



**Advisory Board Meeting Summary**

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 1:00PM to 3:00PM

Location:  
Seed Savers Exchange, Decorah

**Board Members Present**

<b>Jane Bradley</b> Hawkeye Community College ( <i>Chair</i> )		<b>Erin Dragotto</b> National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium		<b>Bill Holland</b> JB Holland Construction	
<b>Sue Burrack</b> Upper Iowa University	X	<b>Vacant</b> School Board		<b>Mason Kuhn</b> University of Northern Iowa	
<b>Lisa Chizek</b> North Tama County School District	X	<b>Doreen Hayek</b> University of Northern Iowa	X	<b>Jason Martin-Hiner</b> Keystone AEA	
<b>Kelly Cooper</b> Dubuque Area Labor - Management Council	P	<b>Larry Escalada</b> University of Northern Iowa	P	<b>Kim Miller</b> TDS Automation	X
<b>Kendra Crooks</b> Extension and Outreach		<b>Ellen Heuer</b> Martin Brothers Distributing		<b>Vacant</b> Iowa Library	

X – Present P-Phone

**Others in Attendance:** Jeff Beneke and Shelia Kelly, Northeast Iowa Regional STEM Hub

Lisa called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Meeting Summary**

**Chair/Vice-Chair Report**

The regional Chair’s had not convened since our last meeting.

**Internal Communications Report**

The Internal Communication Committee had not convened since our last meeting.

**2017-2018 Year-End Financial Statement**

Jeff presented the 2017-18 year-end financial statement. Jeff noted, no private funds were requested and \$1,938 in State funds were not requested.

## **2018-2019 YTD Financial Statement**

As of August 31, 2018, year-to-date expenditures for the Northeast STEM Hub are approximately \$28,400 (approximately 4% of the overall budget).

## **STEM Scale-up programs**

Initial educator training for 2018-19 scale-up awardees has been completed.

Currently, accepting applications for programs to be considered on the 2019-2020 scale-up program menu.

## **STEM festivals**

The Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival will take place on Thursday, October 18 from 4:00 to 7:00PM at Upper Iowa University in Fayette. Currently, have 13 exhibitors.

The Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival will take place on Thursday, November 8 from 4:00 to 7:30PM at Waterloo Convention Center in Waterloo. Currently, have 25 exhibitors.

Several items were discussed to increase parent involvement at the STEM festivals. In the festival program, provide a description of a STEM activity for parents to do at home with their kids. Explain STEM careers and what is required to pursue a STEM career. Create a scavenger hunt during the event with some type of prize (i.e. sticker).

## **STEM B.E.S.T.**

The application closed September 12. The STEM Council received 23 applications statewide, five from the Northeast STEM Region. Review period is from September 24 through October 12. Awards announced October 25.

## **Innovation Fund**

The application deadline is October 8. The intention of this fund is not to support past or current STEM scale-up programs with additional resources, but rather serve as an incubator for STEM activities outside of current or past Iowa STEM Council programming. Organizations eligible to apply for the STEM Innovation Fund are Iowa's public and private educational institutions, home school associations, area education associations, and Iowa-registered non-profits. Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible to apply.

The goal is to fund at least 2 or 3 applications. The application deadline is October 8.

## **STEM Teacher Award**

Teacher nominations are now being accepted for the I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award sponsored by Kemin Industries and the Iowa STEM Council. The award recognizes one full-time, licensed PreK-12 teacher from each of the six STEM regions across the state for their passion in motivating their students to develop a lasting interest in STEM, both in and out of the classroom. This is the first year you may nominate a PreK teacher.

Deadline to nominate a teacher is October 9.

Please contact Jeff if you are interested in reviewing applications.

## **Future Ready Iowa Summits**

Approximately 17 Future Ready Summits are occurring throughout the State from September 20 through mid-November. For further information, refer to the Future Ready Iowa website.

**Announcement(s)**

Lisa mentioned the Iowa Science Teachers Conference takes place on October 8 in Ankeny. She is serving on the planning committee.

Doreen Hayak shared that Lisa Chizek has been nominated for an NSF award. Good luck and congratulations to her!

Kim shared on Tuesday, October 30 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. TDS Automation will be participating in *Manufacturing Night for Parents and Students*. The event starts at Waverly-Shell Rock High School and then attendees will be bused to 2 of 3 businesses, of their choosing, in the Waverly area.

Larry mentioned the UNI Science Education Update Conference will be April 5, 2019. Ashley Flatebo will be the Keynote Speaker.

**Important Dates**

Event	Date	Time	Location
Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival	October 18	4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Upper Iowa University, Fayette
Future Ready Iowa Summit (Elkader)	October 26	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Keystone AEA, Elkader
Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival	November 8	4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Waterloo Convention Center in Waterloo
Future Ready Iowa Summit (Cedar Valley)	November 13	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Cedar Falls
NE STEM Regional Advisory Board meeting	November 15	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Oelwein

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Toured Seed Savers Exchange.

Next meeting is planned for November 15 in Oelwein