

## RSAl Leadership Group Minutes

April 17, 2024 at 12 pm

Via Zoom or at ISFIS 1201 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50311

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**Leadership Group Attendees:** Paul Croghan (Chair), Scott Williamson (Vice-Chair), Dan Peterson (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Brent Jorth, Nick Trenkamp.

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

### I Call to Order by Chair Croghan

*Croghan called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.*

### II Action on Agenda

*Daggett moved and Williamson seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.*

### III Action on Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2024

*Peterson moved and Jorth seconded approval of the meeting minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.*

### IV Review Membership Report

*Albers shared the YTD membership report for FY 2024. Discussion ensued.*

### V Action on Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

*Albers reviewed the financial statements through March 31, 2024 and bill pay listing. Discussion ensued. Jorth moved and Williamson seconded approval of the YTD financial statements and reimbursement to ISFIS as presented. Approved unanimously. No Corporate Sponsors were presented for consideration.*

### VI Mission Critical Actions/Updates

- Legislative Update on 2024 Legislative Priorities & Pending Bills  
*Buckton and Daughton led a group discussion of the latest status of various bills and topics including open enrollment & bussing, reading/curriculum bill, TSS and compaction, school safety, and chronic absenteeism. Members discussed questions around TSS implementation and items remaining on the legislature's unfinished business calendar, as well as the status of appropriation bills and possible education-related appropriations. Discussion ensued.*
- RSAI Regional Meetings
  - Reflections from NE & SW Meetings:
    - **NE - April 2nd** – (Nick) – Keystone AEA in Elkader (11:45 Lunch; 12:00 Meeting)
    - **SW - April 3rd** – (Paul) – Green Hills AEA in Red Oak (11:45 Lunch; 12:00 Meeting)
  - Pending Meetings:
    - **SE - May 1st** - (Dan M) – Great Prairie AEA in Fairfield (12:00 Lunch; 1:00 Meeting)
    - **NW - May 7th** – (Justin) – Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas (12:00 Lunch; 12:30 Meeting)

*Buckton and attendees discussed the Regional Meeting that have taken place thus far and comments on the AEA bill and other legislative issues. Discussion ensued. A full report of all regional meetings will be shared at upcoming meetings.*

- RSAI Legislative Committee (so far) and Next Steps

*Buckton shared a status of legislative committee elections and appointments thus far. Any vacancies will be appointed by this group at the May Leadership Group meeting. Buckton shared that the committee will meet in person in Des Moines during August, and a legislative issues survey will go to all RSAI members this summer to gather additional feedback and information on priorities. The Committee is also responsible for reviewing the RSAI Bylaws and any recommendations that come out of the Regional Meetings.*

- FY 2025 Planning (Leadership Group, Bylaws, Corporate Sponsorships, Membership Dues, FY 2025 Budget)

*Dan Peterson shared that he has resigned from his local district, and therefore will resign from the Leadership Group, effective June 30, 2024. The group discussed the process for seeking nominations and appointing a replacement for remainder of his July – October term, as well as for the role of the RSAI Treasurer. Staff were directed to reach out to members. An appointment will take place at the May meeting.*

*Buckton and Albers shared and confirmed the plans for FY 2025 RSAI membership renewals and corporate sponsorships, and will bring those items to the group for approval at the May meeting. There was also discussion of several budget items ahead of preparing the proposed FY 2025 budget including: continuing the RSAI Annual Meeting in the larger space with an outside speaker, continuing with the tradeshow booth at the IASB Convention in November, budgeting for registration fees for advocacy staff at the NREA Annual Convention, and continuing with an internal audit. The FY 2025 proposed budget will be presented for approval at the May meeting.*

- TPRA Grant Update

*Buckton and Albers shared the latest on the TPRA Grant Program and funding.*

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

*No other items were brought up for discussion.*

## **VII Other Business**

*No other business was brought up for discussion.*

**VIII Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

- April – May – Regional Meetings
- May 8, 2024
- July 10, 2024
- August 14, 2024
- September 11, 2024
- October 15, 2024 – Annual Meeting with Leadership Group Organizational Meeting to follow

**IX. Adjourn**

*Jorth moved adjournment of the meeting. Second by Trenkamp. The meeting concluded by mutual consent at 1:10 pm.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted*

*Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 4/17/2024*