



Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Thursday, September 27, 2023

11:30AM to 1:30PM

Location: John Deere Waterloo Works

Board Members Present

Bev Burns Keystone AEA	X	Heather Fransen RSM, LLP		Marla Loecke IowaWORKS	V
Sue Burrack Waldorf University	V	VACANT- Community College		Jeanette Moore-Loggins Alliant Energy	X
Lisa Chizek Iowa State University	X	Seth Harms West Delaware High School	X	Allison Plunkett (Vice-Chair) John Deere	X
Kendra Crooks Extension and Outreach	X	Doreen Hayek (Chair) University of Northern Iowa	X	VACANT- Economic Dev.	
Larry Escalada University of Northern Iowa	X	Jeff Jacobs TDS Automation	X	Anderson Sainci City of Dubuque	

X – Present V - Virtual

Others in Attendance: Jeff Beneke, Northeast Iowa Regional STEM Hub, Sarah Derry, South Central Iowa Regional STEM Hub, and Tanya Hunt and Jeff Weld, Iowa STEM Council.

10:00 AM to 11:35AM the Board had a tour of John Deere Waterloo Works Tractor Assembly Division.

Meeting Summary

Doreen called the board meeting to order at 11:40 AM.

Chair/Vice-Chair Report

Doreen noted, the Chair committee discussed the STEM BEST application that was opening soon and the progress of the STEM Teacher award nominations.

Communications Working Group Report

No report.

STEM Council Youth Advisory Committee

Allison provided an update on the virtual STEM Conference that occurred on September 3.

STEM Council Equity Committee

No Report

Budget/Expenditures

As of August 31, 2023, the fiscal year 2023 year-to-date expenditures for the Northeast STEM Hub are approximately \$391,000 (approximately 45% of the overall budget).

Scale-Up Programming

Jeff B. noted, initial training sessions for the Scale-Up programs has ended. A couple of programs still have a follow-up training that will occur before the end of the year.

The Scale-Up RFP application closed September 12. The Council received 85 proposals. The second highest number of proposals since inception of the STEM Council. Twenty-three new organizations submitted a Scale-Up program proposal.

STEM Teacher Award

Nominations for the IOWA STEM Teacher Award will close on October 10. Jeff B. shared the Hub's promotional efforts and encouraged board members to promote the nominations within their respective networks.

STEM BEST

The STEM BEST application will open October 2. Jeff B. shared a map of past awardees within the Northeast STEM Region. The group discussed approaches to attract new candidates.

County Impact Report

Jeff B. presented a County Impact Report he is producing. The report is being sent to County Economic Development Directors to illustrate the impact the STEM Council's programming has had on educators within their respective County.

STEM Festivals

The Northeast Iowa Family STEM festival will occur November 16 from 4-7PM in Manchester. Exhibitor registration is open <https://neiowastem.com/northeast-stem-festival-manchester>.

The Cedar Valley STEM Festival will occur Tuesday, March 19 from 4-7PM at the UNI-Dome.

Jeff B. noted the Hub has created a page on their website to assist organizations in creating an exhibit for a STEM festival.

Updates from the Iowa STEM Council

Jeff W. provided an update on the Council's transition to the Iowa Department of Education.

Announcement(s)

The November 17 meeting will need to be rescheduled. Jeff B. will send out a Doodle poll to determine an alternate date.

Important Dates

Event/Activity	Date	Time	Location
STEM BEST application opens	October 2	12:01 AM	NA
STEM Teacher Nomination Deadline	October 10	4:59 PM	NA
STEM Teacher Application Deadline	November 14	11:59 PM	NA
Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival	November 16	4:00-7:00 PM	Manchester
Northeast Regional STEM Advisory Board meeting	November	TBD	TBD
STEM BEST application deadline	December 13	TBD	TBD

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.