NC STEM REGION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
July 15, 2015


Absent: Emily Banks, Ben Petty, Sarah Rosenblum, Camille Sloan Schroeder, Jan Westrum

NC STEM Staff: Paul Gibbins

Guest: Carrie Rankin

New Board Member Introductions
Jose Amaya – Associate Professor of English, Marshalltown Community College
John Bonner, Retired CEO of CAST (Council for Agriculture, Science and Technology)
Richard Ritter Instructional Designer with Emerson Process Management

Board Goals & Organization for 2015-16
Four categories:
1  Funding Application and Review Committee
   a) STEM Business Engaging Student and Teachers & Stem Environments – Apps due Sept 1
   b) STEM Innovation Fund – Apps due Nov 2
   c) STEM Scale-Up - Apps due in March
2  STEM Festivals Committee
   a) Marshalltown
   b) Mason City
   c) Possible Boone
3  Increase awareness of STEM within business, industry, and community colleges
4  Increase the knowledge of efforts of STEM amongst NC Advisory Board

Carrie – Add to #1 - Asking all boards to consider helping support with the application review and selection of the STEM Kemin Awards - Kick off in September.

Board feedback
Kathy – STEM Kemin Awards, develop a way to let people know what we are looking for in an application.
Include samples of a strong and weak application Newsletter submission, Calendar
Rich – STEM Festivals
Richard – STEM Festivals – Emerson
Robin – 3, 4b
David – Increase Awareness in STEM 32:01
Paul Innovation Fund, 1
Jose – Festival in Marshalltown, Reading proposals for grants.
Richie – Interested in delivery methods. Festivals – Are we utilizing social media? Let’s have students inform the instructors through social media.

Carrie – Reports from Managers – communication one component from each region. Bring some ideas to the other regions to increase contacts.
Julie – Add the word educational educations #3. May include AEA, K-12, and Preschool. There are still schools, teachers that are not in the know.

Paul will send out the list of charges for members to volunteer with an updated list of board members with contact information.

John – How to get people to all of the resources? CAST is a great source of science information - 35 scientific societies.

STEM BEST Community forum will be held on Thursday, July 16 at NIACC. Paul will meet with Boone next week. If you know of organizations in your area that are interested have them contact Paul.

Kathy – A concern about these opportunities coming at not the most inclusive timing for teachers. Not conducive to opening the doors to those not working on contract during these months.

Carrie – The points are very well taken – our hands are tied because this is legislative dollars that go with the fiscal year.

Paul – Please note the Scale-Up trainings calendar that was included in handouts. Feel free to attend if you are able.

STEM Events
August 23 – STEM Day at the Iowa State Fair
August 26 – NC STEM Hub Advisory Meeting Noon-3:00 pm, Ames
Sept 15 – Mega Board Meeting, Marshalltown 9-11:00 am. STEM Council meeting 11:30-3:00 pm