November 10, 2023

Members Present: Mauree Haage, Mike Pedersen, David Zrostlik, Jared Brown, Yen Verhoeven, Melinda McGregor, Kidron Knox, Carrie Rankin (Central Ops Representative)

Minutes:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Statewide Updates
  - STEM Teacher Award
    - Applications are due soon. This year we had the 2nd highest number of nominations.
    - Several nominees from North Central Region
    - Reviewers are ready to begin the review process in the next week
  - STEM BEST
    - Applications are open and closes on December 13
    - Design days have been going well and have been recorded for those who want to view them but were unable to attend the live Zoom sessions
  - Other updates
    - Scale-Up menu has been selected and will be announced soon. Good representation of many different areas of STEM.
    - State STEM Advisory Council meeting is November 13 in Des Moines
- Regional Announcements and Updates
  - Recent festivals/upcoming festivals
  - CS Ed Week (December 4-10)
    - Statewide resources, webinars on careers in AI and career pathways, and a virtual family coding night
    - [www.iowastem.org/csedweek](http://www.iowastem.org/csedweek)
    - Share out on social media or word of mouth
- Working Groups
  - Stakeholder resources
    - Goal: Create a resource/set of resources for disbursement to different stakeholders (educators, admin, industry)
    - Task: Identify action items, needed information
  - STEM Festival resources
    - Goal: Create a resource for schools needing help creating a STEM event or wanting to expand what they currently do
    - Task: Identify action items, needed information
  - Regional Needs (i.e. barriers, diversity, sustainability)
    - Goal: Identify needs and barriers of those in our region to better prepare us for STEM conversations and marketing of programs
    - Task: Identify action items, needed information
• Important Dates
  o December 4-10 - CS Education Week
  o January 5 - NC STEM Advisory Board meeting (virtual)
  o April 1 - STEM Summit
  o April 17 - STEM Festival in Mason City from 4-7 PM
• Meeting Adjourned