

**RSAI Leadership Group Agenda**  
**September 9, 2016 RSAI**  
**ISFIS Office, 1201 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines IA 50311 and GoToMeeting**  
**Noon – 1:00 P.M.**

In attendance: Bob Olson, Lee Ann Grimely, Brian Rodenberg, Dan Smith, Brad Breon. Staff Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel, Jen Albers. Guests Jeff Herzberg representing AEAs, Paul Croghan incoming RSAI SW region rep after Oct. 12 annual meeting, and Joshua Hughes (Chair of RSAI Legislative Group.) Gregg Cruickshank and Kevin Fiene absent.

**I**     **Call To Order** Chair Bob Olson called the meeting to order 12:01.

**II**     **Approve Agenda** Breon moved, Grimley seconded, approval of agenda. Carried unanimously.

**III**    **Review/Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 6.1.2016** Breon moved, Rodenberg seconded, carried unanimously.

**IV**     **Monthly business**

Membership and Invoice Pending Report: Buckton explained the status of membership. Harmony district finished FY 2016 negative in the unspent authorized budget and had not yet paid dues. Breon moved, Grimley seconded waiver of dues for Harmony based on financial condition. Approved unanimously with Smith abstaining.

Approve Monthly financials and bills to be paid: Albers explained the financials for FY 2016 that close out the fiscal year, included in the financial report to the annual meeting. Rodenberg moved, Smith seconded, approval of June 30, 2016 financials including reimbursement to ISFIS of \$1,226.28 primarily due to expenses from ISFIS conference and RSAI reception in June. Approved unanimously.

Communications / media to report: Olson discussed work with Franklin County Farm Bureau, and Davenport school leaders and he attempting to get a meeting with Rep. Upmeyer. Olson will work with IASB as requested input regarding pre-convention workshop planning for rural schools. Buckton talked with Forest City superintendent, Darwin Lehman, supporting their local legislative forum with questions for candidates and RSAI position papers. Forest City will discuss joining RSAI in the near future.

**V**     **Legislative Update**

Position Paper Development/update for 2017 Session – Buckton shared that these papers will be updated for the 2017 session and included in the annual meeting materials to be posted on the RSAI web site. Along with questions for candidates, members are encouraged to use these resources now and through the election, into the Session.

Update re: Bob Olson and Kevin Fiene are RSAI Representation on ESSA Advisory Committee (Aug 18, Oct 19, Dec 7, Feb 7) and Iowa Report Card Task Force meeting 8.26.16 included recommendations to lower some thresholds of reporting so smaller school districts may be included.

**VIII**   **Mission Critical Actions**

Membership conversations – covered above.

Regional meeting and Legislative Committee Report: issues, attendance, reflections – was included in the packet of materials. Any comments or questions, please direct to Buckton.

Priority setting: focusing capacity, energy and advocacy on what's possible – discussion followed.

Approval of legislative priorities to go to Annual Meeting: Rodenberg moved approval of priorities as recommended by the Legislative Group, Smith seconded. Approved unanimously.

Bylaws Committee and Legislative Group Recommendation for changes. Breon moved approval of Bylaws changes as recommended by the Legislative Group, Rodenberg seconded. Smith moved approval of amended to strike sentence regarding leadership group action in the event of no quorum. Rodenberg seconded. Amended was approved unanimously. ByLaws changes as recommended by the Legislative Group and amended by the Leadership group were approved unanimously.

Leadership Transition: New faces for next Leadership Group and makeup of RSAI Legislative Committee. Buckton introduced Croghan from Essex, explained changes to Legislative Group representation and discussed plans to thank individuals going off the leadership group or legislative committee at the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting planning for Oct. 12, 2016 will include an At-large representative Election as Rodenberg's term is ending. Marissa to register Olson, Grimley and Smith and remove Breon, as he's attending the NREA conference during the same time. Cruickshank and Rodenberg have already registered.

Audit/financial review: Albers explained process and memo from Gregg Cruickshank in his capacity of RSAI Treasurer, which will be presented with the budget, financials for June 30, 2016 and Financial Review at the annual meeting. (see *FY 2016 Financial Report for Annual Meeting*) Olson asked that it be reflected in the minutes the Leadership Group's discussion and acceptance of the process and document to be shared at the Annual Meeting.

**IX Other Business** – no other business was presented.

**X Meeting Dates:**

Proposed dates/times:

October 12, 2016 Annual Meeting 5:30 (brief leadership group organizational meeting after)

Nov. 9, 2016 (Wednesday) noon

Dec. 8, 2016 (Thursday) noon

**XI Adjourn:** Rodenberg moved the meeting adjourn, Breon seconded. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 1:03 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Buckton