Minutes:

- **Welcome and Introductions**
  - Time was taken for everyone to introduce themselves to the new board members and to learn about the newest members

- **Statewide Updates**
  - Realignment is ongoing and will be even beyond July 1
  - This realignment will not impact our programs
  - STEM Day at the Iowa State Fair is going to be August 20 and there are volunteer opportunities within

- **Regional Updates and Discussion**
  - Review of FY23
    - We saw record year of Scale Up applicants and increase in summer teacher externs as well as four new BEST models
    - Administrators are increasingly utilizing Mauree to speak with educators during PD days to speak about the programs we have to offer
    - The checkout library is back up and running and is slowly getting more usage
    - Teacher turnover and reassignments continue to be a challenge for sustaining high quality STEM programs
  - Goals for FY24
    - Increase reaching out to after school programs/homeschool/libraries
    - Create a STEM Night Kit
      - Workshop to go along and introduce this
    - Take a deeper look/dive into diversity and needs in region
    - Take a look at sustaining Scale-Ups and what supports we can help with
      - Bank of programs/mentors
    - Create a stakeholder kit that board members/advocates can have access to and take/share with others
    - Continue to increase business/economic development/chambers/rotary/etc visits
    - Survey those who still have not utilized any STEM programs from us and see why they haven’t and if they are utilizing something else

- **Important Dates**
  - June 5 - Ericson Library STEM event (4-7 PM)
  - June 8 - STEM + Arts in Clear Lake (4-8 PM)
  - August 20 - STEM Day at the ISF