



RSAI Minutes - 2024 Regional Meetings NE Region – 04/02/2024

RSAI Region	Meeting Date	AEA Partner	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	Regional Representative
NE Region	04/02/24	Keystone AEA	1400 N 2nd St NW Elkader	11:45 Lunch; 12 Meeting	Nick Trenkamp

Attendees:

- Will Dible, Alburnett
- Jay Mathis, Allamakee
- Nick Trenkamp, Central
- Kris Einck, Howard-Winneshiek and South Winneshiek
- Jay Jurrens, New Hampton and Turkey Valley
- Rob Busch, Starmont
- Jay Marley, Tripoli
- Margaret Buckton, RSAI

1. Call to Order and Welcome by RSAI Regional Representative
2. Approval of the Agenda
Nick Trenkamp, Regional Representative, convened the meeting at 12:15. Attendees introduced themselves. No changes to the agenda were suggested, and the agenda was approved by consensus.
3. RSAI Overview and Processes (Margaret Buckton)
Buckton shared the history of RSAI, partnerships and growth, and explained the governance structure of RSAI representation.
4. Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Leadership Group, if term expires Sept. 2024, see chart to the right.
Term is 3-years, no term limits. RSAI Leadership Group meets virtually most months for approx. one hour, has responsibilities at the RSAI Annual Meeting in October, sets date/location and hosts this Regional Meeting, assists with staffing the RSAI tradeshow booth at IASB Convention, and supports advocacy efforts throughout the year.
 - a. Nominations
 - b. Election*Jay Marley nominated Nick Trenkamp, Central CSD, to represent NE region for the 3-year term ending September 2027. Jay Mathis, Seconded. Nomination approved unanimously.*

<u>RSAI Region Representatives</u>
NE Region (Nick Trenkamp) term expires Sept. 2024
SW Region (Paul Croghan) term expires Sept. 2025
SE Region (Dan Maeder) term expires Sept. 2026
NW Region (Justin Daggett) term expires Sept. 2026

Will Dible moved to close nominations and vote. Kris Einck, Second. Nominations were closed and Nick Trenkamp was approved unanimously.

5. Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Legislative Committee, see chart on the following page. *Annual Election, representative(s) attend Legislative Committee Meeting in Des Moines during August, attends the Annual Meeting in Ankeny during October, and supports legislative advocacy efforts during the 2025 Session.*
 - a. Nominations
 - b. Election

Jay Marley moved appointment of Barb Schwamman, Osage and Riceville CSD, to represent NE region from Keystone AEA. Nick Trenkamp, Seconded. Approved unanimously.

Nick Trenkamp moved appointment of Jay Marley, Tripoli CSD, to represent NE region Central Rivers AEA, Kris Einck, seconded. Approved unanimously.

Nick Trenkamp moved appointment of Will Dible, Alburnett CSD, to represent NE region from Grant Wood AEA. Rob Busch, seconded. Approved unanimously.

If any of these individuals appointed but not in attendance are unable to serve, the RSAI Leadership Group shall appoint a replacement.
6. Review of RSAI Bylaws (*Amendment recommendation require 2/3 vote to move to the RSAI Bylaws Committee*)
Buckton explained the process to review or revise the RSAI Bylaws. No suggestions for changes were brought forth for consideration.
7. Brief Review/Update of the 2024 Legislative Session and Supporting Data by Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate.
Margaret Buckton described the details so far of the 2024 legislative session. There was much discussion about the AEA Overhaul and Teacher Pay Implementation. Buckton explained the process of working with the Governor's Office and staff to minimize the damage of HF 2612 on rural schools. The RSAI Virtual Town Hall with over 100 districts in attendance helped to frame RSAI's concern's, primary among them: slow down the process, restore the media and educational services funding which the Governor's original bill had eliminated, and include the task force to study the impact on students, as well as keep special education funding services at AEAs, which the bill did by requiring at least 90% of the special education funding going from schools to the AEAs for special education services. RSAI was undecided on the bill, but appreciative of the teacher salary investment included in it. Other discussion of 2024 legislative session and status of RSAI priorities also took place.
8. Discussion and Vote on Recommendation of 2025 RSAI Legislative Priorities from the Region (*Requires simple majority vote to forward recommendations to the RSAI Legislative Committee*)
The group reviewed the 2024 legislative priorities language and determined if the priorities should continue or not for the 2025 session, if any changes were needed, and if additional priorities should be discussed. See Discussion Guide attached for compiled summary and recommendation. Will Dible moved the recommendation for 2025 region priorities and comments to the RSAI Legislative Committee. Second by Jay Mathis. Approved unanimously.
9. Brainstorming/Networking Discussion
10. Other Business
No other business was brought forth for discussion.
11. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm with motion by Rob Busch and second by Jay Jurens. Approved by unanimous consent.