

September 25, 2017

Pod Coordinator Meeting

1. Introductions
 - a. Emily - Alaska
 - b. Joy - Knoxville
 - c. Sam - Urbana-Champaign
 - d. Lexi - Philly, Leadership
 - e. Rebecca - Fresno
 - f. Lindsay - Providence
 - g. Michelle - Mizzoula
2. How to keep members active
 - a. Joy - over 50 members on email/FB/slack
 - i. Tried to have trivia night, little response, everyone backed out
 - ii. Potluck at beer garden for first fall meeting - only 4 attended
 - iii. Better ways to engage members?
 - iv. Undergraduate liaison - link to campus activities/advertising
 - v. Suggestions:
 1. Survey members to find out what they want to get out of their pod
 2. Reach out to other pods?
 3. Reach out to teachers
 - b. Lexi - made a MeetUp group
3. Taste of Science - Joy
 - a. Go to bars and give short science-y talks to general public
 - b. Successful in Knoxville!
 - c. Can this be merged with #FundUSAScience campaign? Go talk about science funding and increase public awareness of importance of science funding.
 - d. Pod coordinators can see if this is available in their areas
4. Partnering with other organizations
 - a. STEMPower - Joy
 - b. March for Science local community - Sam
 - c. AWIS and SWE?
5. How to increase interest and variation in activities
 - a. Philly -
 - i. Start Talking Science
 1. Make posters and talk about science with the public
 2. Also had scicomm workshop
 - ii. Escape room
 1. Good team building
 - b. Alaska - Monthly women scientist lunches
6. Monthly calls are helpful!
7. Joy looking for pods of the week to highlight

8. Interest in regional pod get-togethers
9. Conference meetup signup?