

**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes  
February 12, 2020 at noon**

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

**GoToMeeting Board Member Attendees:** Bob Olson (Chair), Dennis McClain (Vice Chair), Paul Croghan (Secretary/Treasurer), Duane Willhite (arrived at 12:08pm), and Nick Trenkamp

**ISFIS Staff Attendees:** Margaret Buckton, and Jen Albers

**I Call To Order and Introductions/Roll by Olson**

*Olson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.*

**II Approve Agenda**

*McClain moved and Trenkamp seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.*

**III Approve Meeting Minutes - Leadership Committee January 8, 2020**

*Croghan moved and McClain seconded approval of the minutes from the Leadership Committee Meeting on 01/08/2020. Approved unanimously.*

**IV Membership Report**

*Albers shared the membership report. Paid memberships to date stand at 110 members. Albers mentioned CAM CSD also just notified us of dues approval at their meeting just this week. Albers reminded committee members to make follow up phone calls to those assigned districts who expressed interest in RSAI to answer questions about RSAI and invite them to join.*

**V Monthly Financials**

*Albers reviewed the December 31, 2019 YTD financial statements. McClain moved approval of the financial report through December 31, 2019 and approval of payment/reimbursement to ISFIS of \$2,210. Trenkamp seconded. Approved unanimously.*

**VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates**

- Status of RSAI Priorities at the Statehouse  
*Buckton reviewed the latest from the Statehouse on each of the 2020 RSAI priorities. Discussion ensued.*
- RSAI Testimony to BOEE on Certification Rules Proposal  
*Buckton reviewed a written report on the testimony provided to the BOEE on behalf of RSAI. Discussion ensued.*
- Additional Grassroots support: Dave Daughton's role  
*Buckton shared an update on Dave Daughton's presence at the Capitol and how she and Dave are working together to support RSAI.*
- RSAI Leadership Group Vacancy  
*The Leadership Committee reviewed nominations received to fill the at-large seat vacated by Dan Smith from Harmony CSD as a result of the district's reorganization to Van Buren County Schools. There were 15 individuals nominated to fill the*

*vacancy with some individuals having multiple nominations. The Committee was pleased with the interest level knowing additional vacancies will be coming later this year. The Committee discussed various factors in selecting someone to fill the current vacancy including regional representation, position at the school district, and other diversity factors, in addition to the experience at rural districts and comments included with the nominations. After discussion, Croghan nominated Dan Peterson from Central DeWitt CSD to fill the vacant position through September 2021. Willhite seconded the nomination. Approved unanimously. Staff will reach out to Dan and ask that he join beginning with the next Leadership Committee meeting.*

- **RSAI Regional Meetings**

*The Committee discussed setting dates for this summer's Regional Meetings soon so we can distribute save the dates.*

- **RSAI Affiliate Membership**

*The Committee discussed affiliate membership opportunities. A motion was made by Croghan to clarify the language in the RSAI Bylaws related to affiliate membership at the next opportunity to make a change and add "Affiliate membership shall be open to Governmental Entities, AEAs, and Colleges". Additionally, Croghan moved that the RSAI Leadership Committee shall set the fees for affiliate membership to be at the current membership dues schedule. McClain seconded. Approved unanimously.*

## **VII Other Business**

*There being no other business, Croghan moved to adjourn and Willhite seconded.*

## **VIII. Upcoming Meeting dates:**

Leadership Committee – March 11 at noon

Leadership Committee – April 8 at noon

Leadership Committee – May 13 at noon

*Regional Meetings – meetings held late May through July Regional Director sets date and location – sooner is better than later.*

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)

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 02/12/2020