**RSAI Leadership Group Tentative Agenda**

**March 14, 2018 Noon**

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

In attendance via gotomeeting: Bob Olson, Dan Smith, Dennis McClain, Laurie Noll, Paul Croghan, Jen Albers, Larry Sigel and at the ISFIS office, Margaret Buckton.

I        Call To Order Olson called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

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

III      Approve Minutes of Feb. 16, 2018 Leadership Group: Noll moved approval of the Feb. 16 minutes. Croghan seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV Membership Report, Monthly Financials – Albers presented details of the membership report and the monthly Financials through Jan. 31, 2018. McClain moved approval of the monthly financials, including payment of $1,237.50 to ISFIS for Dec-Jan association management expenses and ISFIS conference exhibit hall booth. Croghan seconded. Approved unanimously.

V NREA Recommendation: Membership in National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium. Buckton explained the role of the NREAC in advocacy at the federal level, the RSAI staff benefit of monthly updates on federal legislation pending and value of those benefits to RSAI members. Buckton recommended that RSAI join the NREAC at an annual dues cost of $250. Croghan moved approval of the recommendation. Noll seconded. Discussion ensued. Approved unanimously.

V      Mission Critical Actions

* Dues Renewal Process and Timeline: Albers explained the process and timeline for RSAI dues renewal, including a packet sent to prior members, customized letter cosigned by Buckton and Olson, the process for sending invoices and updating the brochure, listing benefits of membership and contact information and including a flier of dates for regional meetings and the annual meeting. Also proposed sending a mailing to potential RSAI member districts. Staff will provide a contact list to each regional director with membership status. The April leadership group agenda will include discussion and action on 2018-19 membership dues. Dates for regional meetings will need to be finalized by the April LG meeting.
* Legislative Update: Buckton provided an update on bills SSA & SF 455 to Governor, and other legislative priorities pending, including SAVE extension, Flexibility, Mental Health, Civics Test, Assessment, Tax Cuts, and Utility Proposals.
* Preparing for June/July Regional Meetings: Regional Director sets date and location. Plan for 90-120 minutes. Evening or daytime. May choose to poll members in your region. May also choose to invite someone who should be a member but isn’t yet. Will review legislative accomplishments, set legislative priorities for the region, consider bylaws or other association policy changes. Meeting will also include a plan for October annual conference.
* Aug. 10 Legislative Group: Includes at-large members (Duane, Dennis, Dan and 4 regional legislative liaisons: Tara Paul, Estherville-Lincoln Central, Jeremy Maske, I-35, and Kerry Phillips, Mormon Trail. NE liaison position appoint at April LG meeting. Buckton will notify Willhite.
* NREA Conference – Denver CO Oct 11-13, 2018 <http://www.nrea.net/Convention_and_Research>
* NW Region meeting Humboldt, 10:00 a.m., June 19
* SW June 18, 4:30 Griswold
* SE
* NE

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

 Apr. 11, 2018 (Wed) noon

 May 9, 2018 (Wed) noon

 June 13, 2018 (Wed) noon

July – no LG meeting – Regional Meetings (dates and locations TBD)

 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 Registration and networking at 4:30. Meeting begins at 5:00. Working dinner at 6:00.

**VII Other Business.** None proposed. McClain moved adjournment, Croghan seconded. Adjournment approved unanimously at 12:36 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Margaret Buckton, Professional Advocate