkamp moved and McClain seconded approval of the minutes. Discussion ensued. A correction to the spelling of a name in the NW Regional Meeting and the addition of the names of all attendees added to the SE Regional Meeting were requested. Approved unanimously with those updates/corrections.*

**IV Membership Report**

*Albers shared the membership report. We have 9 new RSAI members already paid and continue following up with renewals. We anticipate growing again this year.*

**V Monthly Financials**

*Albers walked through the preliminary year-end financials through June 30, 2019. Trenkamp moved approval of the financial report for the year ended June 30, 2019. McClain seconded. Approved unanimously.*

*Albers then reviewed the July 2019 financial statements. Noll moved approval of the financial report through July 31, 2019, and approval of reimbursement to ISFIS for $48,648.55. McClain seconded. Approved unanimously.*

**VI      Mission Critical Actions**

* Consideration of Dues Hardship waiver request from Davenport CSD

*The committee reviewed the letter received from Davenport CSD requesting a hardship waiver of the RSAI 2019-20 membership dues. The committee believed their request met the requirements under the RSAI bylaws. Noll moved approval of a hardship waiver for the Davenport CSD for the 2019-20 dues. McClain seconded. Unanimous approval.*

* State BOE Rules Update

*Buckton reviewed the latest updates on the BOE rules regarding seclusion/restraints and transportation. Discussion ensued and the committee provided input. No official action was taken on this matter.*

* Report from Regional Meetings

*Buckton reviewed the activities of the regional meetings including election results and legislative priorities discussions. Buckton also shared a chart with attendance trends for the regional meetings from the past several years. The committee discussed possibly doing electronic regional meeting(s) next year to make it easier for members as RSAI regions are quite large, or possible a hybrid approach.*

* Report from Legislative Group Meeting

*Buckton reviewed the activities of the legislative committee leading up to and during their meeting on August 14th, including their process for evaluating the priorities raised at the regional meetings and the input gathered from districts through the survey of membership conducted. Buckton shared there were no recommended changes to the RSAI Bylaws for this year and also reviewed the role of the legislative committee at the upcoming annual meeting.*

* Annual Meeting – October 16, 2019 at 4:30 – 7:30 pm, FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, Iowa. Mark your calendars. Make sure to register. 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. Audit & Financial Report.

*Buckton discussed the date/time and agenda items for the Annual Meeting, as well as those with terms up for election. Leadership Committee members should mark their calendars to attend and register using the link on the website if they haven’t already. We will circulate updated position papers and priority information from the to the Leadership Committee for review prior to the next meeting. At the next Leadership Committee meeting, we will have the final annual meeting packet for review & approval. Albers will coordinate with Willhite to prepare the audit and annual financial report.*

**VI      Other Business**

*Olson shared a report on the Franklin County Farm Bureau meeting and their efforts surrounding rural schools and communities.*

*Noll shared that Fairfield Daycare Steering Committee has been invited to participate in a Steering Committee inquiry from the White House regarding child care issues in rural Iowa.*

*Buckton shared that Duane Willhite participated in forum convened by Congresswoman Abby Finkenauer about rural broadband issues, and NREA has been a great resource providing some data and talking points on this topic.*

*There being no other business, McClain moved to adjourn and Trenkamp seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.*

**VII. Next Meeting dates:**

Sept. 11 – Leadership Committee - Noon (gotomeeting)

Oct. 16 – Annual Meeting - 4:30-7:30 pm (Ankeny)

Oct. 16 – Leadership Group Organizational Meeting - 7:30 pm (Ankeny, follows Annual Meeting)

Oct. 24-26 – NREA Annual Convention (Louisville, KY)

Nov. & Dec. – Leadership Group Meeting Dates TBD

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 8/22/2019