Date & Time: March 24 , 12:30 PM EST

Attendees: Tanya, Lexi, Jillian (Philly) Emma (Bozeman), Andrea (Quito, Ecuador), Monica (St. Louis), Joy (Knoxville), Jess (New Haven), Adriana (Hamburg), Liz (Fort Collins), Ruth (Madrid), Ashley (Fort Collins), Sue (Eugene), Alaska

Minutes:

- Introductionsq
- There are now 147 US Pods and 139 International Pods!!! AMAZING!
- Ask other Pods to run future Pod Coordinator Meetings.
    - Sue Ishaq Eugene to host April! Woohoo!
    - We just need someone to help take care of May. Tanya and Lexi can take June
- Science Salons, DC Pod Update and Corvallis Update, Eugene, OR Update, Sacramento, CA Update
    - From Maryam: "DC's Science Salon went great last night. I believe we'll end up raising $850 between our cut of ticket sales and the cash donations we got throughout the night. Our first speaker is an undergrad in astronomy who's from Puerto Rico and she is truly a star on the rise. She told this beautiful story at the beginning about how when the power went out after the hurricanes she was so stressed and depressed she couldn't call home. But when she finally weeks later connected, her family was telling her about how because all the light pollution had gone away, they could see the full night sky and connected with her over her love of astronomy."
    - Eugene Pod Update from Sue Ishaq - raised $250, will be having another event tomorrow night to raise more money. Will also make Science Salons a monthly event for future fundraising/fun events.
    - Philly Pod tomorrow, March 25
    - Alaska Monday night
- Pod resources: New website is live, please let us know what works and what doesn't
    - Diana from Spain will be our new Website person! Thank you Diana!
- Pod Surveys are up. Please go here and fill out our pod survey - Due by April 1st! Only 35 Pods have filled it in so far
- Leadership and the Bill Nye Article
    - Leadership appreciates pods reaching out and expressing their opinions and concerns. They support open conversation about where we stand and what we say as an organization, it's important that we work together and all our voices are heard.
    - From now on, rapid response articles will be signed "500 Women Scientists Leadership" as the authors
    - Getting feedback from pods would be difficult when tackling a rapid response issue, as time is a factor.
- Facebook pages - how do we feel about having our info out there after this recent news about data sharing.
    - Do you have a Facebook page and is it active?
        - Pods have active and engaging Facebook pages. In some cases, it's the only way they are able to get their info disseminated

    - Do you feel that if 500WS National deleted it's Facebook page you would lose important information and the ability to share our articles/news? Does being on FB mean we are endorsing FB as an org?
    - If 500WS National deletes its Facebook page, what other platforms would you be willing to engage in to stay in touch with the org?
        - Difficult position to be in, but most pods felt that Facebook was good for sharing information and useful for the pods. Pods also get information from leadership via Facebook
        - Other pods feel Facebook adds nothing to their pods.
    - Are there any data scientists in your pods who are willing to tackle this question of what impact does data collection have on our society?
        - Email dapperstats@gmail.com (Juniper Simonis) or Maryam (maryam.zaringhalam@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping to figure out how data collection impacts our world
    - https://tinyletter.com/data news letter about what happens to your personal data, you should all sign up for it
    - https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2018/3/23/17152564/cambridge-analytica-psychographic-microtargeting-what
- Let us know if you are Marching in the March for Science next month. Tweet, Facebook post or other social media platform to share. Tag @500womensci on twitter with your photos
    - Not many pods on the call marching this year
    - Philly and Knoxville not even having a march
- 501c3 rules
    - We cannot do the following:
        - Invite a political candidate to make a campaign speech at an event hosted by the organization
        - Use the organization's funds to publish materials that support (or oppose) a candidate
        - Donate money from the organization to a political candidate
        - Criticize or support a candidate on your website or the 500 WS Website.
        - Use the organization's website to link to only one candidate's profile.
        - Invite one candidate to speak at a well-publicized and well-attended event, and invite the other candidate to speak at a lesser function
        - Invite all candidates to speak at an event, but arrange the speaking event or chose the questions in such a way that it is obvious that the organization favors one candidate over the others
        - Conduct a "get out the vote" telephone drive in a partisan manner by selecting caller responses for further follow-up based on candidate preference
        - Make any statements that support a candidate
- Taxes - Send in receipts ASAP
    - If you have successfully fundraised for your pod, please let us know how you planned your campaign. We are looking for pods to write up short documents and how-tos for our fundraising resource drive

- Andrea from Quito, Ecuador voiced concerns over overlapping organizations and how do we stand out as a group? If we live in an area where there are a lot of groups supporting science, inclusivity, and outreach how can we make a difference?
    - Joy pointed out that multiple groups are helpful for networking. You can work together to accomplish like-minded goals
    - You can also have access to more information and resources if you work together
    - Pick a topic that speaks to you personally. Use your passion for this topic to start planning events.
    - Other Pod Coordinators - post here for additional support for Andrea. What helped YOU find your voice as a pod? What do you bring to the table that makes you feel like you fill a much needed space? You can also email pods@500womenscientists.org with advice and I can pass along to Andrea