



## Science Teachers Of Missouri

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### **We're Back!**

Let me introduce myself; my name is Olga Hunt and I am your current STOM president. I feel honored to hold this office and I am going to do everything I can to make STOM a premiere organization that supports ALL Missouri teachers. I have a strong board that is also committed to supporting teachers. I do not have to tell you what a tough year this has been. We can see the rainbow now and we will persevere.

I sent out a survey asking members what they most wanted from the organization. The biggest request was professional development. With that in mind, the board has decided to reinstate the MODELS program with a new twist. The membership also asked for advocacy. We fought hard to keep all of

our standards a priority and with our voice and some others, DESE decided to treat science differently; all of our standards will stay a priority.

We want you to feel membership to STOM is valuable. We also want you to tell your colleagues about us. Let us be your ally in science education. Feel free to reach out to me at any time. I welcome your input because STOM is for you!

Scientifically Speaking,

Olga

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**Announcing the STOM Fall Conference: The New Normal: TBD**

**Keynote: Dr. Christine Royce**

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## **MODELS Returns This Fall**

A few years back, STOM offered teachers across Missouri free professional development supporting the learning of three-dimensional instruction. We called this program MODELS (MO teachers Developing Exceptional Leadership Skills). The program was extremely successful. Because of the success and the requests for high-quality professional development, STOM will bring back the MODELS program. Lead science educators across the US and Canada will bring

our members high quality professional development that will enhance pedagogy and support student learning. Some of the names that will be offering PD to you include Christine Royce, Past NSTA President; Nicole Vick, President Elect of our sister organization in Illinois; and Jerry Valadez, lead educator in the country on science equity. Look for more details and a signup form to come to you soon.

## **Call for Proposals**

STOM is currently accepting proposals for the annual fall conference that will be held virtually on September 25, 2021. High quality presentations for all grade-bands (early childhood, elementary, middle, high school) are being sought. If you are interested in facilitating a session, submit your proposal at <https://forms.gle/HQeGza1yveyFBMnQ8> by June 1, 2021.