

The Michigan STEM Partnership Board of Directors

The Michigan STEM Partnership is a public-private collaborative of individuals and organizations that share the common goal of creating a workforce with the skills required to create and sustain a vital state economy. Development of these skills increasingly involves P-20 education and preparation in STEM-related fields, as well as in social and written communication, problem-solving, and innovation. The Partnership recognizes that to achieve its goal, it must facilitate and encourage a change in the current culture to one based on cross-disciplinary, project-based, and applied learning, teamwork, and creativity.

The Michigan STEM Partnership oversees and facilitates STEM activities across the state by connecting and supporting organizations and individuals who support and promote STEM education, training, and employment. This includes the leadership and activities of the Southeast Michigan STEM Alliance (SEMSA).

The work of the **Michigan STEM Partnership** is guided by a Board that includes equal representation from non-educators and educators. The Board is supported in STEM sectors by leadership that also reflects this structure.

Michigan STEM Partnership Board Membership requirements:

- Board members will preferably be at a decision-making level in their organizations, have significant influence (statewide, company-wide, or publicly), and have demonstrated understanding of the mission of the Partnership.
- The Board year starts on September 1 and ends August 31. Members will serve staggered two (2) year terms.
- The Board meets every third month on the fourth Thursday, between noon and 3 p.m. Members may attend in person or through the use of technology. Members are expected to serve actively and to participate in committees and task forces as appropriate.

Board responsibilities

- Develop/modify, approve, and distribute an annual Partnership Strategic and Operational Plan to ensure progress toward its statewide goals
- Ensure alignment of regional activities with Partnership goals
- Oversee and authorize use of funds to support the goals of the Partnership
- Distribute regular informational updates on the work of the Partnership, the SEMSA, and STEM initiatives across the state (newsletter, web site, presentations, etc.)
- Solicit funding from various sources (grants, legislature, foundations, etc.) to support the work of the Partnership and the SEMSA.
- Advocate on behalf of STEM to legislators and others
- Authorize use of all Partnership and SEMSA promotional materials
- Prepare and distribute an annual report on the activities and progress of the Partnership and the SEMSA.

Nomination process

Nominations are by invitation only.