

## **RSAI Leadership Group Minutes**

**February 14, 2025 at 12 pm**

Via Zoom or at ISFIS 1201 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50311  
(Contact [jen@iowaschoolfinance.com](mailto:jen@iowaschoolfinance.com) for Zoom link)

**Leadership Group Attendees:** Caleb Bonjour (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Nick Trenkamp (Secretary/Treasurer), Paul Croghan, and Brent Jorth.

**Staff Attendees:** Margaret Buckton, Dave Daughton and Jen Albers

### **I Call to Order by Chair Bonjour**

*Bonjour called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm. A quorum of the board was present.*

### **II Action on Agenda**

*Croghan moved and Williamson seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.*

### **III Action on Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2025**

*Croghan moved and Jorth seconded approval of the meeting minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.*

### **IV Review Membership Report**

*Albers shared the YTD membership report for FY 2025, now with over 200 RSAI member districts. Discussion ensued.*

### **V Action on Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors**

*Albers reviewed the financial statements through January 31, 2025 and bill pay listing. Discussion ensued. Croghan moved and Williamson seconded approval of the financial statements and bill pay list as presented. Approved unanimously.*

### **VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates**

- Update on 2025 Legislative Priorities & Actions  
*Buckton and Daughton review the status of RSAI legislative priorities and recent actions from the Statehouse. Discussion ensued around SSA, Preschool/Childcare, Chronic Absenteeism legislation clean up legislation, and how to better share successes around stopping or improving problematic legislation for schools in addition to successes with promoting good legislation for schools.*
- Update/Planning for RSAI Regional Meetings
  - **NW – April 1** (Daggett hosts) – Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas (11:30am Lunch; 12 Meeting)
  - **SW - April 2** (Croghan hosts) – Green Hills AEA in Red Oak (11:45 Lunch; 12:00 Meeting)
  - **NE – April/May TBD** (Trenkamp hosts) – Working on an afternoon meeting in Oelwein (LY in Elkader)
  - **SE – May 7** (Maeder hosts) – Great Prairie AEA in Fairfield (12pm lunch, meeting at 12:30pm)

*The group discussed the latest plans for the RSAI Regional Meetings including dates known thus far and a draft agenda. Staff will work to finalize the details and begin marketing to members.*

- Process for ISFIS Evaluation: discuss survey data. Determine process for additional information, if needed.  
*Albers shared the current RSAI/ISFIS Agreement expires on June 30, 2025. The group discussed mutual desire to renew the agreement for another 2-year term, and the process for review/evaluation. Staff will coordinate and bring a new contract and information to the Board for review as part of the FY 2026 budget cycle.*
- Discussion/Planning for FY 2026 Budget  
*Albers and Buckton requested feedback and direction from the Board on several items to be incorporated into the FY 2026 Budget. Discussion ensued. Staff will incorporate the direction as they prepare the FY 2026 Budget for review at future Leadership Group meeting.*
- Update on TPRA Grant  
*Albers shared information about the most recent program period and submission on TPRA.*
- Leadership Group Member Updates (anything to share with the group?)  
*Leadership group members shared updates from their local area and discussed topics including cell phone policies, district calendars and comments from recent legislative forums.*

## **VII Other Business**

*No other business was brought up for discussion.*

## **VIII Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

- March 12, 2025
- April 9, 2025
- May 14, 2025
- July 9, 2025
- August 13, 2025
- September 10, 2025
- October 14, 2025 or October 21, 2025 –  
*Likely 2025 RSAI Annual Meeting (note: NREA annual meeting is Oct 13-16)*

## **IX. Adjourn**

*Croghan moved and Williamson seconded adjourning the meeting. The meeting concluded by unanimous consent at 12:59pm.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted*

*Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 2/14/2025*