

RSAl Leadership Group Agenda April 8, 2020 at noon

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

GoToMeeting Board Member Attendees: Bob Olson (Chair) (left at 12:43pm), Dennis McClain (Vice Chair), Paul Croghan (Secretary/Treasurer), Laurie Noll, Dan Peterson, and Nick Trenkamp

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

I Call To Order and Introductions/Roll by Olson

Olson called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

II Approve Agenda

Croghan moved and McClain seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

III Approve Meeting Minutes - Leadership Committee March 11, 2020

Croghan moved and Peterson seconded approval of the minutes from the Leadership Committee Meeting on 03/11/2020. Approved unanimously.

IV Membership Report

Albers shared the membership report. Paid memberships to date stand at 111 members.

V Monthly Financials

Albers reviewed the February 29, 2020 YTD financial statements. Croghan moved approval of the financial report through February 29, 2020 and approval of payment/reimbursement to ISFIS of \$755.00. Noll seconded. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Membership Renewals for 2020-21: fee schedule and renewal packet materials

*Buckton and Albers reviewed the draft membership renewal materials and plans with the group. Discussion included likely transitioning the RSAI Regional Meeting to be virtual meetings rather than in-person, in light of the COVID-19 social distancing requirements. **A motion was made by Noll to approved the dues fee schedule for 2020-21 with no changes. Second by McClain. Approved unanimously.** The dues mailing is anticipated to be finalized by May 20th. Final documents will be shared with the Leadership Group at its next meeting.*

- Continuous Learning and Equity Issues for Rural Districts – what are you doing to serve students, what have you learned, does this experience inform our future policy work at regional meetings or at the statehouse?

The group discussed various ways they are serving students in their local districts in light of school closures due to COVID-19, as well as challenges and

issues they are experiencing. General themes were discussed around the following topics:

- *Inequities of access to high speed internet connection for students and staff*
- *Ensuring sufficient access to devices for students and staff*
- *Credit recovery and graduating seniors*
- *Commencement challenges*
- *Ensuring adequate notice for any future closures*
- *Challenges for reopening and health risk for school personnel in at-risk health categories (bus drivers, food service staff, custodians, etc.)*

The group requested a letter be prepared on behalf to RSAI to the Governor and DE team to appraise them of some of these issues. Buckton will prepare and circulate to the Leadership Group for final input before submitting.

VII Other Business

VIII. Upcoming Meeting dates:

- SW Regional Meeting – May 6 at 5pm (at IKM Manning CSD)*
- Leadership Committee – May 13 at noon*
- NE Regional Meeting – May 15 at 4pm (at Deb’s Brewtopia, Elkader)*
- NW Regional Meeting - TBD*
- SE Regional Meeting – June 9 at 4pm (at Fairfield CSD)*
- Leadership Committee – August 12 at noon*
- Legislative Group Meeting – August 14 at 9 am (at ISFIS)*
- Leadership Committee – September 9 at noon*
- Leadership Committee – October 14 at noon*
- RSAI Annual Meeting – October 21 at 4:30 pm (at DMACC Ankeny)*

IX. Adjourn

There being no other business, Croghan moved to adjourn and Noll seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting concluded at 12:46 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 04/08/2020