**RSAI Leadership Group Agenda**

**April 6, 2017 Noon**

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

In attendance at ISFIS Jon Muller, Margaret Buckton, Marissa Gahl, via phone, Dan Smith and Jen Albers, via gotomeeting Bob Olson, Lee Ann Grimley, Dan Smith, Kevin Fiene, Jeff Herzberg, Dennis McLain and Paul Croghan

**I        Call To Order:** Olson called the meeting to order at 12:05

**II       Approve Agenda:** Fiene moved and McClain seconded motion to approve. Unanimous.

**III      Approve Minutes** of March 8, 2017 Leadership Group: Croghan moved and Grimley seconded motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2017. Unanimous.

**IV Membership Report, Monthly Financials:** Albers presented the membership report and the monthly financials through Feb 2017. Fiene moved approved of the financials and Croghan seconded. Unanimous.

 Membership Renewal Notice update: Buckton explained the timing. Waiting on the Legislature’s conclusion and the dates and locations of the June/July regional meetings. Membership map was shared to help folks find convenient locations for members in each region. Buckton asked Smith if he and Kerry Phillips could plan for the SE region location/date since Breon is working on disaster recovery in Seymour.

**V      Mission Critical Actions**

* + RSAI Priorities action at the statehouse; Buckton provide an update. Looking good on flexibility bills and home rule. Transportation/formula equality and operational sharing tied up in House Appropriations after the REC meeting downgraded revenue projections. SAVE still in House Ways and Means and could be part of a larger tax reform package in 2018. Advocacy is happening on the penny. Croghan shared SW region effort at group opinion editorial. Discussion of how to champion RSAI’s involvement in the progress ensued. Plans regarding a thank you note drive at the conclusion of the flexibility bills progress was discussed.
	+ Rural teacher shortages: Margaret shared information from the following:
		- Iowa Teacher Shortage coming [Des Moines Register](http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2017/01/11/iowa-readies-teacher-shortage/96257920/) Jan. 11, 2017
		- Wisconsin teacher shortages since Collective Bargaining Changes [Des Moines Register](http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2017/03/27/collective-bargaining-iowa-lessons-wisconsin/99687046/) Mar. 28, 2017
		- Rural Teacher Corps Report, Rural Schools Collaborative/Dakota Wesleyan University (attached)
		- [Zachary Mannheimer](http://mecresults.com/zachary-mannheimer-joins-mcclure-engineering-company-as-principal-community-planner/), Creative Placemaker, Attracting teachers to rural Iowa reached out to RSAI to see if some partnership was possible. Margaret asked for volunteers to schedule a meeting with Mr. Mannheimer and talk further. Please email any interest to Margaret. Herzberg will send information regarding special education teacher shortages in their area and BV efforts to address it.
	+ RSAI presence at ISFIS Annual Conference June 7, 2017
		- Rural teacher shortage session – Group consensus was RSAI should be involved with this content.
		- Advocacy roundtable discussion with participants, what worked, what didn’t, building advocacy partners, building relationships – maybe some organized place to answer questions about RSAI during networking time?
	+ MyOnCore: update from Jon about the service, unique to rural schools, helps with compliance and saves food services director time and paperwork. Jon provided feedback on the two questions asked at the last meeting. Yes, sharing of districts is possible with a shared food service director. Yes, the compliance of nutritional standards is reported on a weekly basis. Additional conversation arose about the economics, long term revenue potential, ability to meet certification requirements and larger group sharing. Jon will provide additional information.

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

 May 4, 2017 (Thursday) noon

 June 7, 2017 ISFIS conference: Booth and Breakout Session?

 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**

Motion to adjourn by Croghan, seconded by McClain. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned 12:57 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Margaret Buckton