**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes**

**August 15, 2018 Noon**

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

In attendance via gotomeeting: Bob Olson, Paul Croghan, Laurie Noll, Dan Smith. Dennis McClain joined in progress, and staff Larry Sigel and Jen Albers. Margaret Buckton was at the ISFIS office.

**I        Call To Order** Olson called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

**II       Approve Agenda** Croghan moved and Noll seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

**III      Approve Minutes of June 13, 2018 Leadership Group** Noll moved and Croghan seconded approval of the June 13 minutes. Approved unanimously.

**IV Membership Report** Albers shared themembership status report through August 5**,** welcoming 10 new member districts, 3 new members in addition have requested invoices and 17 former members just received a reminder. Albers stated we were in pretty good shape for the middle of August.

**V Monthly Financials (FY 2018 year-end June 30, 2018)** Croghan moved and Smith seconded approval of the year end financials through June 30, 2018, including residual payment to ISFIS of association management fees of $1,887.61. Approved unanimously. Albers explained the internal audit process which will include this report. She will work with treasurer Duane Willhite on the internal audit and he will make the report at the Annual Meeting in October.

**VI      Mission Critical Actions**

* FY 2019 Budget: Albers showed the 2016-17 actual, 2017-18 budget and actual and proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year. Smith moved approval of the budget. Noll seconded. After discussion, approved unanimously.
* Legislative Group Recommendations: Buckton reviewed the minutes of the Legislative Group including their recommended priorities. Smith shared some of his recollection of the discussion on SSA, including concerns about updating the formula, conversations about tax credits and state revenue, and concerns about future ability of the state to adequately fund education. Buckton also shared the assignments of the Legislative Group members to lead on key issues and reported that Smith was elected chair of the Legislative Group and McClain was elected Vice Chair.
* By-Laws proposal of the Legislative Group: Buckton showed the recommended changes, mostly small technical updates to conform with practice, then a few of substance mostly relating to the membership of the organization. McClain moved approval of the Legislative Group recommended by-laws changes. Smith seconded. Approved unanimously.
* Advocacy Action for State Penny prior to November election (see RSAI Legislative Digest on RSAI web page [here](http://nebula.wsimg.com/222b18bc9786d92c3d9639b7f8a8e7fb?AccessKeyId=D081CCCCA2DCE3941176&disposition=0&alloworigin=1) and Des Moines Register issue coverage [here](https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2018/07/29/iowa-public-education-advocates-statewide-sales-tax-facilities-technology/860211002/). Buckton encouraged the group to read the DMR story and look at the annotated state penny bill that was approved by 95 House members, so find community members in support of those key provisions, and encourage outreach to candidates before the November election. RSAI will put together an advocacy tool kit and video in the next month to share with members how to go about those conversations.
* Membership update – Leader Outreach supports. Buckton explained that after the August bill paying period has passed, staff will compile of list of former member districts that have not yet sent in their dues to the Leadership Group member representing them so additional outreach can occur.
* Appoint NW legislative group member/legislative liaison: Dan Frazier of Belmond-Klemme. Croghan moved and Smith and McClain both seconded the appointment of Dan Frazier to fill the vacancy of NW Legislative Group member. Frazier participated in the Legislative Group meeting so he’ll be up to speed at the annual meeting with those responsibilities.
* Review Leader Responsibilities for October Annual Meeting (At-large member election for Dan Smith’s 3-year term expiring this October) Buckton explained the duties of this group at the annual meeting. Olson will chair. Willhite will present the internal audit. Others will support the conversation on priorities and connect with/network with other members attending. There will be an at-large position election at the annual meeting as Smith’s 3-year term is ending.
* NREA Conference – Buckton described the NREA conference and any who would like to attend can look at this link and find out more. Denver CO Oct 11-13, 2018 <http://www.nrea.net/Convention_and_Research>

**VI      Remaining Meeting dates for 2017-18 year**

 Sept. 12, 2018 (Wed) noon – will send out a survey to find a new date and time, likely Sept. 13 or 14 at noon or early the following week.

 Oct Annual Meeting: Oct. 24 (4:30 start time with working dinner)

 IASB Conference – booth duty

Nov. 14, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Nov. 15, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**VII Other Business** no other business

Croghan moved the meeting adjourn at 12:55. Noll seconded. Adjourned unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate