



RSAl Leadership Group Agenda

April 29, 2026 at Noon

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

(Contact jen@iowaschoolfinance.com for Zoom link)

Leadership Group Members: Caleb Bonjour (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Jeremy Hissem (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Brent Jorth, Ron Lorenz and Barb Schwamman. AEA Representative – Nathan Wood.

I Call to Order by Chair Bonjour

II Action on Agenda

III Action on Meeting Minutes

- Leadership Group Meeting on March 24, 2026
- SW Regional Meeting on April 1, 2026
- NW Regional Meeting on April 7, 2026

IV Review Membership Report

V Action on Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Update on 2026 Legislative Session & Priorities
 - Civics Test Update: Process and Resources
- Discussion on RSAI Regional Meetings
 - Reflections from SW & NW Meetings:
 - **SW – April 1** – (Lorenz)
at Green Hills AEA in Red Oak (11:45 Lunch; 12:00 Meeting)
 - **NW – April 7** (Daggett/Jorth)
at Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas (11:30am Lunch; 12 Meeting)
 - **Results of Leadership Group & Legislative Committee Elections**
 - Upcoming Meetings:
 - **SE – May 6** - (Hissem hosts)
at Great Prairie AEA in Fairfield (12pm lunch, meeting at 12:30pm)
 - **NE – May 7** – (Schwamman hosts) –
at Central Rivers AEA in Cedar Falls (8-9:30am Breakfast & Meeting)
- NREA Resources, Membership and National Forum to Advance Rural Education

VII Networking Conversations – 1) Rural school leaders at the first two regional meetings shared wins in their districts, several of which included easily attained and affordable contract settlements. How is that going in your district? If you experienced an easier process this year, to what do you attribute that? 2) Is your district still experiencing a teacher shortage or have things settled down? Are you getting the quality of applicants and staff members that you'd like? If not, what is one strategy your district uses to improve skills for those new teachers?

VIII Other Business

IX Upcoming Leadership Group Meeting Dates:

- Wed., May 6, 2026 – SE Region Mtg
- Thurs., May 7, 2026 – NE Region Mtg
- Wed., May 27, 2026
- Wed., July 29, 2026
- Wed., Aug. 26, 2026
- Wed., Sept. 23, 2026

X. Adjourn