Tanya Dapkey to Host

Attendees: Tanya (Philadelphia), Dany (Lexington), Melissa (Blacksburg, VA), Elisabeth (Linkoping), Row (Berlin), Teal (Madison), Jessica (Buffalo), Ana (Gainesville), Angela (St. Louis), Krisanna (Athens)

Agenda: Start up Info for Pods
Link to the Power Point:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lpLDL-fzAeID-9mXf64vYH-oU3tJaKg4/view?usp=sharing

- Start small! Pick a topic and it is ok if you can only meet once a year.
- Get to know each other and make friends!
- Be patient about the growth of your pod
- We are all volunteers! So work on this when you have time, if you don't, that is ok!

- To start, the main goal is to just get the members together
- Social media is a great tool to grow your pod.
- You can use the Request a Scientist database to recruit members for your pod
- First meeting can be casual, just get together and talk about your passions
- After some meetings, ask help from other members for organizing meetings

- When planning meetings, make them accessible to everyone
- Contact your regional coordinator
- Successful events are usually the ones where parents can bring their kids
- Remember to also have private events just for the pod members

- Best ways to get people to attend:
  - Vary day, time, and location of meetings
- In our website there are ideas for different events and partnerships for pods, including:
  - Skype a scientist
  - Letter to a scientist
  - Work with local museums
  - Season festivals/carnivals
- What platforms to use to communicate within the pods
  - Google groups (very private!) is probably the best option
  - Slack
  - Facebook groups

- St Louis reached out to local Universities and offered help with mock interviews, reviewing CVs. They also worked with local stations to talk about science and 500WS
- Use Google Sites to create a pod website (It's free!). In the pod shared drive there are some templates available.
- We ask for non-work emails due to privacy issues
- Reach out to alumni organizations to invite people to your pod!

Heads up: Membership census will be released 27 Sept and closed 18 Oct. Please distribute to members via your listservs, etc, but <u>do not post the direct link to the census survey to social media</u> to ensure that all responses are from members

Have a question for the Pods Team? Fill out our form and we can answer it on the call or here in the agenda
https://forms.gle/6t6HNTMVQ3XtmFmr6