



RSAl Leadership Group Minutes

May 11, 2022 at 12:30pm

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

Leadership Group Member Attendees: Dennis McClain (Chair), Paul Croghan (Vice Chair), Laurie Noll (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Dan Peterson and Lolli Haws
ISFIS Staff Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel, Dave Daughton and Jen Albers

I Call To Order/Roll by McClain

McClain called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm.

II Approve Agenda

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

III Approve Meeting Minutes

- Regional Meeting - NW April 5, 2022
- Leadership Group - April 13, 2022
- Regional Meeting - NE May 3, 2022
- Regional Meeting - SW May 4, 2022
- Regional Meeting -SE May 4, 2022

Daggett moved and Croghan seconded approval of the various meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

IV Review Membership Report

Albers shared the YTD membership report showing 158 member districts received to date. Discussion ensued.

V Approve Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the year-to-date financials through March 31, 2022. Croghan moved and Peterson seconded approval of the financial report through March 31, 2022. Approved unanimously. No corporate sponsorship requests for approval at this meeting.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Approve Membership & Affiliate Dues for 2022-23

Albers and Buckton shared the proposed membership fee schedule for FY 2023 with no changes in rates, as well as copies of the draft materials that will be accompanying the dues renewals. Discussion ensued. Daggett moved approved of the FY 2023 RSAI Membership Fee Schedule as presented. Second by Croghan. Approved unanimously.

- Approve Budget 2022-23

Albers and Buckton shared the proposed FY 2023 budget and reviewed line items with variances from the prior year. The Other Category will be used for TPRA grant administration efforts, for a PR campaign, or for RSAI Website Upgrades, TBD based on the outcome of the grant submitted. Final request for use of this funding will come before the Leadership Group this summer or early Fall. Discussion ensued. Croghan

moved approved of the FY 2023 Budget as presented, with second by Daggett. Approved unanimously.

- Reports from Regional Meetings

Buckton, Daughton, and Leadership Group members recapped and shared impressions from the Regional Meetings around RSAI legislative priorities issues and the results of elections to the RSAI Leadership Committee. Paul Croghan was re-elected to serve another term on the RSAI Leadership Group. Staff shared a chart showing attendance grew slightly over the previous year. Discussion ensued.

- Legislative Committee

- Committee Members & Recruiting voices from underrepresented AEAs
- Committee Meeting - August TBD at ISFIS, Des Moines

Buckton shared a map indicating the location of RSAI leadership after the elections at Regional Meetings, and which areas of the state and AEA are currently underrepresented. Discussion ensued around the process to recruit additional leadership on the Legislative Committee to serve in these underrepresented areas. The RSAI Leadership Committee will meet at ISFIS in Des Moines during August to draft the 2023 Legislative Priorities for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting in October.

- Bylaws Committee (Dennis McClain, Scott Williamson, Dan Peterson) – August TBD via Zoom
- Annual Meeting – October 25, 2022 at FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny

Buckton and Albers shared a reminder that the Bylaws Committee and Annual Meetings will be coming up this summer and fall as well.

- Legislative Updates

Buckton shared the latest from the Statehouse on legislative issues and what we have heard regarding the status of vouchers and concluding the 2022 Session. Discussion ensued.

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

Leadership Group members shared updates on various matters including advocacy efforts and building relationships with legislators this summer after redistricting, federal policies around addressing teacher shortage and how Iowa compares to other states, and addressing unfilled positions with the DE. Leadership Group requested ISFIS gather data mid-summer on the staffing status at RSAI districts in terms of open spots of teachers, associates, principals, drivers, resignations from the profession or movement to private sector, etc.

VII Other Business

Buckton reminded the group that Lolli Haws, who has been the AEA liaison for RSAI, is retiring at the end of this fiscal year. RSAI and the Leadership Group thanks Lolli

for all of her efforts over the years on behalf of rural schools and the rural students of Iowa!

No other business was brought up for discussion.

VIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- **July 13, 2022** – 12:30pm
- **Sept 14, 2022** – 12:30pm
- **Oct 25, 2022** – Annual Meeting

IX. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Noll, seconded by Peterson. Approved unanimously. The meeting was concluded at 1:27 pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted,
Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, as of 05/11/2022*