Minnesota Academy of Science: 2022 - 2027 Strategic Plan One-Page Summary

We are not just focused on science! We are committed to advancing **science**, **technology**, **engineering**, **and math (STEM)** in Minnesota by connecting Minnesotans of all backgrounds with resources and opportunities to engage in STEM learning, research, and communication—and to recognize excellence in these areas.

| Strategic Goals | Focus areas | Targets |
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| A diverse and engaged pipeline of talented stakeholders committed to our mission | Recruit and retain younger professionals as volunteers Competitive benefits and salaries for paid staff Board recruiting and retention | Improve volunteer benefits with actions including recognition and CEU credits Offer competitive benefits including 403(b) match, medical, dental coverage Provide career/professional growth opportunities for staff Develop board capability diversity and rationalize recruiting calendar and terms |
| Balanced program portfolio that provides a continuum of opportunities and assures continued relevance of the organization | Program and Mission Alignment Continuous Program Improvements | Eliminate use of non-restricted funds on science bowl by finding a corporate sponsor or phasing out by end of FY 2025 Revive programs that align with mission and do not require restricted funds Identify opportunities to level the playing field for SSEF participants Increase relevance to more educators with outreach to those who are typically interested and providing FORSE resources |
| Stable and predictable cashflow to enable program growth | Grow individual giving Social media footprint Identify and harness new funding sources | Develop annual giving program and leverage crowd-sourcing opportunities Develop relationships with influencers and evaluate return on investment Create sponsorship material and a cultivation plan, particularly to leverage the FORSE model Identify new state. Successfully acquire federal funding in the plan period |