

RSAI Leadership Group Minutes

January 15, 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), Nick Trenkamp (Secretary/Treasurer), and Brent Jorth.

Staff Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Dave Daughton and Jen Albers

I Call to Order by Chair Bonjour

Bonjour called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. A quorum of the board was present.

II Action on Agenda

Trenkamp moved and Jorth seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

III Action on Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2024

Williamson moved and Trenkamp 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 December 31, 2024 and bill pay listing. Discussion ensued. Williamson moved and Trenkamp seconded approval of the financial statements and bill pay list as presented. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- 2025 Legislative Session
 - 2025 Session Timeline – <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/current/publications/SESTT/current.pdf>
 - 2025 RSAI Advocacy Tools – Priorities, Position Papers, Advocacy Handbook, Legislator Lookup, Show & Tell Visits, and other Leadership & Supports

Buckton review the 2025 Session Timeline and advocacy resources available for members on the RSAI website including position papers with talking points about various issues.

- Governor's Budget Recommendation and Condition of the State
The group discussed education issues in the Governor's Condition of the State address including issues around property taxes, SAVE and PPEL, SSA, budget guarantee, and staff shortages.
- Discussion re RSAI Regional Meetings (start thinking about when and where as we need to finalize and circulate information during February)
The group discussed preliminary plans for the RSAI Regional Meetings and hoping to hold them in conjunction with an AEA Supts Meeting in April or May again this year. Staff will work with the 4 regional representatives to make plans for approval at the February meeting.

- Update on TPRA Grant
Albers shared information about the most recent program period and submission on TPRA. Buckton shared that TPRA 2.0 awards were recently announced.
- Leadership Group Member Updates (anything to share with the group?)
Leadership group members shared updates from their local area around district calendars especially regarding seniors & commencement, AEA Task Force, staff vacancies and college graduates into the teaching profession, and comments from recent legislative forums.

VII Other Business

No other business was brought up for discussion.

VIII Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- February 12, 2025
- March 12, 2025
- April 9, 2025
- May 14, 2025
- July 9, 2025
- August 13, 2025
- September 10, 2025
- October 14, 2025 or October 21, 2025 –
Likely 2025 RSAI Annual Meeting

IX. Adjourn

Williamson moved and Trenkamp seconded adjourning the meeting. The meeting concluded by unanimous consent at 1:12pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 1/15/2025