



RSAI Leadership Group Minutes

March 13, 2024 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), Dan Peterson (Secretary/Treasurer), Justin Daggett, Brent Jorth, Nick Trenkamp. AEA representative – Jason Plourde.

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

I Call to Order by Chair Croghan

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

II Approve Agenda

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

III Approve Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2024

Jorth 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 2024. Discussion ensued.

V Approve Monthly Financials and Corporate Sponsors

Albers reviewed the financial statements through February 29, 2024 and bill pay listing. Discussion ensued. Trenkamp moved and Peterson 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

- Update on 2024 Legislative Priorities

Buckton led a group discussion of the latest status of various bills and topics including AEA Overhaul Bills, Teacher Pay, SSA, school calendar, operational sharing. Members discussed the timing of SSA, teacher pay legislation and impact on negotiations. The group discussed next steps for funnel week and advocacy actions around items that survive or go through appropriations. Discussion ensued.

- RSAI Regional Meetings Plans & Responsibilities
 - **NE - April 2nd** – (Nick hosts) – Keystone AEA in Elkader (11:45 Lunch; 12:00 Meeting)
 - **SW - April 3rd** – (Paul hosts) – Green Hills AEA in Red Oak (11:45 Lunch; 12:00 Meeting)
 - **SE - May 1st** - (Dan M hosts) – Great Prairie AEA in Fairfield (12:00 Lunch; 1:00 Meeting)
 - **NW - May 7th** – (Justin hosts) – Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas (12:00 Lunch; 12:30 Meeting)

Buckton reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Regional Meeting dates/times.

- RSAI Letter of Support to UNI for Research Proposal
Buckton shared a letter of support issued by RSAI for a research proposal.
- 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?)
The group discussed the pending confirmation of Director Snow.

VII Other Business

No other business was brought up for discussion.

VIII Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- April 10, 2024
- 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

The meeting concluded by mutual consent at 12:58 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Margaret Buckton, RSAI Professional Advocate, As of 3/13/2024