**RSAI Leadership Group Agenda**

**March 8, 2017 Noon**

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

**Call To Order** Olson called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. In attendance via gotomeeting: Bob Olson, Kevin Fiene, Dennis McClain, Paul Croghan, Lee Ann Grimley, Jeff Herzberg, Larry Sigel; and Margaret Buckton at ISFIS.

**II       Approve Agenda** Fiene moved, Croghan seconded, motion approved unanimously

**III      Approve Minutes of Feb. 8, 2017 Leadership Group** Fiene moved, Croghan seconded, motion approved unanimously

**IV Membership Report, Monthly Financials**

Membership Renewal Notice cycle, timeline and process: Buckton reviewed the monthly financials, just FYI, as no action was required to approve payments. Also reviewed membership to date (Webster City is newest member!). And reviewed the membership renewal cycle, including communications to existing members and prospective members, brochure, invoice, continuation of policy/negotiations $100 discount for RSAI members. Olson suggested link to the RSAI Capital Recap video or priorities video in the communications.

**V      Mission Critical Actions**

* + RSAI Priorities action at the statehouse: Buckton reviewed status of several RSAI priorities still on the table at the statehouse. Discussed opportunity for RSAI leaders to come to the capitol and connect with key legislators about a few of those in the next two weeks.
  + Flexibility legislation details: HSB 178 was mentioned, but check the weekly update this week for specifics.
  + NREA assistance on school choice: Dr. Allen Pratt provided some resources for better understanding how vouchers and education savings accounts would impact student achievement or public education. He also referred RSAI to a nutrition school lunch services vendor interested in partnering with RSAI. Discussed the idea of sponsorship. Additional questions raised were whether the software allowed flexibility to meet nutrition targets across the week and whether very small districts could partner together if one nutrition director was serving both districts? Buckton agreed to ask additional questions. Consensus was it’s worth pursuing.
  + RSAI presence at ISFIS Annual Conference June 7, 2017. Discussed staffing a booth and participating in a breakout session on legislative advocacy successes and working with stakeholders.
  + 3 months until Regional Meetings – review RSAI Leadership Board duties: Need the date and location of each of the four regional meetings (Lee Ann, Bob, Paul and Brad, although Brad may need some help given the tornado in Seymour this week.)
  + Parents for Great Iowa Schools – looking for leaders (sup and board member on panel to review impact of this year’s proposed legislation on schools either Monday, March 27th or Tuesday, March 28th in Des Moines, evening at the downtown Y) Fiene and Hughes could represent RSAI on Tuesday, March 28, but Monday is their regular board meeting night. Buckton will recruit from among Leadership and Legislative group if the date winds up being Monday.

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

Apr. 6, 2017 (Thursday) noon

May 4, 2017 (Thursday) noon

June 8, 2017 (Thursday) noon

July – no 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: October 25, FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny 5:30

**VII Other Business**

Croghan moved, McClain seconded, motion to adjourn. Approved unanimously at 12:48 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Margaret Buckton

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