**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes**

**September 8, 2021 at noon**

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

*(Contact* [*jen@iowaschoolfinance.com*](mailto:jen@iowaschoolfinance.com) *for Zoom link)*

***Zoom Leadership Group Member Attendees:*** *Dennis McClain (Chair), Paul Croghan (Vice Chair), Laurie Noll (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Dan Peterson, Nick Trenkamp, Scott Williamson and Lolli Haws.*

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

**I Call To Order/Roll by McClain**

*McClain called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.*

**II Approve Agenda**

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

**III Approve Meeting Minutes**

* Leadership Group – July 14, 2021
* Legislative Committee – August 11, 2021

*Daggett moved and Noll seconded approval of the minutes. Approved unanimously.*

**IV Approve Membership Report & Corporate Sponsors**

*Albers shared the YTD FY 2022 membership report showing 122 member districts received already (including 15 new member districts) plus pending renewals and those that have expressed interest. Discussion ensued about renewals and marketing efforts.*

*Albers shared a copy of the final FY 2022 Corporate Sponsorship opportunities packet, and applications received for approval from new sponsors for FY 2022. Williamson moved and Peterson second approval of Denovo Construction Solutions and MISIC as new FY 2022 corporate sponsors. Approved unanimously.*

**V Approve Monthly Financials**

*Albers reviewed the financials FYE June 30, 2021. Total Assets were $23,103. Total Revenues of $96,625 with 96% from memberships. Total Expenditures of $94,759, and Net Income of $1,866. Albers shared that the financials included a one-time additional allocation to ISFIS of $4000, approved at the May 2021 meeting. Noll moved and Williamson seconded approval of the financial report through June 30, 2021, including a total payment to ISFIS for $5,200.30. Approved unanimously.*

**VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates**

* Report from the August Legislative Committee Meeting
  + Legislative Issues Survey Results
  + Bylaws Recommendation
  + 2022 Legislative Priorities Recommendation & Assignments
  + Debrief/Other Comments from those that participated

*Buckton shared the result of the Legislative Issues Survey of the membership that was conducted in August, as well as the final recommendation of changes to the RSAI organization bylaws, and the 2022 legislative priorities recommendations. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Trenkamp and second by Daggett to move forward the bylaws recommendation and legislative priorities to the Annual Meeting. Approved unanimously.*

* Annual Meeting – October 26, 2021
  + Review Draft Agenda & Leadership Responsibilities
  + At-large election – Dan Peterson term expires
  + Audit & Financial Report
  + Invitation & Registration - <https://www.rsaia.org/annual-meeting.html>

*Buckton shared the meeting draft agenda, election information, and leadership assignments for the upcoming Annual Meeting on October 26, 2021. Albers shared the plans for conducting an internal audit by Secretary/Treasurer, Laurie Noll. A printable meeting invitation to share with others, and the link to register is on the RSAI website.*

* Iowa Rural Summit 2021 Debrief - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-lDSwK_TFBgqvX5c-nXylIv1MWSpCH3P0rjoeaB36bg/edit>

*Daughton shared a recap and resource links from the Iowa Rural Summit.*

* Networking/Building Partnerships with Other Rural Voices

*Buckton shared information about contacting potential partners with rural voices.*

* National Symposium on Rural Education (NREA Annual Conference) – November 11-12, (hybrid), more information - <https://www.nrea.net/2021-Convention-Research-Symposium>
* Legislative Updates & Advocacy Supports: teacher shortage work group

*Albers and Buckton shared reminders with the group about the upcoming NREA Annual Conference and available RSAI advocacy supports.*

* Leadership Group Member Updates (anything to share with the group?)

*No updates were brought forth for discussion by group members.*

**VII Other Business**

*No other business was brought up for discussion.*

**VIII. Upcoming Meeting dates:**

* **October 26, 2021** – Annual Meeting – 4:30 pm in Ankeny
* **October 26, 2021** – Leadership Group Organizational Meeting immediately following Annual Meeting
* **November 11-12** – National Symposium on Rural Education (NREA Annual Conference)

**IX. Adjourn**

*Croghan moved to adjourn and Williamson seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting concluded at 12:41 pm.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted*

*Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 09/08/2021*