**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes**

**July 14, 2021 at noon**

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

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***Zoom Leadership Group Member Attendees:*** *Dennis McClain (Chair), Paul Croghan (Vice Chair), Laurie Noll (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Dan Peterson, Nick Trenkamp, and Scott Williamson.*

***ISFIS Staff Attendees:*** *Margaret Buckton and Jen Albers*

**I Call To Order/Roll by McClain**

*McClain called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.*

**II Approve Agenda**

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

**III Approve Meeting Minutes**

* Leadership Group May 12, 2021
* SW Regional Meeting May 21, 2021 and NE Regional Meeting May 25, 2021

*Croghan moved and Peterson seconded approval of the minutes. Approved unanimously.*

**IV Approve Membership Report & Corporate Sponsors**

*Albers shared the final FY 2021 membership report showing 129 member districts (including 22 new member districts) plus all 9 AEAs have either paid FY 2021 membership or committed to be affiliate members for FY 2022. Discussion ensued about renewals and marketing efforts.*

*Buckton and Albers shared information about a potential RSAI sponsor for FY 2022.*

**V Approve Monthly Financials**

*Albers reviewed the YTD May 31, 2021 financial statements and YE projections. Noll moved and Peterson seconded approval of the financial report through May 31, 2021, including a payment to ISFIS for $1,599.28. Approved unanimously.*

**VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates**

* Recap from Regional Meetings
  + Election Results
    - Leadership Group – (re-elected) Nick Trenkamp (NE)
    - Legislative Committee members all re-elected: Tim Mitchell (SW), Brian Johnson (NW), Joel Pedersen (SE), Barb Schwamman (NE)
  + Attendance
  + Legislative Priorities discussion & next steps for Legislative Committee (including bylaws discussion since initially approved at the region meetings)
  + Other Comments or Feedback

*Buckton and Albers shared summary information from the RSAI Regional Meetings including election results noted on the agenda, an attendance summary showing a total of 52 districts attended the FY 2021 Regional Meetings and comparison to previous years, a summary of the legislative priorities recommended to the Legislative Committee from each regional meeting, as well as other comments and feedback discussed at the meetings. Discussion ensued.*

* Legislative Updates & Interim Actions

*Buckton shared reminders on some interim actions between now and the next legislative session. Discussion ensued.*

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

*Leadership Group members shared and discussed various additional topics including concerns around staffing, recruiting staff through work visa programs, the need for flexibility on certain positions and the process for granting waivers by the DE, and election timing/compliance and the bond process.*

**VII Other Business**

*No other business was brought up for discussion.*

**VIII. Upcoming Meeting dates:**

* **August 11, 2021** – Legislative Committee Meeting 10:30am-2pm at ISFIS
* **September 8, 2021**, Leadership Group Meeting from 12-1pm via Zoom
* **October 26, 2021** – Annual Meeting – 4:30 pm in Ankeny
* **October 26, 2021** – Leadership Group Organizational Meeting immediately following Annual Meeting
* **November 11-12** – National Symposium on Rural Education (NREA Annual Conference) will be hybrid. Get more information here: <https://www.nrea.net/2021-Convention-Research-Symposium>

**IX. Adjourn**

*Croghan moved to adjourn and Trenkamp seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting concluded at 1:04 pm.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted*

*Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 07/14/2021*