



RSAI Minutes - 2025 Regional Meetings

NE Region – 05/30/2025

RSAI Region	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	Regional Representative
NE Region	05/30/2025	Waverly Area Veterans Post, Waverly Shell Rock CSD, 1300 4 th St NW., Waverly, IA	11:00	Barb Schwamman Host

Attendees:

Erik Smith, AGWSR CSD
 Brian Burnight, Charles City CSD
 Tim Cronin, Decorah CSD
 Caleb Bonjour, Gladbrook-Reinbeck CSD
 Josh Ehn, Oelwein CSD
 Barb Schwamman, Riceville CSD & Osage CSD
 Jay Marley, Tripoli CSD & Nashua-Plainfield CSD
 Rob Busch, Starmont CSD & West Central CSD
 Chris Hoover, Wapsie Valley CSD
 David Hill, Waverly Shell Rock CSD
 Waytt Sauer, Waverly Shell Rock CSD
 Dennis Epley, Waverly Shell Rock CSD
 Shawn Ellerboek, Waverly Shell Rock CSD
 Margaret Buckton, RSAI

RSAI Region Representatives

NW Region (Justin Daggett)
term expires Sept. 2026

SW Region (Paul Croghan)
term expires Sept. 2025

NE Region (Nick Trenkamp)
term expires Sept. 2027

SE Region (Dan Maeder)
Vacant Seat July 1, 2025
term expires Sept. 2026

1. Call to Order and Welcome by Barb Schwamman.

Participants introduced themselves and shared something exciting happening in their district(s). Buckton thanked the Waverly-Shell Rock district for arranging for a great meeting space to hold this meeting. The WAVP is a newer facility, a collaborative of several veterans' support organizations in the area, and honors veterans while supporting the community.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting convened at 11:05 by Barb Schwamman. Josh moved approval of the agenda. Rob seconded. No changes to the agenda were suggested. The agenda was approved unanimously

3. RSAI Overview and Processes (Margaret Buckton)

Buckton shared the history of RSAI, partnerships and growth, and explained the governance structure of RSAI representation.

4. Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Leadership Group, if term expires Sept. 2024, see chart to the right.

Term is 3-years, no term limits. RSAI Leadership Group meets virtually most months for approx. one hour, has responsibilities at the RSAI Annual Meeting in October, sets date/location and hosts this Regional Meeting, assists with staffing the RSAI tradeshow booth at IASB Convention, and supports advocacy efforts throughout the year.

- a. Nominations

b. Election

None required. Term is up Sept. 2027.

5. Election of Regional Representative to the RSAI Legislative Committee, see chart on the following page. *Annual Election, representative(s) attend Legislative Committee Meeting in Des Moines during August, attends the Annual Meeting in Ankeny during October, and supports legislative advocacy efforts during the 2026 Session.*

a. Nominations

b. Election

Ehn moved appointment of Schwamman and Marley to continue as Legislative Committee Representatives and directed staff to recruit an appointment to represent GWAEA to be confirmed by the Leadership Group. Brad seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Review of RSAI Bylaws *(Amendment recommendation require 2/3 vote to move to the RSAI Bylaws Committee)*
Buckton explained the process to review or revise the RSAI Bylaws. No suggestions for changes were brought forth for consideration.

The group recessed for about 15 minutes for everyone to get lunch. Buckton continued with the legislative update while participants ate their lunch.

7. Brief Review/Update of the 2025 Legislative Session and Supporting Data by Margaret Buckton and Dave Daughton, RSAI Professional Advocates
Buckton shared updated on the 2025 legislative session actions to date around RSAI priority issues. There were questions and discussion about the SSA and TSS. Also discussed the status of Property Tax Reform.
8. Discussion and Vote on Recommendation of 2026 RSAI Legislative Priorities from the Region
(Requires simple majority vote to forward recommendations to the RSAI Legislative Committee)
The group reviewed the 2025 legislative priorities language and determined if the priorities should continue or not for the 2026 session, if any changes were needed, and if additional priorities should be discussed. See Discussion Guide attached for compiled summary and recommendation. The individual priorities from 2025 were all recommended to continue, although staff shortages and whole grade sharing incentives were recommended to take a back seat to other more critical issues. Smith moved approval of the recommendation list, including three new priorities. Marley seconded. The group approved the list of priorities recommended to the Leadership Group Unanimously, including three new priorities (TSS Compaction Challenge, Unfunded Mandates, and Property Tax Relief) for consideration.
9. Brainstorming/Networking Discussion
The group discussed the advantages of a biennial legislative process.
10. Other Business
No other business was brought forth for discussion.
11. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.