



**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes  
April 13, 2022 at 12:30pm**

Via Zoom or at ISFIS 1201 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50311  
(Contact [jen@iowaschoolfinance.com](mailto: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, Nick Trenkamp  
**ISFIS Staff Attendees:** Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel, Dave Daughton and Jen Albers

**I Call To Order/Roll by McClain**

*Croghan called the meeting to order at 12:37 pm, as McClain was delayed arriving.*

**II Approve Agenda**

*Noll moved and Trenkamp seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.*

**III Approve Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2022**

*Trenkamp moved and Daggett seconded approval of the Leadership Group meeting minutes from 3/9/2022. Approved unanimously.*

**IV Review Membership Report**

*Albers shared the YTD membership report showing 155 member districts received to date. Discussion ensued.*

**V Approve Monthly Financials**

*Albers reviewed the year-to-date financials through February 28, 2022. Daggett moved and Peterson seconded approval of the financial report through February 28, 2022. Approved unanimously.*

**VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates**

- Meetings
  - Regional Meetings

RSAI Region	Meeting Date	AEA Partner	Meeting Location	Meeting Start Time
NW Region	April 5, 2022	Prairie Lakes AEA	Pocahontas	12:00 pm
NE Region	May 3, 2022	Keystone AEA	Elkader	12:30 pm
SW Region	May 4, 2022	Green Hills AEA	Red Oak	8:00 am
SE Region	May 4, 2022	Great Prairie AEA	Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield	1:00 pm

- Bylaws Committee – August TBD via Zoom
- Legislative Committee – August TBD at ISFIS, Des Moines

- Annual Meeting – October 25, 2022 at FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny

*Buckton and members shared updates from the NW Regional Meeting and comments from the priorities discussion, as well as reminders about upcoming meetings. Discussion ensued.*

- Legislative Committee Representatives
  - Recruiting voices from underrepresented AEAs
  - Northwest AEA Appointment

*Buckton shared a map indicating the location of current RSAI leadership and which areas of the state and AEA are currently underrepresented. Discussion took place about recruitment for legislative committee members in these underrepresented areas at the upcoming Regional Meetings.*

- FY 2023 Planning
  - Corporate Sponsorships 2022-23

*Albers and Buckton shared proposed FY 2023 RSAI Corporate Sponsorship packages for approval. No major changes from the FY 2022 rates and packages. Noll moved and McClain seconded approval of the FY 2023 Corporate Sponsorship packages as presented.*

- Membership Dues and Budget (will be presented for approval in May)

*Albers and Buckton reminded the group that at next month's meeting the FY 2023 dues and budget will be presented for approval.*

- Update on Teacher and Paraeducator Registered Apprenticeship (TPRA) Grant Assistance Program

*Buckton notified the group the TPRA grant was submitted by Cherokee CSD on behalf of 30 districts in the RSAI consortium, and we believe we will hear back at some point during May. Buckton shared the RSAI TPRA grant webpage where there are more details.*

- Legislative Updates

*Buckton shared the latest from the Statehouse on legislative issues. Discussion ensued on the status of the current Session and RSAI priorities remaining.*

- 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, advocacy efforts by rural school leaders in their local communities v. at the Statehouse, inviting legislators into school buildings to really see what is going on, reaching out this summer in deliberate ways to organizations with similar interests, and the national efforts around recruitment and retention of teachers and federal funding for schools.*

## **VII Other Business**

*No other business was brought up for discussion.*

## **VIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

- **May 3, 2022** – 12:30pm –  
NE Regional Meeting in Elkader
- **May 4, 2022** – 8am –  
SW Regional Meeting in Red Oak
- **May 4, 2022** – 1pm –  
SE Regional Meeting in Fairfield
- **May 11, 2022** – 12:30pm
- **July 13, 2022** – 12:30pm
- **Sept 14, 2022** – 12:30pm
- **Oct 25, 2022** – Annual Meeting

## **IX. Adjourn**

*The meeting was concluded by consensus at 1:37 pm.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted,*

*Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, as of 04/13/2022*