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## ***CCSTEM Boots on the Ground***

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### **CCSTEM-North's First Governing Board**

CCSTEM-North (the San Luis Obispo County region versus the CCSTEM-South Santa Barbara region), now has its first Governing Board, following elections during September. Here is our new governing team:

**Anne Marie Bergen, Seth Bush, Rita Delkeskamp, Patti Garrett, John Keller, Bryan Rebar, Walter Reil, Pam Rickard, Tom Stevens and Paul Turnbull.**

For biographical information on our new board members, see [CCSTEM Board Members - Meet the Board](#) under Public Resources.

For folks who were interested in being a board member, but were not selected, please let us know if you wish to still be on the board. Per CCSTEM's developing operational guidelines, up to five additional board members may be appointed by the new board in the coming months. So, we will be looking to expand the team to better cover all of CCSTEM's needs and member talents and strengths.

**Next CCSTEM Board Meeting:**

**Wednesday, November 14, 5:30-7:30 PM**

**San Luis Obispo County Office of Education Office**

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### **Successful October 12th CCSTEM Forum at UCSB**

The second annual CCSTEM Education Forum, "*Building Bridges in STEM*", was held at UCSB's Corwin Pavilion, on Friday, October 12th, from 9 AM to about 3 PM, hosted by UCSB's Gevirtz Graduate

School of Education. Event facilitator's were Gevirtz School Dean **Jane Conoley**, and **John Keller**, Director of Cal Poly SLO's Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education.

There were about 150 people in attendance from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. In the morning were presentations and a panel discussion on STEM education partnerships with non-profit organizations and businesses. Following a boxed-sandwich lunch, the afternoon was filled with "STEM Landscapes" outside in the gorgeous weather, in which local non-profit STEM education and support organizations, businesses and STEM student teams from local K-12 schools and UCSB exhibited and demonstrated their operations, classwork and projects. For an idea of the day's proceedings, see [CCSTEM Forum Program](#) PDF

It was a very successful forum, recognizing that both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties have much work ahead in developing and bolstering partnerships with community organizations and businesses and forging support operations for students, families and teachers.

[CCSTEM Website](#)

[Santa Barbara County P-20 STEM Council Website](#)

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## CCSTEM General Membership Meeting October 24th

Come One! Come All! Everyone is invited, members and non-members!

The next all-hands CCSTEM General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 24th**, at the [Exploration Station, 867 Ramona Avenue, Grover Beach](#), from 5 to 7:30 PM.

This is THE best opportunity to learn more about CCSTEM and meet many of the movers and shakers from schools and the public who are working together to improve STEM education inside and outside of our public schools. And, this is THE place for you to voice your concerns, interests and support - a great gathering to network with people having your same concerns and desires.

Refreshments will be served. You will also get time to see the energizing STEM activities that the **Exploration Station** offers for families of the Central Coast.

Please join us in making a powerful and positive educational and personal difference for our children.

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## Public and Educator Involvement is Vitrally Needed

If you have not done so already, please become a CCSTEM member (free) and pass the word to family and friends to do so as well. And, we are looking for one person from each business or STEM education-related organization to register as that organization's or businesses contact. Other personnel of those organizations and businesses may register as individuals.

Even though becoming a CCSTEM member is free, it is very important in lending your voice to the growing urgency in enhancing STEM education for our children. You would be part of a vitally important organization that supports our communities.

Please take advantage of CCSTEM's website offerings, especially all of the information contained in the numerous Resources pages, including information on local, state and national STEM education websites and grants.

If you are aware of upcoming STEM-related events or school activities that the public could attend or take part in, please [notify CCSTEM](#) so we may add these events to our [Event Calendar](#).

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## Future Meetings and Events

See the [CCSTEM Event Calendar](#) for specifics.

October 24 ... CCSTEM General Membership Meeting, Exploration Station, 5-7:30 PM

November 14 ... CCSTEM Board Meeting, SLOCoE Office, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

December 08 ... [Endeavour Institute Balloon Fest Regional](#), Allan Hancock College

December 11 ... STEM Focus Dinner Meeting (contact: Steve Kliewer)

December 12 ... CCSTEM Board Meeting, SLOCoE Office, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

