

RSAI Leadership Group Minutes

November 13, 2019 at noon

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

GoToMeeting Attendees: Bob Olson, Dennis McClain, Paul Croghan, Duane Willhite, Laurie Noll, Nick Trenkamp, and Jeff Herzberg.

ISFIS Office Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Jen Albers

I Call To Order and Introductions/Roll

Bob Olson called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

II Approve Agenda

Croghan moved and Noll seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

III Approve Meeting Minutes

Noll moved approval of the Leadership Committee Minutes from September 9, 2019, the Leadership Committee Minutes from October 16, 2019 and the Annual Meeting on October 16, 2019. Willhite seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV Membership Report

Albers shared the membership report. Discussion ensued around follow up on unpaid renewals and recruitment efforts. Paid memberships to date stand at 104 members with another 19 pending renewal or new members.

V Monthly Financials

Albers reviewed the September 30, 2019 YTD financial statements. Croghan moved approval of the financial report through September 30, 2019, and approval of payment/reimbursement to ISFIS for \$4,286.50. Willhite seconded. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions

- **RSAI in the news**

Buckton reviewed the News section of the RSAI website and shared several recent news articles about RSAI and rural education.

- **RSAI Priorities – Mental Health Priority Language & Position Papers**

Buckton circulated revised draft language around the Mental Health priority per the direction from the Annual Meeting. Discussion ensued and final language was crafted. A motion was made to approved the final priority language by Croghan and seconded by Willhite. Approved unanimously. Final language and position papers will be posted on the RSAI website and distributed to the membership.

- **NREA Annual Conference – Iowa Presentations and Reflections**

Buckton reviewed the National Rural Education Association Annual Conference and shared some reflections. We will post some information from the conference on the RSAI website.

- **Rural Development Council**

Buckton shared information about the Rural Development Council now that RSAI is a member.

- **RSAI Booth Plans for IASB Nov Conference**

Buckton reviewed the activities and setup planned for the RSAI booth during the IASB Convention.

VI Other Business

Olson shared that he was a part of a panel discussion for the Governor's Rural Iowa initiative, where they discussed mental health, teacher shortages, among various other topics on October 9th.

There being no other business, Croghan moved to adjourn and McCain seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.

VII. Next Meeting dates:

IASB Convention – RSAI booth duty

November 20, 3:30 - 5 pm (*by Willhite*)

November 21, 9 am - 2 pm (9-10:30 *by McClain*, 10:30-noon by *Trenkamp*, noon-2 by *TBD*)

Leadership Committee – December 11 at noon

Leadership Committee – January 8 at noon

Leadership Committee – February 12 at noon

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 or 21 at 9 am (at ISFIS)

Leadership Committee – September 9 at noon

Leadership Committee – October 14 at noon

RSAI Annual Meeting – October 21 or 28 at 4:30 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 11/13/2019