

RSAI Leadership Group Minutes

November 13, 2025 at 12pm

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

(Contact jen@iowaschooldfinance.com for Zoom link)

Leadership Group Attendees: Caleb Bonjour (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Jeremy Hissem (Secretary/Treasurer), Ron Lorenz

Staff Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Dave Daughton and Jen Albers

I Call to Order by Chair Bonjour

Bonjour called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm. A quorum of the board was present.

II Action on Agenda

Lorenz moved and Williamson seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

III Action on Meeting Minutes

- Annual Meeting from October 9, 2025
- Leadership Group Organizational Meeting from October 9, 2025

Hissem moved and Williamson seconded approval of the meeting minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

IV Review Membership Report

Albers shared the YTD membership report for FY 2026. Discussion ensued.

V Action on Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the financial statements through October 31, 2025 and bill pay listing. Hissem moved and Williamson seconded approval of the financial statements and bill pay list as presented. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Annual Meeting Debrief from October 9, 2025 in Des Moines
 - Attendance, Facility & Logistics
 - Press Release/Publicity
 - Speaker
 - Schedule/Timing
 - Reflections/Suggestions for Next Year

The group reviewed the attendance and prioritization activity results from the Annual Meeting, then debriefed the items noted on the agenda and offered suggestions for planning next year's meeting.

- Action on 2026 Priorities (with staff recommendations for fine tuning)

The group reviewed the 2026 legislative priorities as approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting, and revisited the priorities referred to the Leadership Group for additional discussion and editing. Staff provided some redline suggestions and discussion ensued.

Priority on Rural Access to AEA Services: Lorenz moved to amend the priority language as proposed in the meeting packet. Second by Hissem. Approved unanimously.

Priority on Property Tax Reform: Hissem moved to amend the priority language as proposed in the meeting packet. Second by Williamson. Approved unanimously.

- IASB Tradeshow Booth Assignments
Staff reported on status of volunteers from the Leadership Group and Legislative Committee to staff the RSAI Tradeshow Booth at the IASB BoardCon next week.
- Update on Legislative Matters – Interim Session Actions
Buckton and Daughton shared updates on various legislative matters including: recent REC estimates, continuing to advocate for SSA, recent bond issue successes and property tax reform conversations, and other potential legislative topics that may come up during the upcoming legislative session
- Update on TPRA Grant
Albers shared a brief update on TPRA grant, which concludes on 12/31/2025.
- Updates from Leadership Group Members (anything to share with the group?)
Leadership group members shared updates and discussed other topics including: SAVE funding, SPED issues; IPIB training requirements; and AEAs no longer having real-time access to data.

VII Other Business

No other business was brought up for discussion

VIII Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Wed., Dec 5 at 10am – RSAI Mission/Vision Workgroup
- Wed., Jan. 21, 2026
- Wed., Feb. 25, 2026
- Tues., Mar. 24, 2026
- Wed., Apr. 29, 2026
- Wed., May 27, 2026
- Wed., July 29, 2026
- Wed., Aug. 26, 2026
- Wed., Sept. 23, 2026

IX. Adjourn

The meeting concluded by unanimous consent at 1:18pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 11/13/2025