



RSAI Leadership Group Minutes

April 9, 2025 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: Caleb Bonjour (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Paul Croghan, Justin Daggett,

Staff Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Dave Daughton and Jen Albers

I Call to Order by Chair Bonjour

Bonjour called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. A quorum of the board was present.

II Action on Agenda

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

III Action on Meeting Minutes

- Leadership Group Meeting from March 12, 2025
- NW Regional Meeting from April 1, 2025
- SW Regional Meeting from April 2, 2025

Croghan moved and Williamson seconded approval of the meeting minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

IV Review Membership Report

Albers shared the YTD membership report for FY 2025. Discussion ensued.

V Action on Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the financial statements through March 31, 2025 and bill pay listing. Discussion ensued. Daggett moved and Croghan seconded approval of the financial statements and bill pay list as presented. Approved unanimously.

Albers shared proposed Corporate Sponsor offerings for FY 2026 and staff recommendations to offer renewals to all current year sponsors. Discussion ensued and staff were directed to proceed with renewals and bring any new sponsors for approval.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Update on 2025 Legislative Priorities & Bill Actions
Buckton and Daughton review the status of various legislative bills and actions from the Statehouse. Discussion ensued around bills and proposals related to SSA, the Governor's Cell Phone restriction and DE sample policies, TSS, IPERS minimums, Teach Iowa Job Postings, the Preschool/Childcare, Property Tax Reform, AEA De-appropriation, Chronic Absenteeism, School Start Date, and other RSAI priorities.
- Discussion of RSAI Regional Meetings
 - Reflections from NW & SW Meetings
 - **NW – April 1** (Daggett) – Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas (11:30am Lunch; 12 Meeting)
 - **SW - April 2** (Croghan) – Green Hills AEA in Red Oak (11:45 Lunch; 12:00 Meeting)
 - **Results of Leadership Group & Legislative Committee Elections**

- Upcoming Meetings
 - **NE – April 24** (Trenkamp) – Ampersand Taproom in Oelwein (2pm Meeting; 4pm Social)
 - **SE – May 7** (Maeder) – Great Prairie AEA in Fairfield (12pm lunch, meeting at 12:30pm)

Buckton and those in attendance shared feedback from the two Regional Meetings that have occurred thus far. Discussion took place around keeping the current year priorities on the list for FY 2026 and frustration that progress we'd like to see occur is slow to move forward and much time is spent addressing or stopping bad legislation.

Buckton also shared attendance information and results of the leadership and legislative committee elections. A complete list will be circulated after the meetings are concluded.

It was also noted that the NW appointment to the Legislative Committee from Central Rivers AEA was not made during the NW Regional Meeting. Daggett moved and Croghan seconded appointment of Ken Kasper to continue to serve in that role. Approved unanimously

- Action on Agreement RSAI/ISFIS
At the last Leadership Group Meeting, the RSAI Officers were tasked with preparing a recommendation for a new contract between RSAI and ISFIS for FY 2026 and FY 2027, which was included in the materials packet. Discussion ensued. Croghan moved approval of the FY 2026 and FY 2027 proposed contract between RSAI and ISFIS. Second by Williamson. Approved unanimously.
- Update on FY 2026 Membership Dues
Buckton and Albers shared and confirmed direction on the plans for FY 2026 RSAI membership renewals. These items will be presented for official approval at the May meeting.
- Update on TPRA Grant
Albers shared the latest on the TPRA Grant Program and funding, including a recap from the onsite audit at Cherokee CSD with representatives from Iowa Workforce Development and the Iowa Office of Apprenticeship.
- Updates from Leadership Group Members (anything to share with the group?)
Leadership group members shared updates from their local area.

VII Other Business

No other business was brought up for discussion.

VIII Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- April 24, 2025 – NE Regional Meeting
- May 7, 2025 – SE Regional Meeting
- May 14, 2025
- July 9, 2025
- August 13, 2025
- August TBD 2025 - Bylaws Committee)
- August TBD 2025 – Legislative Committee
- September 10, 2025
- October TBD 2025 – RSAI Annual Meeting

- October 13-16, 2025 – NREA Annual Meeting

IX. Adjourn

The meeting concluded by unanimous consent at 12:45pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 4/9/2025