



## RSAI Minutes - 2025 Regional Meeting Minutes NW Region – 04/01/2025

RSAI Region	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	Regional Representative
NW Region	04/01/2025	Prairie Lakes AEA 500 NE 6th Street Pocahontas	11:30 Lunch; 12 Meeting	Justin Daggett

### Attendees:

Denny Olhausen, Alta-Aurelia  
 Jenn Peter, Belmond-Klemme  
 Tom Ryherd, Cherokee  
 Marshall Lewis, Graettinger-Terril/Ruthven-Ayrshire  
 Jim Murray, Humboldt/Twin Rivers  
 Justin Daggett, Manson NW Webster  
 Stan De Zeeuw, Sibley-Ocheyedan  
 Jess Toliver, Eagle Grove  
 Nate Hemiller, East Sac County/ArWeVa  
 Cory Jenness, Emmetsburg  
 Travis Schueller, North Kossuth/North Union  
 Kevin Wood, Sioux Central/Clay Central Everly/Laurens Marathon  
 Terry Hemann, Spencer  
 Stacey Cole, Storm Lake  
 Paul Peppmeier, West Bend Mallard/Gilmore City Bradgate  
 Dan Mart, Prairie Lakes AEA  
 Margaret Buckton, RSAI

### RSAI Region Representatives

NW Region (Justin Daggett)  
term expires Sept. 2026

**SW Region (Paul Croghan)**  
**term expires Sept. 2025**

NE Region (Nick Trenkamp)  
term expires Sept. 2027

**SE Region (Dan Maeder)**  
**Vacant Seat July 1, 2025**  
**term expires Sept. 2026**

Justin Daggett called the meeting to Order at 11:55, introduced Margaret Buckton. No changes to the agenda were suggested. The agenda was approved by consensus.

Buckton shared the history of RSAI, partnerships and growth, and explained the governance structure of RSAI representation.

No Regional Representative election was necessary this year. Justin Daggett's term expires Sept. 2026.

Daggett moved and Lewis seconded appointment of Brian Johnson to the Legislative Committee. Approved unanimously. Stan DeZeeuw stated his willingness to continue in the appointment. DeZeeuw's appointment was confirmed by consensus.

Buckton explained the process to review or revise the RSAI Bylaws. No suggestions for changes were brought forth for consideration.

Buckton shared updates on the 2025 legislative session actions to date around RSAI priority issues. There were questions and discussion about the status of school funding and property tax proposals. Also discussed the status of TSS and concerns that the safety grants proposed this year would follow the same process as the safety grants last year which followed some difficult safety inspection/assessment steps.

The group reviewed the 2025 legislative priorities language and determined if the priorities should continue or not for the 2026 session, if any changes were needed, and if additional priorities should be discussed. See Discussion Guide attached for compiled summary and recommendations.

Brainstorming/Networking Discussion. The group discussed the need for an open enrollment deadline for students leaving public schools for virtual schools due to absenteeism issues. Also lamented the death of the school start date legislation that was proposed. There was one suggestion for looking into the possibility of school employees being part of the state health insurance pool.

Buckton thanked Dan Mart and Prairie Lakes AEA for hosting the meeting.

No other business was brought forth for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.