

**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes
September 13, 2023 at 12 pm**

Via Zoom or at ISFIS 1201 63rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50311
(Contact jen@iowaschoolfinance.com for Zoom link)

Leadership Group Attendees: Paul Croghan (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Dan Peterson (Secretary/Treasurer), Dan Maeder, Nick Trenkamp. AEA representative – Jason Plourde.

ISFIS Staff Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel, Dave Daughton and Jen Albers

I Call to Order by Chair Croghan

Croghan called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. A quorum was present.

II Approve Agenda

Peterson moved and Trenkamp seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

III Approve Meeting Minutes

- Leadership Group Minutes from August 9, 2023
- Legislative Committee Minutes from August 10, 2023

Williamson moved and Maeder seconded approval of the meeting minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

IV Review Membership Report

Albers shared the YTD membership report for FY 2024, noting new members and those renewals still pending. Discussion ensued.

V Approve Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the financial statements through July 31, 2023 and reimbursement due to ISFIS. Discussion ensued. Williamson moved and Maeder seconded approval of the YTD financial statements and reimbursement to ISFIS as presented. Approved unanimously.

Albers and Buckton shared information on a new potential Corporate Sponsor. Trenkamp moved and Maeder seconded approval of Solution Tree as a new RSAI Corporate Sponsor for FY 2024. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Legislative Committee Report
 - Bylaws Recommendation
 - Legislative Issues Survey Results
 - 2024 Legislative Priorities Recommendation & Assignments
 - Debrief/Comments from those that participated

Buckton reviewed the activities and recommendations from the August RSAI Legislative Committee meeting, including the proposed changes to the RSAI Bylaws, the responses from membership to the Legislative Issues Survey, and the proposed 2024 Legislative Priorities drafted by the Committee. Discussion ensued. Plourde discussed the critical role AEAs play especially for rural districts, and the Leadership Group suggested a clarification to the Adequate Funding priorities to include a more consistent

reference to the AEA's in each of the adequate funding scenarios. The Bylaws and Priority Recommendations will be shared with members and discussed at the RSAI Annual Meeting.

- Annual Meeting – October 17, 2023 in Ankeny
 - Agenda & Leadership Responsibilities
 - At-Large Election – (*Scott Williamson Term Expires Sept. 2023*)
 - Audit & Financial Report
 - Invitation & Registration - <https://www.rsaia.org/annual-meeting.html>
 - Outreach to Neighboring Districts from Regional Directors

Buckton reviewed the agenda and responsibilities for leadership at the upcoming RSAI Annual Meeting. Albers and Peterson shared that the internal audit of the FY 2023 financials is complete and shared a copy of the memo that will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Discussion ensued.

- Inviting a Legislator to Your School

Buckton shared that she and Daughton are working on resources and tools to help districts invite legislators to their school districts. More information will be coming soon.

- TPRA Grant Update

Buckton and Albers shared the latest on the TPRA Grant Program, funding, and upcoming deadlines.

- Leadership Group Member Updates (anything to share with the group?)

Leadership Group members discussed several items including: talking points for 2024 RSAI Position Papers, open enrollment, AEA funding and services provided to districts, ESSER funding going away after this fiscal year and what that might mean for sustainability of certain programs, literacy and the science of reading, and being more outspoken about the excellent work being done in Iowa's rural school districts.

VII Other Business

No other business was brought up for discussion.

VIII Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- October 17, 2023 – Annual Meeting
with Leadership Group Organizational Meeting to follow

IX. Adjourn

Trenkamp moved and Peterson seconded adjournment of the meeting. The meeting concluded by mutual consent at 12:49 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 9/13/2023