

**RSAI Leadership Group Minutes
January 11, 2023 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: Paul Croghan (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Laurie Noll (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Kimberly Lingenfelter, Dan Peterson, Nick Trenkamp. AEA representative – Jason Plourde.

ISFIS Staff Attendees: Margaret Buckton, Larry Sigel, Dave Daughton and Jen Albers

I Call to Order by Chair Croghan

Croghan called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

II Approve Agenda

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

III Approve Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2022

Williamson moved and Lingenfelter seconded approval of the Leadership Group Minutes from 11/09/2022. Approved unanimously.

IV Review Membership Report

Albers shared the YTD membership report showing 175 member districts received to date (including 18 new member districts this year), plus 11 affiliate members. Discussion ensued.

V Approve Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the year-to-date financials through November 30, 2022 and the request for payment to ISFIS. Noll moved and Daggett seconded approval of the financial report through November 30, 2022, including a total payment to ISFIS for \$5,488.58. Approved unanimously.

VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- 2023 Legislative Session Timeline
(<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/SESTT/1294700.pdf>)

Buckton shared the legislative session timeline as posted on the Iowa Legislative website.

- RSAI 2023 Priorities, Position Papers, Advocacy Handbook, Leadership & Supports
(<https://www.rsaia.org/2023-legislative-session.html>)

Buckton shared the advocacy supports posted on the RSAI 2023 legislative webpage.

- Governor's Budget Recommendation and Condition of the State

Buckton shared some key points from the Governor's Budget Recommendation and Condition of the State address released this week. Discussion ensued.

- Recruiting rural parents to connect with P4GIS webinar on advocacy and school choice

Buckton shared a request from P4GIS seeking contacts for parents they can connect with for discussions around advocacy and school choice. Buckton request any contacts be shared with her this week.

- I Am A Rural Teacher

Staff shared a sample article highlighting an Iowa rural teacher and resources where others can highlight stories about their rural teachers through NREA & Rural School Collaborative at: <https://iamaruralteacher.org/share-your-story>.

- TPRA Grant Update

Staff shared a quick update on the TPRA Grant Program under the Cherokee Consortium including a webinar held earlier this week and next steps for participating districts.

- RSAI Regional Meetings (start thinking about when and where as we need to finalize and circulate information during February)

Albers requested the 4 district directors begin thinking about dates for RSAI Regional Meetings so arrangements can be announced during February. The group discussed coordinating the Regional Meetings in conjunction with AEA Supts meetings during April and May.

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

Leadership Group members discussed legislation introduced around school choice and related conversations. No additional updates were shared.

VII Other Business

No other business was brought up for discussion.

VIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

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| • February 8, 2023 at noon | • July 12, 2023 at noon |
| • March 8, 2023 at noon | • August 9, 2023 at noon |
| • April 12, 2023 at noon | • September 13, 2023 at noon |
| • May 10, 2023 at noon | • October 2023 – Annual Meeting - TBD |
| • May – July 2023 – Regional Meetings TBD | |

IX. Adjourn

Noll moved to adjourn and Williamson seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting concluded at 12:57 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 1/11/2023