

**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes  
January 10, 2024 at 12 pm**

Via Zoom or at ISFIS 1201 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50311  
(Contact [jen@iowaschoolfinance.com](mailto:jen@iowaschoolfinance.com) for Zoom link)

**Leadership Group Attendees:** Paul Croghan (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Dan Peterson (Secretary/Treasurer), Brent Jorth, Nick Trenkamp.

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

**I Call to Order by Chair Croghan**

*Williamson called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm as Croghan was delayed in attending. A quorum was present.*

**II Approve Agenda**

*Peterson moved and Trenkamp seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.*

**III Approve Meeting Minutes**

- Annual Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2023
- Leadership Group Organizational Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2023
- Leadership Group Meeting November 8, 2023 and Action on Priority Language in Support of AEAs Via Email

*Trenkamp 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 2024. Discussion ensued.*

**V Approve Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors**

*Albers reviewed the financial statements through December 31, 2023 and reimbursement due to ISFIS. Discussion ensued. Peterson moved and Trenkamp seconded approval of the YTD financial statements and reimbursement to ISFIS as presented. Approved unanimously. No Corporate Sponsors were presented for consideration.*

**VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates**

- Annual Meeting Debrief from October 17, 2023 in Ankeny
  - Attendance, Logistics & Speaker
  - Press Release/Publicity
  - Prioritization Exercise Results
  - Reflections

*Albers and Buckton shared information from the Annual Meeting and requested feedback for next year's planning. Discussion ensued.*

- IASB Tradeshow Booth

*Albers and Buckton requested feedback or comments from the RSAI tradeshow booth during the IASB Convention. Discussion ensued.*

- 2024 Legislative Session
  - 2024 Session Timeline – <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/SESTT/1294700.pdf>
  - 2024 RSAI Advocacy Tools – Priorities, Position Papers, Advocacy Handbook, Legislator Lookup, Show & Tell Visits, and other Leadership & Supports

*Buckton reviewed the timeline for the 2024 session and available RSAI Advocacy Tools.*

- Governor’s Budget Recommendation and Condition of the State

*Buckton and Daughton reviewed the Governor’s budget recommendation and education priorities for 2024 from her Condition of the State report. Discussion ensued.*

- TPRA Grant Update

*Buckton and Albers shared the latest on the TPRA Grant Program, funding, and upcoming deadlines.*

- RSAI Regional Meetings (start thinking about when and where as we need to finalize and circulate information during February)

*Staff shared that dates/locations need determined for RSAI Regional Meetings during the February RSAI Leadership Group meeting, and shared the schedule from last year.*

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

*Leadership Group members discussed several items including: the status of litigation around book rules in the state; school start date; the teacher minimum salary proposal, the governor’s 2.5% SSA recommendation; AEA services provided to rural schools; property tax impact from AEA overhaul proposal; and current vacancies and lack of capacities at the DE.*

## **VII Other Business**

*No other business was brought up for discussion.*

## **VIII Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| • February 14, 2024               | • August 14, 2024  |
| • March 13, 2024                  | • September 11, 2024   |
| • April 10, 2024                  | • October 15, 2024 – Annual Meeting with Leadership Group Organizational Meeting to follow |
| • April – May – Regional Meetings |  |
| • May 8, 2024                     |  |
| • July 10, 2024                   |  |

## **IX. Adjourn**

*Jorth moved and Trenkamp seconded adjournment of the meeting. The meeting concluded by mutual consent at 1:25 pm.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted*

*Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 1/10/2024*