



RSAI Leadership Group Minutes February 25, 2026 at Noon

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

Leadership Group Attendees: Caleb Bonjour (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Justin Daggett, Brent Jorth, and Ron Lorenz.

Staff Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Ken Sturgis, and Jen Albers

I Call to Order by Chair Bonjour

Bonjour called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. A quorum of the board was present.

II Action on Agenda

Lorenz moved and Williamson seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

III Action on Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2026

Lorenz 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 2026. Discussion ensued.

V Action on Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the financial statements through January 31, 2026 and bill pay listing. Williamson moved and Jorth seconded approval of the financial statements and bill pay list as presented. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

• Update on 2026 Legislative Priorities & Actions

The group discussed the status of legislation from this session including: SSA, the "ISJIT" financing/banking bill, classroom behavior bills, charter school bills, and various other bills with components affecting school funding, TSS, special education, and SAVE, as well as upcoming floor work.

• Update/Planning for RSAI Regional Meetings

- **SW – April 1** – (Lorenz hosts)
at Green Hills AEA in Red Oak (11:45 Lunch; 12:00 Meeting)
- **NW – April 7** (Daggett hosts)
at Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas (11:30am Lunch; 12 Meeting)
- **SE – May 6** - (Hissem hosts)
at Great Prairie AEA in Fairfield (12pm lunch, meeting at 12:30pm)
- **NE –May 7** – (Schwamman hosts) –
at Central Rivers AEA in Cedar Falls (8-9:30am Breakfast & Meeting)

Albers shared the dates/times for upcoming RSAI Regional Meetings and discussed the various agenda topics. More discussion will take place at the next meeting ahead of the first Regional Meeting.

- Discussion on RSAI Mission & Vision/Recommendation from Bylaws Workgroup (Ron Lorenz, Barb Schwamman, Caleb Bonjour)
Buckton shared the current mission and vision, and the revised version drafted by the workgroup. This topic was discussed last meeting and brought forth once again ahead of the Regional Meeting. Consensus of the group was to move the conversation forward to the Regional Meetings, Legislative Committee and then the Annual Meeting.
- Update on TPRA Grant
Albers shared that the TPRA grant concluded on 12/31/2025 and the RSAI/ Cherokee Consortium just received approval on the final reimbursement report and are awaiting the funds to finalize all grant activity. IWD shared they will be holding a webinar in April or May to discuss next steps for any consortium leads that wish to continue with a Registered Apprenticeship program outside of the TPRA grant.

VII Networking Conversations – Share information about TSS, Enrollment Changes and Staffing Changes you might be considering for FY 2027

Albers shared that we have added this Networking Conversation agenda topic to the agenda and each meeting we'll ask members to come with information from their local districts to share.

The group discussed advocacy efforts and the need to engage in candid and direct conversations at the upcoming RSAI Regional Meetings on how to harness public education leaders, supporters, and lobbyists to have a more effective impact on RSAI priorities during the upcoming election and legislative cycle. This will be an agenda topic at the upcoming RSAI Regional Meetings.

VIII Other Business

The group discussed enrollment projection service providers, including the accuracy of the DE's projections.

No other business was brought up for discussion.

IX Upcoming Leadership Group Meeting Dates:

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| • Tues., Mar. 24, 2026 | • Wed., May 27, 2026 |
| • Wed., April 1, 2026 – SW Region Mtg | • Wed., July 29, 2026 |
| • Tues., April 7, 2026 – NW Region Mtg | • Wed., Aug. 26, 2026 |
| • Wed., Apr. 29, 2026 | • Wed., Sept. 23, 2026 |
| • Wed., May 6, 2026 – SE Region Mtg | |
| • Thurs., May 7, 2026 – NE Region Mtg | |

X. Adjourn

Lorenz moved and Williamson seconded adjourning the meeting. The meeting concluded by unanimous consent at 12:58 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Jen Albers on behalf of Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 2/25/2026