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STEM A.C. Foundation board adds new members

BOISE, Idaho (March 3, 2021) — Three noteworthy business and education leaders — Christine Frei, Dr. Angela Hemingway, and Hayley Rambur — recently joined the Idaho STEM Action Center Foundation's board of directors.

Frei is executive director of Clearwater Economic Development Association in Lewiston. She manages workforce development initiatives and community training programs. During her two decades at CEDA, Frei has secured almost \$9 million in grant funding to support business and community projects.

She has served on the board of directors of the Economic Districts of Idaho for 15 years and is currently board president. Frei is also a member of Lewis-Clark State College's Business Advisory Council and IT Advisory Board, and she recently served on the National Association of Development Organizations board of directors. She earned a bachelor's degree from Lewis-Clark State College and a master's degree from Loyola University.

As T-Mobile's K-12 education industry segment advisor, Dr. Hemingway drives business in targeted verticals within government and federal accounts and is helping launch new fixed-mobile convergence solutions nationwide. She is the STEM Action Center's former executive director and also worked at the Idaho State Department of Education in a variety of roles, including director of assessment and accountability.

Dr. Hemingway spent a decade as a STEM teacher in Kuna, Boise, and Meridian, as well, and served as an adjunct instructor of biology, microbiology, and teacher education at Boise State University for more than 20 years. She earned her B.S. degree in biology and chemistry, her M.S. in biology with an emphasis in microbiology, and her doctor of education in curriculum and instruction from BSU.

Rambur is the community education manager at Perpetua Resources (formerly Midas Gold) in Donnelly. She uses her background in geology and secondary education to communicate the environmental, ecological, and socioeconomic benefits of mining and the Stibnite Gold Project with a focus to enhance STEM opportunities for young people in Idaho.

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She serves as the 2021 program chair of the American Exploration & Mining Association and is a member of the Women's Mining Coalition Congressional Communications Committee. Rambur earned an associates degree from Walla Walla Community College and bachelor's degrees in both geology and secondary education (earth and natural sciences) from the University of Idaho.

According to Dr. Kaitlin Maguire, the STEM Action Center's interim executive director, the new board members not only bring serious business and STEM education credentials to the table, but expand the regional and cultural diversity of the board, as well.

"We are excited to have three exceptional women who represent STEM businesses and stakeholder groups join our foundation's board of directors," Dr. Maguire said. "In addition to lending us their incredible expertise, Christine and Hayley help make the board more geographically representative of the state. And Angela, as the STEM Action Center's original executive director, brings invaluable continuity, and we are thrilled she will continue to play a role in its future."

The new board members join board president Dr. David Hill from the State Board of Education, board secretary and Micron Technology Foundation K12 programs manager Laurie Anderson, board treasurer and IBL Events co-owner Nick Aldinger, and board member and J.R. Simplot Co. environmental engineer Molly Prickett.

The Idaho STEM Action Center Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 2017. It offers a way for organizations and individuals to make tax-deductible donations to the STEM Action Center to enhance the investment Idaho has made in its STEM community. Contributions provide greater access to STEM camps for children, student competitions, and many other life-shaping programs. Visit <https://STEM.idaho.gov/support-us/foundation> to make a donation or for more information.

About the Idaho STEM Action Center

The Idaho STEM Action Center was created in 2015 because Idaho citizens are not entering the STEM pipeline fast enough to meet current and future Idaho workforce needs. Its goals are to increase equitable access to STEM opportunities, align education and workforce needs, and amplify awareness of STEM throughout Idaho. The organization is working with industry, government, educators, and students to develop new resources and support high-quality professional-development opportunities to foster a STEM-educated workforce that ensures Idaho's continued economic prosperity. Visit STEM.idaho.gov for more information.

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