**RSAI Leadership Group Draft Minutes**

**June 13, 2018 Noon**

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

Attending via gotomeeting: Bob Olson, Dennis McClain, Laurie Noll, Paul Croghan, Duane Willhite joined the meeting at 12:27. Staff Jen Albers and Larry Sigel also attended via gotomeeting. Margaret Buckton was at the ISFIS conference room.

**I** Call To Order: Chair Olson called the meeting to order, 12:07 PM.

II       Approve Agenda: Noll moved approval of the agenda. Croghan seconded. Approved unanimously.

III      Approve Minutes of April 11, 2018 Leadership Group. Noll moved approval of the agenda. McClain seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV Membership Report, Monthly Financials: Albers presented the membership report for FY 2017-18, the year-to-date activity regarding 2018-19, details of the membership renewal letters, and the monthly financials. Willhite joined the meeting in progress, at 12:27. McClain moved approval of the monthly financial report, including $637.50 reimbursement to ISFIS. Willhite seconded. Approved Unanimously.

V      Mission Critical Actions

* Future dues considerations: impact of discount for shared superintendent: Albers talked through the various impacts that such a discount would have on RSAI revenues and services. Discussion elicited three priorities, of growing membership, lowering dues, and providing valuable services. Buckton will get a list of those superintendents serving two districts that are RSAI members and provide the list to each regional representative. There was consensus to continue the conversation.
* ISFIS contract percentage and terms relating to RSAI revenues: Albers explained the terms of the original contract in place since 2014, and annual continuation of the contract, and the services ISFIS provides in the areas of legislative support/lobbying and administrative services/website/accounting/membership as part of the contract. Croghan moved continuation of the contract for another year. McClain seconded. After discussion, it was approved unanimously.
* Membership update – outreach and renewal status – this agenda item was discussed in the context of the membership report discussion above. Discussed two districts which had communicated they will no longer join RSAI (Shenandoah and BGM)
* Appoint NE legislative group member/legislative liaison: Willhite moved approved of the appointment of Darrin Strike, superintendent, West Fork community school district, to serve as the NE Region representative on the Legislative Group. Noll seconded. Approved unanimously.
* June/July Regional Meetings: Buckton shared results of the May 21 NE Region Meeting, reporting that LeeAnn Grimley’s job responsibilities are taking her to North Dakota and she decided not to run for another term. The attendees at the NE Region Meeting elected Nick Trencamp, Superintendent, Central Community School District, as the NE Region Representative to the Leadership Group. His term will be three years, expiring in September 2021. Noll explained that a conflict has arisen that prevents her from attending (Chairing) the June 28 meeting. Buckton said she would call Noll after the meeting to discuss plan B.
* By-laws committee to review by-laws and make recommendations to Legislative Group (requesting 2 volunteers from the Leadership Group): Willhite and Noll volunteered to serve on this committee. Buckton will organize a gotomeeting for the by-laws committee to review.
* June 15 ISFIS Conference Booth – Olson and Croghan will be at the ISFIS conference and provide coverage as they are able earlier in the day. Buckton will recruit another RSAI member or two or and ISFIS staff member to help in the afternoon.
* Aug. 10 Legislative Group: Includes at-large members (Duane, Dennis, Dan) and 4 regional legislative liaisons including the newly appointed Darrin Strike, West Fork, Tara Paul, Estherville-Lincoln Central, Jeremy Maske, I-35, and Kerry Phillips, Mormon Trail.

**Regional Meetings**

* NW June 19, Humboldt, 10:00 AM,
* SW June 18, Griswold, 4:30 PM
* SE June 28, Fairfield, Noon
* ~~NE May 21, North Linn, 6:00 PM~~
* Interim/election year advocacy strategy: Buckton will provide maps of open seats and contract information and recruit members to meet with candidates in both parties to recruit legislative support for rural school issues. Conversations need to happen from July – Ocrober.
* NREA Conference – Denver CO Oct 11-13, 2018 <http://www.nrea.net/Convention_and_Research> There is a discount for registering before June 30.

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

June 15 – RSAI booth at ISFIS Conference, DMACC/Ankeny

July – no LG meeting – Regional Meetings

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 (4:30 start time with working dinner)

**VII Other Business** none

McClain moved approval to adjourn, Crochan seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

June 13, 2018

Margaret Buckton