



**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes
February 8, 2023 at 12 pm**

Via Zoom or at ISFIS 1201 63rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50311
(Contact jen@iowaschoolfinance.com for Zoom link)

Leadership Group Attendees: Paul Croghan (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Laurie Noll (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Kimberly Lingenfelter, Dan Peterson, Nick Trenkamp. AEA representative – Jason Plourde.

ISFIS Staff Attendees: Margaret Buckton and Jen Albers

Other Attendees: Denny Wulf, ISU

I Call to Order by Chair Croghan

Croghan called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

II Approve Agenda

Peterson moved and Noll seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

III Approve Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2023

Trenkamp moved and Peterson seconded approval of the Leadership Group Minutes from 01/11/2023. Approved unanimously.

IV Review Membership Report

Albers shared the YTD membership report showing no changes from last month's report, and 175 member districts received to date. Discussion ensued.

V Approve Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the year-to-date financials through December 31, 2022 and the request for payment to ISFIS. Noll moved and Lingenfelter seconded approval of the financial report through December 31, 2022, including a total payment to ISFIS for \$36.38. Approved unanimously.

Albers and Buckton shared proposed Corporate Sponsorship offerings and benefits for FY 2024, which are unchanged from FY 2023. Daggett moved and Williamson seconded approval of the FY 2024 corporate sponsorship offerings as presented. Approved unanimously.

VI Denny Wulf, ISU, Introduction

Buckton introduced Denny Wulf of ISU, affiliate member, to the group. Denny shared the work ISU is doing with across rural Iowa and expressed a desire to share information about ISU's work with the group regularly and to listen in on RSAI activities in order to better collaborate with one another. Discussion ensued.

VII Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Status of 2023 Legislative Priorities
 - * School Choice/ESAs
 - * SSA
 - * Operational Sharing
 - * Flexibility & Teacher Shortage

Buckton shared the latest information on RSAI legislative priorities and bills moving through the process at the Statehouse and the upcoming funnel deadline of March 3rd. Discussion ensued.

- RSAI Regional Meetings
 - NE - April 4th - Keystone AEA in Elkader (Nick hosts)
 - SW - April 5th - Green Hills AEA in Red Oak (Paul hosts)
 - NW - May 2nd - Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas (Justin hosts)
 - SE - May 3rd - Great Prairie AEA in Fairfield (Laurie hosts)

The group confirmed upcoming dates and locations for RSAI Regional Meetings. Official start times will still need to be confirmed. Registrations and information will be circulated soon. Discussion ensued.

- RSAI Annual Meeting

The group discussed setting the date for the RSAI Annual Meeting in October and expanding the space to the large room at the FFA Enrichment Center. Consensus was Tuesday, October 17, 2023 for the meeting date.

- TPRA Grant Update

Buckton and Albers shared that the first report of the Cherokee/RSAI Consortium was just completed and submitted.

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

Leadership Group members discussed recent legislative connections and encounters, shared the importance of getting legislators into our local schools to dispel myths and see first-hand the good work rural schools are doing for students. Discussed ideas around circulating a “how to kit” with best practices for legislator visits and encouraging those visits to be scheduled in September and October, and including student groups/conversations, principals and teachers. No additional updates were shared.

VIII Other Business

No other business was brought up for discussion.

IX. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

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| • March 8, 2023 at noon (LG) | • May 3, 2023 – SE Regional Meeting (Fairfield) |
| • April 4, 2023 – NE Regional Meeting (Elkader) | • May 10, 2023 at noon (LG) |
| • April 5, 2023 – SW Regional Meeting (Red Oak) | • July 12, 2023 at noon (LG) |
| • April 12, 2023 at noon | • August 9, 2023 at noon (LG) |
| • May 2, 2023 – NW Regional Meeting (Pocahontas) | • September 13, 2023 at noon (LG) |
| | • October 2023 – Annual Meeting - TBD |

IX. Adjourn

Lingenfelter moved to adjourn and Daggett seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting concluded at 1:32 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 2/8/2023