

NC STEM REGION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - VIRTUAL

March 26, 2021

Present: Kristle Curtis, Sara Nelson, Michael Pedersen, Kathy Rogotzke, Camille Sloan Schroeder, Kay Schmalen, Matthew Stephan, Kerry Weig, Michael Young, David Zrostlik,

Absent: Sarah Rosenblum, Nancy Woods, Jerry Chizek, Lindsey Falk, Ashley Flatebo

NC STEM Staff: Kelly Bergman

STEM Council Team: Jeff Weld

Jeff Weld updates:

- Diane Young is the new STEM Council Co-chair
- Regional boards are invited to the STEM Council meeting on April 29
- Mark your calendars for STEM Day at the Fair, April 22, and FRI Summit, Sept. 16

STEM Events around the Region:

1. FLL Championship and Global Innovation Showcase is this weekend
2. Science Fair of Iowa Award Ceremony is today
3. NIACC plans on holding a STEM Camp this summer
4. Central Rivers AEA is holding a Remote Middle School/High School Paper Table Challenge
5. ISEK will hold virtual camps this summer

Scale-Up Promotion Efforts

- Matthew Stephan noted impact of personal contact from Board as many of the participating schools were contacted by Board member

Board Approved funding of application and made recommendations on low scoring applications

Manager committed to follow up with low scoring applications in their implementation

Sara N. suggested the low scoring apps could get engaged by presenting at a local conference

David Z. requested it would be great to get parent feedback particularly from daycares and homeschools

Festival Discussion

-Kerry W. volunteered to contribute to the career videos

Camille S. recommended using the ISU News Service in promoting Festivals

Newsletter ideas request: Diverse youth STEM stories