

**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes
July 13, 2022 at 12:30pm**

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

Leadership Group Member Attendees: Paul Croghan (Acting Chair), Laurie Noll (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Dan Peterson, Nick Trenkamp and Scott Williamson. At-large position vacant.

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

I Call To Order/Roll by Croghan (Acting Chair)

Noll called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm as Croghan was delayed.

II Approve Agenda

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

III Approve Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2022

Daggett moved and Trenkamp seconded approval of the meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

IV Review Membership Report

Albers shared the YTD membership report showing final FY 2022 membership at 158 districts. 48 FY 2023 memberships have been received to date. Discussion ensued.

V Approve Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the year-to-date financials through May 31, 2022. Peterson moved and Trenkamp seconded approval of the financial report and reimbursement to ISFIS through May 31, 2022. Approved unanimously.

A Corporate Sponsorship request was submitted for approval by EdPower for FY 2023. Williamson moved and Daggett seconded approval of the Corporate Sponsors. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Leadership Group Changes – Vacancy options
Buckton shared language from the RSAI Bylaws regarding the Leadership Group vacancy in the at-large position previously filled by former Chair, Dennis McClain. Discussion ensued. The Leadership Group directed staff to survey RSAI members seeking nominations or interest in serving, and then schedule a special meeting for the Leadership Group to make an appointment to fill the unexpired term through October 2022.
- Legislative Committee – Approval of Committee Members
Buckton shared the list of 2023 Legislative Committee members previously elected at the RSAI Regional Meetings or during a previous Leadership Group meeting. In addition, recommendations for appointments from the Regional Representatives are proposed for approval for Mike Pardun, Sup. Dennison and Schleswig (NW Region, Northwest AEA), Janet Stutz, Sup. Grinnell (SE Region, Central Rivers AEA), Mike Kruger, West Fork (NE Region, Central Rivers AEA) and Pam Ewell, Benton (SW Region, Grant Wood AEA). Daggett moved and Peterson seconded approval of the

slate of 2023 Legislative Committee members as included in the packet. Approved unanimously.

- **Research Opportunity for RSAI Rural Schools - Thinking Pro**
Buckton shared information about a research opportunity for RSAI members with Thinking Pro.
- **Legislative Priorities Survey**
Buckton shared a survey that was distributed to RSAI members to gather information on legislative issues and priorities. These survey results will inform the Legislative Committee in development of the 2023 priorities.
- **TPRA Grant Update**
Buckton gave a brief update on the status of the TPRA Grant program and the Cherokee CSD Consortium.
- **Legislative Updates & Actions Before Nov. Election**
Buckton shared a few advocacy opportunities for consideration ahead of the November election.
- **Leadership Group Member Updates (anything to share with the group?)**
Leadership Group members shared updates on various matters including recent advocacy efforts and building relationships with legislators, sharing ideas to help minimize staff burnout, BOEE waiver process for permanent subs and strategies for staffing shortages, ideas on how to prioritize any budget surplus within the RSAI budget between long-term sustainability and opportunities to focus on particular issues/values, and the SE Iowa Think Tank on Advocacy building relationships with other organizations.

VII Other Business

Buckton shared the RSAI Bylaws Committee previously included Scott Williamson and Dan Peterson, but we have a vacancy as a result of Dennis McClain's departure. Nick Trenkamp volunteered to serve on the RSAI Bylaws Committee for this year.

No other business was brought up for discussion.

VIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- **August TBD** – Legislative Committee
- **August TBD** – Bylaws Committee
- **Sept 14, 2022** – Leadership Group
- 12:30pm
- **Oct 25, 2022** – Annual Meeting –
4:30 pm and Organizational
Meeting - immediately following

IX. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Trenkamp, seconded by Williamson. Approved unanimously. The meeting was concluded at 1:28 pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted,
Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, as of 07/13/2022*