

**EWB – Denver Professional Chapter Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2008**

In the absence of Jim Gusek and Chris Fahlin, Treasurer Mark Donohue led the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT:

Togo: \$8,900 +\$10,000 CDM donation

Ecuador: \$7,800

General Fund: \$2000

FUNDRAISING:

An opportunity with American Society of Foundation Engineers via Jim Gusek to have the Sand Sculpture Contest on the Saturday following the ASFES regional conference during the week of May 12th, making the contest on Saturday May 17th at Bear Creek Lake Park was presented to the chapter members.

The general consensus of the present membership is that we are interested in pursuing a fundraising event with ASFE, but do not believe the sand castle contest is the right thing. There were concerns with putting this together in time (of the membership present, there was not a group willing to spear head this effort). The concern was voiced that a SSC taking place after the conference wouldn't draw much interest. The idea of throwing a EWB dinner the day (night) of the conference was proposed. We do not want to let this fundraising opportunity pass us by, especially if ASFE is willing to provide us much needed exposure. We would like to be present at the ASFE conference; perhaps they will allow us a time/place for EWB Show-and-Tell or a presentation time slot. The membership also does not wish to abandon the SSC for this year. We would like to find a venue that gives us more exposure to the general public, but could not decide on a more suitable venue at this time

Grants:

Gary Turnquist has submitted separate proposals for the Ecuador and Togo projects Chlorine Chemistry for donations of project materials.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Malingua Pamba:

Ben Mapes (ewb.ben@gmail.com)

For more extensive project background and the engineering report please access the FTP site,

<ftp:sspa.com/ewb>

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A trip is planned for two groups of four to travel in April, the 17th-27th and the 20th-29th. The main focus on this trip will be the potable and irrigation systems.

For the potable water system there will be a few concrete pressure break/short term storage tanks built and the replacement of broken lines. The irrigation system and agricultural lands will continue to be mapped and determine where pressure breaks need to be installed and the best layout for the irrigation lines.

In order to streamline the design and installation time for the tanks a modular form has been identified (manufacturer, Gates). The price for the set up of the form is \$250 and the form itself is \$1800, the form is reusable up to 150 times. The group is attempting to get this form donated.

Togo:

Sarah Look for Chris Fahlin (FahlinCJ@cdm.com)

A trip is planned for the end of February with the intention to implement a two tiered project. (1) Install two household latrines and (2) install 109 household potable water filters. Additionally, \$7000 will be left with the local NGO in Togo to build the remaining latrines.

Honduras:

Alex Bowen (Bowenas@CDM.com)

An assessment trip is tentatively planned for May but will depend on the application process with EWB-USA. The assessment trip will focus on the wastewater ponds.

Madagascar:

Tom Rutkowski (trutkowski@golder.com)

The project application was submitted to EWB-USA the first week of February and is assuming 6-8 weeks to hear back on approval.

If you want to get involved with the project please contact trutkowski@golder.com.