

RSAI Leadership Group Minutes

March 12, 2025 at 12 pm

Via Zoom or at ISFIS 1201 63rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50311
(Contact jen@iowaschoolfinance.com for Zoom link)

Leadership Group Attendees: Caleb Bonjour (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Nick Trenkamp (Secretary/Treasurer), Paul Croghan, Brent Jorth and Dan Maeder.

Staff Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Dave Daughton and Jen Albers

I Call to Order by Chair Bonjour

Bonjour called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. A quorum of the board was present.

II Action on Agenda

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

III Action on Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2025

Croghan moved and Jorth seconded approval of the meeting minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

IV Review Membership Report

Albers shared the YTD membership report for FY 2025. Discussion ensued.

V Action on Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the financial statements through February 28, 2025 and bill pay listing. Discussion ensued. Croghan moved and Jorth seconded approval of the financial statements and bill pay list as presented. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Update on 2025 Legislative Priorities & Actions

Buckton and Daughton review the status of various legislative bills and actions from the Statehouse. Discussion ensued around the proposed Property Tax Reform bills, as well as SSA, Preschool/Childcare, Chronic Absenteeism, School Start Date, and other RSAI priorities.

- Update/Planning for RSAI Regional Meetings

- **NW – April 1** (Daggett hosts) – Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas (11:30am Lunch; 12 Meeting)
- **SW - April 2** (Croghan hosts) – Green Hills AEA in Red Oak (11:45 Lunch; 12:00 Meeting)
- **NE – April 24** (Trenkamp hosts) – Ampersand Taproom in Oelwein (2pm Meeting; 4pm Social)
- **SE – May 7** (Maeder hosts) – Great Prairie AEA in Fairfield (12pm lunch, meeting at 12:30pm)

The group discussed the latest plans and reviewed the agenda for the RSAI Regional Meetings that begin shortly.

- Update on TPRA Grant

Albers shared that we are awaiting information yet about the most recent program period submission on TPRA.

- Leadership Group Member Updates (anything to share with the group?)
Leadership group members shared updates from their local area and discussed various topics including status of negotiations with their staff, property & casualty insurance bids and providers, upcoming budget hearings, and grant applications.

VII Other Business

No other business was brought up for discussion.

VIII Upcoming Meeting Dates:

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| • April 1, 2025 – NW Regional Meeting | • August 13, 2025 – Leadership Group |
| • April 2, 2025 – SW Regional Meeting | • September 10, 2025 – Leadership Group |
| • April 9, 2025 – Leadership Group | • October TBD 2025 – RSAI Annual Meeting (Leadership Group Meeting Immediately following) |
| • April 24, 2025 – NE Regional Meeting | • October 13-16, 2025 – NREA Annual Meeting |
| • May 7, 2025 – SE Regional Meeting | |
| • May 14, 2025 – Leadership Group | |
| • July 9, 2025 – Leadership Group | |
| • By-Laws Review Committee (TBD) | |
| • Legislative Committee at ISFIS (TBD) | |

IX. Adjourn

The meeting concluded by unanimous consent at 12:59pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 3/12/2025