**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes**

**April 11, 2018 Noon**

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

In attendance via gotomeeting: Bob Olson, Dennis McClain, Duane Willhite, Dan Smith, Paul Croghan, Laurie Noll, and Jen Albers.

At ISFIS Office, Larry Sigel and Margaret Buckton

I        **Call To Order:** Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

II       **Approve Agenda:** Croghan moved and Willhite seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

III      **Approve Minutes of Mar. 14, 2018** Leadership Group: Croghan moved and McClain seconded approval of the minutes from the March 14 Leadership Group Meeting. Approved Unanimously.

IV **Membership Report, Monthly Financials:** Albers explained the membership report status, additional new member of Woodbury Central, and reviewed the leads list and list of members not yet renewing. Albers also explained the financials through Feb. 28, 2018. Croghan moved, Smith seconded approval of financials including reimbursement to ISFIS for $2,412.50. Approved unanimously.

V      **Mission Critical Actions**

* Annual Membership Dues Recommendation: Olson reviewed the dues schedule. Discussion ensued, including consideration of districts with shared superintendents being eligible for a new discount. Buckton explained the timeline for bylaws review, which would be the first step in changing dues structure, and suggested the leadership group members consider data related to the impact this discount might have on RSAI revenue and membership. That discussion item will be added to the May LG agenda. Croghan moved approval of the dues as recommended including discounts. Smith Seconded. Approved unanimously.
* Membership update: Albers reviewed the membership timeline and packet of supports for LG members to reach out (Letters to members and prospective members, draft invoice, membership map, new brochure, contact spreadsheet and member status). McClain made suggested to correct errors in the brochure. Buckton explained the process for outreach status from ISFIS office for nonrenewing members. Croghan moved and Smith seconded approval of the membership packet and process. Discussed. Approved unanimously.
* Legislative Update: Buckton reviewed progress in the extension of the SAVE state penny including House amendments, Flexibility including financial literacy mandate and Sen. Sinclair’s plan to amend that requirement to give district flexibility to accomplish it in the education appropriations or standings bill, Mental Health and Assessment bills signed by the Governor, status of Tax Cuts, vouchers and Utility Proposals all still pending. Also reviewed progress on the operational sharing incentives bill, HF 633, which is an RSAI priority.
* Appoint NE legislative group member/legislative liaison. Willhite will bring a name for nomination to the next LG meeting for approval.
* Preparing for June/July Regional Meetings: Buckton discussed the need for finalizing the two remaining dates and locations prior to printing the membership renewal information, so members have as much notice for the regional meetings as possible.
* Aug. 10 Legislative Group: Includes at-large members (Duane, Dennis, Dan) and 4 regional legislative liaisons (1 pending): Tara Paul, Estherville-Lincoln Central, Jeremy Maske, I-35, and Kerry Phillips, Mormon Trail.
* NREA Conference – Denver CO Oct 11-13, 2018 <http://www.nrea.net/Convention_and_Research> Buckton explained that the deadline to submit a proposal to present at the annual conference
* NW Region meeting Humboldt, 10:00 a.m., June 19
* SW June 18, 4:30 Griswold
* SE TBD
* NE TBD

**VI      Meeting dates for 2017-18 year**

 May 9, 2018 (Wed) noon

 June 13, 2018 (Wed) noon

July – no LG meeting – Regional Meetings (dates and locations TBD)

 Aug. 10, 2018 Legislative Group Meeting (at-large + legislative reps) at ISFIS

 Aug. 15, 2018 (Wed) noon

 Sept. 12, 2018 (Wed) noon

 Oct Annual Meeting: Oct. 24 (Discuss start time)

**VII Other Business:** no other business was brought forward.

Croghan moved approval to adjourn. Smith seconded. Approved unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate

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