



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA DENVER PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016

Officers in Attendance

President – Tracy Owen

Vice-President – Cedar Wolf

Treasurer - Malinda Reese

Secretary – Benjamin Mapes

See sign-in sheet for general attendance

Officer Reports

- **Membership Chair**, spread the word about the chapter on social media. We have about 65 dues-paying members, over 600 people on the email distribution list. Spread the word! We welcome volunteers of all kinds. Use LinkedIn, facebook, twitter, etc.
- **Treasurer**
 - **Be sure to use the NEW LINK for chapter donations**
 - **Account balances as of April 29, does not include all of wine tasting proceeds:**
 - General Account \$12,312
 - Ecuador \$14,203
 - Madagascar \$9,824
 - Togo \$5,890
 - Tanzania \$9,110
- **Fundraising**
 - Wine Tasting was in April, good attendance, fundraising goal of \$10,000 was met, highest ever. Tanzania team won the project contest for highest donation. Money to be split 30/30/40 among projects.
 - Film Festival Call for Entries has gone out, deadline was March 31st, now extended to end of June. To be included in next EWB-USA newsletter. Contact Cedar Wolf for info, he is looking to form a team for the film festival. Still possible to use Poverty, Inc. as screening material.
 - James Boynton from Solar City is continuing the “Sunraising” program, partner with non-profits, Solar City pays \$200 (was \$250) for an introduction to someone who signs up for solar power. They are the largest solar provider in the US. Solar City is open to having a “lunch and learn” at your company and

- can provide food for an info session. Contact him at jboynton1@solarcity.com or 917-679-0930.
- In the future, consider using the Colfax marathon as a fundraiser.
- **Outreach**
 - Jim gave a presentation to Kleinfelder about EWB, and another at Denver Public Library about water quality issues
- **Other**
 - Cedar applied for State Rep position, interested in documenting work via film/video, contact him if interested in helping

Project updates

- **Ecuador Guantugloma project update** – John Jankousky gave an update. Community is about 60 houses, about 400 people. About 90% done, 9000m pipe, 13 tanks, planning one more large tank being built this spring, traveling last week in April. Teaming with Rotary in Aurora. Team traveled in April, 5 miles of pipe has been installed, and thirteen 2,000 gallon tanks. Big tank being built by community, almost done (ferrocement), being done by a nonprofit crew. Felt the big earthquake, no injuries and just a little damage. Team was approached by two different villages for future work, one is 30 households, other is a large city. Smaller one is a future possibility. Russ raised money and donated some computers, Scott Fanello arranged for donation of some tablets.
- **Ecuador irrigation team**, traveled in April, installing first drip irrigation system, 2 teams about 10 days each. Inspected water sources, having some siltation problems. Discovered some illegal tapping into the system. Reflects some community problems that need to be addressed. Issue raised about sprinkler vs. drip irrigation. Trip presentation scheduled for chapter meeting in July.
- **Madagascar project update** – Team is analyzing alternatives, likely to become a well project (12) in Anosimparihy (2500 people). Working with Rotary Clubs for funding. Next trip planned for implementation in November.
- **Togo project update** – none. Chris Fahlin working to close the project. Everything is on hold until we hear from EWB-USA.
- **Tanzania** – Project is just beginning, school in Tanzania (900 students) needs a latrine solution. EWB-USA has approved travel for first assessment trip, happening in July. Partnering with Africa School Assistance Project. Need a wastewater engineer with >5 years experience to get involved in the project and for travel on future projects.

New Business

• EWB-USA Intl summit was in Denver, and Tiffany Martindale presented on Community Engagement Tools, and gave that presentation to the chapter. Stressed importance of community engagement at all project steps. Focus on participation itself as international development. Such participation can lead to future development. Participatory development is a process. Be sure all voices are represented. Understand political and historical context. Women and children often marginalized. Consider “Ladder of Citizen Participation”. The presentation is being made available to the chapter.

On May 13 Larry is hosting a party at his home with the Mines Chapter of Mines Without Borders.

Next Meeting

June 14, 2016. University of Denver Knudson Hall, CMK-309.

Project Contact Information

- **Ecuador**, team meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month, typically from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at **DU, Knudson Hall, Room 101**.

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Malingua Pamba erosion: Laura Backus, lbackus@gmail.com

- **Tanzania**, team meets on 4th Tuesday of every month, 6-8 pm, DU Knudson Hall, Room 309. Malinda Reese, malinda.reese@apexdesignpc.com
- **Madagascar**, team meets on 4th Tuesday of every month, 7 pm, DU Knudson Hall. John Abrams, johnlabrams@gmail.com

Post-meeting

Socializing and libations at The Pioneer