



RSAI Minutes - 2024 Regional Meetings SE Region – 05/01/2024

RSAI Region	Meeting Date	AEA Partner	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	Regional Representative
SE Region	05/01/24	Great Prairie AEA	Fairfield Arts & Conv Center, 200 N Main St, Fairfield	12 Lunch; 1 Meeting	Dan Maeder

Attendees:

Richard Montgomery, Albia
 James Craig, Cardinal
 Patrick Wallace, Danville
 Dan Maeder, Davis County
 Joni Helton, Davis County
 Scott Williamson, Eddyville Blakesburg Fremont
 Stephanie Mishler, Fairfield
 Adam Magaliari, Mediapolis
 Rich Schulte, Montezuma
 Sam Swenson, Moravia
 Lisa Brenneman, Keota
 Sarah McGriff, Oskaloosa
 Jeremy Hissem, Van Buren
 Lisa Beames, West Burlington
 Nathan Wood, Great Prairie AEA
 Mary Sult, University of Iowa
 Margaret Buckton, RSAI
 Dave Daughton, RSAI

RSAI Region Representatives

NE Region (Nick Trenkamp)
term expires Sept. 2024

SW Region (Paul Croghan)
term expires Sept. 2025

SE Region (Dan Maeder)
term expires Sept. 2026

NW Region (Justin Daggett)
term expires Sept. 2026

1. Call to Order and Welcome by RSAI Regional Representative
2. Approval of the Agenda
Dan Maeder, Regional Representative, convened the meeting at 1 pm. Attendees introduced themselves. No changes to the agenda were suggested, and the agenda was approved by consensus.
3. RSAI Overview and Processes (Margaret Buckton)
Buckton shared the history of RSAI, partnerships and growth, and explained the governance structure of RSAI representation.
4. Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Leadership Group, if term expires Sept. 2024, see chart to the right.
Term is 3-years, no term limits. RSAI Leadership Group meets virtually most months for approx. one hour, has responsibilities at the RSAI Annual Meeting in October, sets date/location and hosts this Regional Meeting, assists with staffing the RSAI tradeshow booth at IASB Convention, and supports advocacy efforts throughout the year.
 - a. Nominations

b. Election

No Regional Representative election this year. Dan Maeder term expires Sept. 2026.

5. Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Legislative Committee, see chart on the following page. *Annual Election, representative(s) attend Legislative Committee Meeting in Des Moines during August, attends the Annual Meeting in Ankeny during October, and supports legislative advocacy efforts during the 2025 Session.*

a. Nominations

b. Election

James Craig moved appointment of the following. Seconded by Jeremy Hissem. Approved unanimously. If any of these individuals appointed but not in attendance are unable to serve, the RSAI Leadership Group shall appoint a replacement.

- **Rich Schulte, Montezuma (Central Rivers AEA), confirmed willing to serve**
- **Mark Dohmen, North Cedar and Olin (Grant Wood AEA)**
- **Mark Taylor, Centerville (Great Prairie AEA), confirmed willing to serve**
- **Michelle Havenstrite, PCM (Heartland AEA)**
- **Mike Van Sickle, Louisa-Muscatine (Mississippi Bend AEA)**

6. Review of RSAI Bylaws (*Amendment recommendation require 2/3 vote to move to the RSAI Bylaws Committee*)
Buckton explained the process to review or revise the RSAI Bylaws. No suggestions for changes were brought forth for consideration.
7. Brief Review/Update of the 2024 Legislative Session and Supporting Data by Margaret Buckton and Dave Daughton, RSAI Professional Advocates
Margaret Buckton and Dave Daughton described the 2024 legislative session. There were questions and discussion about the AEA Overhaul and Teacher Pay Implementation. Buckton explained the process of working with the Governor's Office and staff to minimize the damage of HF 2612 on rural schools and slow down the process, including restoring the media and educational services funding which the Governor's original bill had eliminated, and including the task force to study the impact on students, as well as agreeing to at least 90% of the special education funding going to the AEAs. Other discussion of 2024 legislative session also took place including the status of Governor's signature on bills passed, as well as other bills around local board authority, adequate funding, income tax reductions, staff shortages and flexibility, open enrollment and money following students to charter schools and neighboring districts, property sale to nonpublic and charter schools.
8. Discussion and Vote on Recommendation of 2025 RSAI Legislative Priorities from the Region (*Requires simple majority vote to forward recommendations to the RSAI Legislative Committee*)
The group reviewed the 2024 legislative priorities language and determined if the priorities should continue or not for the 2025 session, if any changes were needed, and if additional priorities should be discussed. See Discussion Guide attached for compiled summary and recommendation. Dan Maeder moved the recommendation for 2025 region priorities and comments to the RSAI Legislative Committee. Second by Rich Schulte. Approved unanimously.
9. Brainstorming/Networking Discussion
10. Other Business
No other business was brought forth for discussion.
11. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm by unanimous consent.