

Thursday, August 18, 2022		
11:00-11:15	Welcome and Attendance Matt Stier, Carrie Rankin, Pat Barnes, Dan D'Alessandro, Corey Rogers, Becky Ruberg, Jenna Stevens, Beth Ullmark, Trina Weiland, Brent Schwoebel, Paula Vallone Not Present: Elizabeth Buch, Emily Hagedorn, John Maxwell	Matt provided a welcome followed by a check in with the board members about professional and personal updates.
11:15-11:20	STEM Program Updates • STEM BEST Awards • Scale-Up Workshops • Externship Visits	Matt provided an update on STEM programs during the summer months. Two schools from the SE Region were selected for STEM BEST awards: Cedar Rapids Metro & Muscatine H.S. Approximately educators have participated in initial Scale-up workshops in the SE Region. Matt reported on Externship visits and potential opportunities for future STEM BEST partnerships between Extern hosts and local schools.
11:20-11:30	STEM Council Updates • CSTA Conference • Scale-Up RFP • STEM Day at the State Fair (Aug 21) • Future Ready Iowa Summit (Sept 21)	Corey reported that the STEM Council was able to help send 115 educators to the CSTA Conference in Chicago. Carrie shared an overview of other State-level programs. The RFP period is currently open for Scale-up providers for FY24. Carrie also encouraged board members to attend STEM Day at the State Fair and the Future Ready Summit in Des Moines. Anyone interested in attending can register on the Iowa STEM website: https://iowastem.org/2022Summit The next round of STEM BEST will have mentors (past STEM BEST participants) to assist new applicants. The STEM BEST program will continue to provide award opportunities for project based learning partnerships between schools and community partners. The

		nomination period for the STEM Teacher Award will open in late August.
11:30-11:40	Upcoming Events & Requests • First Lego League Kickoff • Corn Con • Other events?	Matt shared upcoming STEM events: First Lego and Corn Con. First Lego is looking for individuals/groups to assist in their kick-off event (see attached link). Similarly, Corn Con (2-day cyber security event) is looking for sponsors and assistance in promoting their event. Pat and Beth provided background on each of these events. Paula shared an event that is in the planning stages at Iowa Wesleyan on October 29th—more details to follow.
11:40-12:10	STEM in SE Iowa: 2022-23 • Overview of 2022-23 Calendar • Themes from April & May discussions of “Next Steps for STEM in SE Iowa.” ◦ Interest in smaller, focused STEM festivals. ◦ Interest in expanded outreach & collaboration with new partners. • Implementation planning for new festival(s) & collaboration efforts.	The attendees generated ideas for new/revised opportunities for STEM events in SE Iowa as well as partnerships. Initial conversations included how to best address barriers for students and families (e.g., transportation) as well as barriers for educators and community partners (e.g., staffing shortages, workloads, etc.). The board will revisit these topics at the September meeting. Matt would like these topics to be central areas of focus during the upcoming year, with the end goal to operationalize these conversations into a new event(s) and a plan for outreach. https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1a46Km-wDEKU78uDWNyu9Ydcvcrne5iOy8jvwaFyGY1U/edit#slide=id.g145c26d03f9_0_22
12:10-12:20	SE STEM Advisory Board Update • Current Members & Open Seats • Board Chair(s) for 2022-23 • Board Opportunities	Two reappointments have been confirmed (Corey & John). Matt is awaiting confirmation of new board members. If the new nominees are confirmed there will still be two seats open. Matt would like to fill one of these seats with someone to represent County Extension/Outreach. There is some flexibility for the remaining seat (Local Gov, Community College, or Parent/Student). Additionally, the board needs to determine a chair or co-chairs for the upcoming year during our next meeting. Dan has agreed to fulfill this role until then. Matt will send out an interest survey in the upcoming weeks to update contact information and to gauge individual interests in serving on state and regional committees/teams (e.g. STEM BEST reviewers, DEI committee, etc.).

Wrap-Up

Next Meeting: September 15, 2022 at 11 am. Hybrid Meeting:
Zoom & Kirkwood Regional
Center in Coralville, Room 002D.