



## RSAI Minutes - 2024 Regional Meetings

### SW Region – 04/03/2024

RSAI Region	Meeting Date	AEA Partner	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	Regional Representative
SW Region	04/03/24	Green Hills AEA	212 E Coolbaugh St Red Oak	11:45 Lunch; 12 Meeting	Paul Croghan

**Attendees:**

Beth Johnsen, Atlantic  
 Jeremy Christensen, Boyer Valley  
 Jeff Privia, Clarinda  
 Chris Fenster, Corning  
 Larry McNutt, Diagonal  
 David Gute, Fremont-Mills and Stanton  
 David Henrichs, Griswold and Lenox  
 Jenny Barnett, Harlan  
 Brian Gubbels, Harlan  
 Tom Ridder, Logan-Magnolia  
 Christi Gochenour, Missouri Valley  
 Paul Croghan, Nodaway Valley and CAM  
 Ron Lorenz, Red Oak  
 Steph Anderson, Riverside  
 Angela Huseman, Tri-Center  
 Margaret Buckton, RSAI  
 Dave Daughton, RSAI

<u>RSAI Region Representatives</u>
<b>NE Region (Nick Trenkamp)</b> term expires Sept. 2024
SW Region (Paul Croghan) term expires Sept. 2025
SE Region (Dan Maeder) term expires Sept. 2026
NW Region (Justin Daggett) term expires Sept. 2026

1. Call to Order and Welcome by RSAI Regional Representative
2. Approval of the Agenda  
*Paul Croghan, Regional Representative, convened the meeting at 12:10. Attendees introduced themselves. No changes to the agenda were suggested. Jeff Privia moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Chris Fenster. The agenda was approved by unanimous consensus.*
3. RSAI Overview and Processes (Margaret Buckton)  
*Buckton shared the history of RSAI, partnerships and growth, and explained the governance structure of RSAI representation.*
4. Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Leadership Group, if term expires Sept. 2024, see chart to the right.  
*Term is 3-years, no term limits. RSAI Leadership Group meets virtually most months for approx. one hour, has responsibilities at the RSAI Annual Meeting in October, sets date/location and hosts this Regional Meeting, assists with staffing the RSAI tradeshow booth at IASB Convention, and supports advocacy efforts throughout the year.*
  - a. Nominations
  - b. Election

**No Regional Representative election this year. Paul Croghan term expires Sept. 2025.**

5. Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Legislative Committee, see chart on the following page. *Annual Election, representative(s) attend Legislative Committee Meeting in Des Moines during August, attends the Annual Meeting in Ankeny during October, and supports legislative advocacy efforts during the 2025 Session.*

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**Angie Huseman moved appointment of Deron Stender, Creston, to represent SW region from Green Hills AEA, or Christi Gochenour, Missouri Valley CSD, if Deron is unable to serve. Jeremy Christensen, Seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**The group discussed the need for a SW region representative from Heartland AEA to replace Sharon Dentlinger, directed RSAI staff to confirm Sharon's willingness and ability to serve on the committee and would like the RSAI Leadership Group to appoint a representative if she cannot.**

6. Review of RSAI Bylaws (*Amendment recommendation require 2/3 vote to move to the RSAI Bylaws Committee*) **Buckton explained the process to review or revise the RSAI Bylaws. No suggestions for changes were brought forth for consideration.**
7. Brief Review/Update of the 2024 Legislative Session and Supporting Data by Margaret Buckton and Dave Daughton, RSAI Professional Advocates  
**Margaret Buckton and Dave Daughton described the details so far of the 2024 legislative session. There was discussion about the AEA Overhaul and Teacher Pay Implementation. Buckton explained the process of working with the Governor's Office and staff to minimize the damage of HF 2612 on rural schools and slow down the process, including restoring the media and educational services funding which the Governor's original bill had eliminated, and including the task force to study the impact on students, as well as agreeing to at least 90% of the special education funding going to the AEAs. Other discussion of 2024 legislative session and status of RSAI priorities also took place, including bills about flexibility, funding, teacher and staff shortages. Also discussed other priorities of PK, mental health, bond issue election dates and funding formula equity, which received little or no consideration in the 2024 Session. .**
8. Discussion and Vote on Recommendation of 2025 RSAI Legislative Priorities from the Region (*Requires simple majority vote to forward recommendations to the RSAI Legislative Committee*)  
**The group reviewed the 2024 legislative priorities language and determined if the priorities should continue or not for the 2025 session, if any changes were needed, and if additional priorities should be discussed. See Discussion Guide attached for compiled summary and recommendation. Ron Lorenz moved the recommendation for 2025 region priorities and comments to the RSAI Legislative Committee. Second by Paul Croghan. Approved unanimously.**
9. Brainstorming/Networking Discussion
10. Other Business  
**No other business was brought forth for discussion.**
11. Adjourn  
**The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm with motion by Ron Lorenz and second by Angie Huseman. Approved by unanimous consent.**