



RSAI Minutes - 2025 Regional Meetings

SW Region – 04/02/2025

RSAI Region	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	Regional Representative
SW Region	04/02/2025	Green Hills AEA 212 E Coolbaugh St Red Oak	11:45 Lunch; 12 Meeting	Paul Croghan

Attendees:

Jason Shaffer, Bedford/Mount Ayr
 Jeremy Christiansen, Boyer Valley
 Paul Croghan, CAM & Nodaway Valley
 Chris Coffelt, Central Decatur/Lamoni
 Jeff Privia, Clarinda/South Page
 Chris Fenster, Corning & Villisca
 Deron Stender, Creston
 Larry McNutt, Diagonal
 David Gute, Fremont Mills/Stanton
 Nicole Kooiker, Glenwood
 Ron Lorenz, Red Oak
 Angela Huseman, Tri-Center and IKM-Manning
 Margaret Buckton, RSAI

RSAI Region Representatives

NW Region (Justin Daggett)
term expires Sept. 2026

SW Region (Paul Croghan)
term expires Sept. 2025

NE Region (Nick Trenkamp)
term expires Sept. 2027

SE Region (Dan Maeder)
Vacant Seat July 1, 2025
term expires Sept. 2026

- Call to Order and Welcome by RSAI Regional Representative
- Approval of the Agenda
The meeting convened at 12:00 by Paul Croghan. Jeff Privia moved approval of the agenda. Chris Coffelt seconded. No changes to the agenda were suggested. The agenda was approved unanimously
- RSAI Overview and Processes (Margaret Buckton)
Buckton shared the history of RSAI, partnerships and growth, and explained the governance structure of RSAI representation.
- Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Leadership Group, if term expires Sept. 2024, see chart to the right.
Term is 3-years, no term limits. RSAI Leadership Group meets virtually most months for approx. one hour, has responsibilities at the RSAI Annual Meeting in October, sets date/location and hosts this Regional Meeting, assists with staffing the RSAI tradeshow booth at IASB Convention, and supports advocacy efforts throughout the year.
 - Nominations
 - Election*Privia nominated Ron Lorenz, Red Oak CSD, to represent SW region for the 3-year term ending September 2028. Fenster, Seconded.*

No other nominations came forward. Ron Loorenz, Red Oak CSD was approved unanimously.

5. Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Legislative Committee, see chart on the following page.
Annual Election, representative(s) attend Legislative Committee Meeting in Des Moines during August, attends the Annual Meeting in Ankeny during October, and supports legislative advocacy efforts during the 2026 Session.
 - a. Nominations
 - b. Election

Jerry Christensen moved appointment of Deron Stender and Bill Watson, to represent SW region from Green Hills and Heartland AEAs respectively. Fenster Seconded. Both were approved unanimously.
6. Review of RSAI Bylaws (*Amendment recommendation require 2/3 vote to move to the RSAI Bylaws Committee*)
Buckton explained the process to review or revise the RSAI Bylaws. No suggestions for changes were brought forth for consideration.
7. Brief Review/Update of the 2025 Legislative Session and Supporting Data by Margaret Buckton and Dave Daughton, RSAI Professional Advocates
Margaret Buckton shared updates on the 2025 legislative session actions to date around RSAI priority issues. There were questions and discussion about the SSA and TSS. Also discussed the status of Property Tax Reform.
8. Discussion and Vote on Recommendation of 2026 RSAI Legislative Priorities from the Region
(*Requires simple majority vote to forward recommendations to the RSAI Legislative Committee*)
The group reviewed the 2025 legislative priorities language and determined if the priorities should continue or not for the 2026 session, if any changes were needed, and if additional priorities should be discussed. See Discussion Guide attached for compiled summary and recommendation. The individual priorities from 2025 were all recommended to continue and approved by consensus of the group.
9. Brainstorming/Networking Discussion:
The group discussed the advantages of a biennial legislative process, similar to what they have in Texas.
10. Other Business
No other business was brought forth for discussion.
11. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.