

**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes  
September 9, 2020 at noon**

GoToMeeting or at ISFIS 1201 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50311

**GoToMeeting Board Member Attendees:** Dennis McClain (Chair), Paul Croghan (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Laurie Noll, Nick Trenkamp, Dan Peterson  
**ISFIS Staff Attendees:** Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel, and Jen Albers

**I Call To Order/Roll**

*McClain called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.*

**II Approve Agenda**

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

**III Approve Meeting Minutes –**

- Leadership Group Meeting on July 16, 2020
  - Legislative Committee Meeting on August 14, 2020
- Peterson moved and Croghan seconded approval of the minutes from the RSAI Leadership Group meeting on July 16, 2020, and the Legislative Committee Meeting on August 14, 2020. Approved unanimously.*

**IV Membership Report**

*Albers shared the membership report showing FY 2021 memberships received to date at 112, including 15 new member districts so far. The group discussed pending renewals and others that have expressed interest.*

**V Monthly Financials**

*Albers reviewed the June 30, 2020 year-end financial statements for FY 2020. Total Revenues for the year were \$80,850 with total expenses of \$79,138, for net revenue of \$1,712. Croghan moved and Noll second approval of the financial report through June 30, 2020 and approval of payment/reimbursement to ISFIS of \$1,683.77. Approved unanimously. Albers mentioned that Croghan has been conducting the annual internal audit of the financials and will present the report at the Annual Meeting.*

**VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates**

- Consideration of Dues Hardship waiver request from Davenport CSD  
*Davenport CSD requested a hardship waiver of RSAI membership dues for FY 2021. Per the RSAI Bylaws, the RSAI Leadership Group may waive dues for districts with financial hardship. Discussion ensued. Croghan moved approval of the request by Davenport CSD to waive FY 2021 membership dues. Second by Daggett. Approved unanimously.*
- Recap of July Zoom Meetings  
*Buckton shared a recap of the RSAI Update Zoom Meetings that took place during July. These were an opportunity to learn more about the RSAI organization, advocacy priorities, and member benefits. We also reviewed the details of flexibilities in SF 2310 Online Learning and COVID Flexibility, and RSAI*

*Corporate Partners from BoardWorks Education shared an overview of their instructional software.*

- Conversation with Michael Chamberlain, Special Assistant for Rural Outreach, United States DOE  
*Buckton shared an update from the conversation with Michael Chamberlain, at the US DOE.*
- Iowa Rural Summit 2020: Presentations and YouTube Links  
*Buckton shared links to session recordings from the Rural Summit 2020 Virtual Conference.*
- Report from August Legislative Committee Meeting  
*Buckton and those that participated in the RSAI Legislative Committee meeting shared feedback from the process and discussions. Results of the Legislative Issues Survey were also shared and discussed.*
  - Legislative Issues Survey Results
  - Priorities Recommendation  
*A motion was made by Noll to accept the proposed 2021 RSAI Legislative Priorities from the Legislative Committee, and share them with the full membership for approval at the RSAI Annual Meeting in October. Second by Croghan. Approved Unanimously.*
  - Bylaws Recommendation  
*A motion was made by Croghan to accept the proposed changes to the RSAI Bylaws from the Bylaws and Legislative Committee, and share them with the full membership for approval at the RSAI Annual Meeting in October. Second by Trenkamp. Approved Unanimously.*
  - Debrief from those that participated  
*Those on the RSAI Legislative Committee mentioned discussion took place about considering a change to the RSAI regional boundaries from 4 regions to 6 regions, now that membership has grown. The group directed staff to bring several possibilities of new regional boundaries to a future Leadership Group meeting for discussion of possibly changing boundaries for FY 2022, which would be subject to a bylaws change.*
- Annual Meeting - October 21, 2020  
*The group discussed plans for the upcoming RSAI Annual Meeting, reviewed the agenda, and the various leadership responsibilities.*
  - Decision on in-person, virtual, or hybrid  
*A motion was made by Croghan to hold a hybrid meeting giving attendees the option of attending in person or via Zoom. Second by Trenkamp. Approve Unanimously.*
  - Review Draft Agenda & Leadership Committee Responsibilities
  - At-large election will be held at the annual meeting. Vacant at-large seat by Duane Willhite, new term will be through 2023
  - Audit & Financial Report

- NREA Annual Conference – Virtual November 12-13  
*Buckton shared information about the upcoming NREA Annual Conference which this year will be held virtually.*

**VII Other Business**

**VIII. Upcoming Meeting dates:**

- Leadership Group – October 14 at noon via GoToMeeting
- RSAI Annual Meeting – October 21 at 4:30 pm (at DMACC Ankeny or Zoom)
- RSAI Leadership Group – 2020-21 meetings will be set at the organizational meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting

**IX. Adjourn**

*There being no other business, McClain moved to adjourn and Daggett seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting concluded at 12:53 pm.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted*

*Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 09/09/2020*