



RSAI Annual Meeting Agenda

October 9, 2025

4:30 – 7:30 pm

Solution Tree Iowa Training Center, 611 5th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309

(Lower Level of the Weitz Building, across from the Hilton Hotel)

There will be a working dinner during the meeting

1. Call Annual Meeting to Order: *Caleb Bonjour (Gladbrook Reinbeck CSD), RSAI Leadership Group Chair*
2. Introduction of Meeting Attendees
3. Action to Approve the Agenda
4. Report on Annual Meeting Business: *Jeremy Hissem (Van Buren County CSD), Secretary/Treasurer, RSAI Leadership Group*
 - 2024-25 Annual Audit
 - 2025-26 Budget & Professional Advocate Payment
 - 2025-26 RSAI Membership Dues
5. Report on recent Elections/Appointments of Leadership Group Representatives, and thank you to all RSAI Leadership Group Members
 - Barb Schwamman, Osage CSD and Riceville CSD, NE Region, thru Sept. 2027
 - Ron Lorenz, Red Oak CSD, SW Region, thru Sept. 2028
 - Jeremy Hissem, Van Buren County CSD, SE Region, thru Sept. 2026
6. Action to Elect Leadership Group At-Large Representative for the three-year term through Sept. 2028 – Brent Jorth, Central Lyon CSD, current appointment expiring
7. (5:10 pm) Presentation on “Why Rural Matters:” *Dr. Melissa Sadorf, Executive Director, National Rural Education Association (NREA)*
8. RSAI Successes and Advocacy Impacts *Dave Daughton and Margaret Buckton, RSAI Advocates*

[short break for dinner at 6 pm]
9. Report from the Aug. Legislative Committee Meeting: *Ken Kasper, Legislative Committee Chair*
10. Discussion and Action to Approve RSAI Priorities for the 2026 Legislative Session (simple majority of member districts participating, one vote per member district): *Ken Kasper, Legislative Committee Chair*
11. Spreading the Word: Press release, letters to the editors, and coalition building at the local level: *Margaret Buckton & Dave Daughton*
12. Focus Area Prioritization: *Margaret Buckton & Dave Daughton*
13. Adjourn

(Note: RSAI Leadership Group will convene short organizational meeting upon conclusion of the RSAI Annual Meeting)