

NOVEMBER 11, 2008

These are the meeting minutes for the Denver Professionals Chapter of Engineers Without Borders.

INTRODUCTIONS

TREASURER REPORT

EWB-USA has issued new forms to request reimbursement from our accounting; if you have questions please contact Mark Donahue, donohuema@hotmail.com.

EWB-USA will no longer send receipts or thank yous for donations of less than \$250. EWB-USA also now requests a list of the donors with any contribution.

FUNDRAISING

Holiday cards – The holiday cards we did last year will be available again. There are two designs to choose from and an option for an additional donation. The cards are \$10/10 card pack. There is a bulk discount available (i.e. companies). If interested please contact Drew Lockman, drew.lockman@gmail.com. The deadline for orders is Nov. 25th; it will take 10 business days for printing and delivery.

Wine tasting – The Chapter will host the 3rd annual wine tasting event this Thursday, November 13th. This will be a Chapter wide event and the funds will be split evenly between the Chapter's three long-term projects; Malingua Pamba, Togo, and Madagascar. The event will be November 13, 2008 with a flat fee for the ticket of \$40. The tasting will also include a silent auction. If you have ideas for items at the auction or would like to volunteer for the event please contact Jen Cook (jencewb@gmail.com). The invitation will arrive via Evite and the tickets may be purchased through PayPal. The goal is to sell 60-70 tickets.

MADAGASCAR UPDATE

The group is currently in the selection process to determine the best plan options to present to the village. After the selection of the appropriate plan the implementation trip will be scheduled. The NGO (Hope for Madagascar) will be traveling to the village next week. The group has been contacted by a chapter from Ohio that is working with a village 25km from our village. The group is also advising a student chapter in Utah. The next project meeting will be November 20 at 6pm in the 3rd floor conference room at Golder.

TOGO UPDATE

The Arborloo design and fundraising is underway, the next activity will be designing and building a prototype slab. If you are interested in participating, contact Paul Rothgery, prothgery@westernsummit.com for information on the next planning meeting.

ECUADOR UPDATE

The planning group has met 3-4 times in the last month and 2 travelers are going next week. This trip is unique because it is a smaller more focused team and will put less strain on our project budget. The NGO is going a week early to help alleviate the conflict

of resources. This trip will work on the potable system but does not project to get it finished.

Copies of the project report has been updated and posted on the website, it will take about 10min to download all the parts.

The Ecuador group is also experiencing communication from other chapters. Sun Microsystems has an interest in working with us. They have a group that meets every other week at noon and are looking for a speaker to come to their meeting and give a presentation. Zeke has volunteered.

This is the 5th trip and some would like to spread the project broader in the watershed. This is just brainstorming but looking forward.

The application for Rotary funding for the irrigation system has been submitted and hopefully will allow the project to move from potable to irrigation.

What is our next move and who is going to lead it? Any veteran travelers who would like to take on a pet project and take the lead to organize a travel team please contact Ben or Debbie; ewb.ben@gmail.com, debbie.hathaway@gmail.com

WOMEN'S SHELTER, DOUGLAS COUNTY

A new women's shelter is being built in Douglas County and they have requested help from our Chapter. The Chapter is acting as a liaison between the shelter, county, architect and eventual developer. The paperwork has been approved by EWB-USA and this is an official chapter project. This project is requiring no monetary involvement, just technical skills meaning that no Chapter fundraising is occurring for this project and no funds will be allocated.

Current status update is that Douglas County has donated 1 acre of land for the facility. The land has officially been conveyed to the shelter. Both an architect and a geotech firm have agreed to the project as pro bono. The goals for the project are to have the paperwork filed by the end of the year and a groundbreaking in the spring of 2009.

If you have questions or want to get involved please contact Amy Hui (stanford_amy@yahoo.com) or Jim Root (Jim-R@arvada.org).

CHAPTER ORGANIZATION CHART

There are positions available to be filled per the new organization chart outlined in the updated bylaws. The positions are Membership Chair and additional volunteers for the fundraising and outreach committees. If interested please contact Chris Fahlin (FahlinCJ@cdm.com)

The duties of the Membership Chair shall be to:

- liaison between the Executive Committee and Membership Committee
- answer questions from prospective members
- spearhead recruitment efforts

- keep an up-to-date list of current paid members.
- update members on upcoming events on a monthly basis
- follow-up with members who no longer work on projects or attend the monthly general chapter meetings

ADOPT A VILLAGE – ARE WE SERIOUS ABOUT IT?

Chris gave a revised version of the presentation he gave at the Mountain Region Workshop Oct. 24-26. This presentation focused on a project vs. a program, a finite start and end compared to a finite start with a continuation of a system. The adopt a village scenario is a program made up of projects for at least 5 years. A system needs to be in place and focus on software, the human interaction aspect for success.