

OCTOBER 14, 2008

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

INTRODUCTIONS

TREASURER REPORT

Togo \$2700

Ecuador \$3500

Madagascar \$7000

FUNDRAISING

Holiday cards – It's that time already, 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.

Wine tasting – The Chapter will host the 3rd annual wine tasting event in October. More details will be presented at the September meeting. 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.

Corporate Sponsorship – A chapter letter has been drafted signed by Amy Hui in which you may use to request participation from your company in the EWB corporate sponsorship at various levels, there is also a drafted letter in which to use if you would like to send the request to your company directly from you. Contact Amy Hui stanford_amy@yahoo.com.

Rotary Grant, Montana Region – The Togo project has been accepted as a district wide project for the Montana Region of Rotary International. The grant is for \$15,000 to cover the sanitation portion of the project.

Website and Marketing – The website is in the process of being transferred from Corey's responsibility to Tori Bliden and Mike Brewer of Golder. The goal is to continue to improve our website and its marketing abilities; if you have any questions or comments please contact Tori Bliden (Victoria_Bliden@golder.com).

MADAGASCAR UPDATE

The group is currently evaluating the criteria for 7 different design options for the community. The Mines student group is using the Madagascar project as a Senior design project. The design options are to be finalized by March of 2009 and will be sent to the village to allow them to choose the option that works best for them. A trip is planned for the spring of 2009 to start laying out the framework. A fundraising effort at the Golder office includes a soda machine and soon a snack machine.

ECUADOR UPDATE

The Ecuador team has 2 travelers heading to Malingua Pamba in November, Joe and Florian. The goal of the trip is to locate a site for a new pressure break tank and maybe start construction, develop source protection for the various springs, and GPS mapping of the existing waterlines and access points. The Maestros have done some work since the last visit so Joe and Florian will do an inspection. If you have any questions or would like to get involved contact Ben Mapes (ewb.ben@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).

GUATEMALA

This project is not a EWB project however Rob Robinson is again seeking help from our chapter. The project is in the Sipacapa Region of Guatemala where a gold mine has been in operation for 2-3 years. Surrounding villages have structural damage and Rob has a proposal to investigate the damage and determine if it is related to the activities at the gold mine. The site assessment has been conducted and there are currently 3 engineers and a number of other volunteers working on the project. Rob has said he will work with Jim Gusek and do a short write up about the project and send it out to the Chapter members. Rob is looking for new volunteers with geotechnical and/or structural experience that are interested in traveling or peer review. If interested or want more information please contact Rob Robinson, Gymnerd1@mac.com.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE

As part of the new bylaws a Projects Committee is being established. This committee will review any new project proposals and determine if the project is viable and if the Chapter has the participation and funds to be successful. The Committee will also communicate with each project group to assess the progress, sustainability, and completion of existing projects. This group is now being organized; if you are interested please contact Zeke Houk (zekehok@hotmail.com) or Kevin Greer (kgreer@arber.com).

FALL MOUNTAIN REGION WORKSHOP

The Fall Workshop will be held at CH2MHILL Corporate Conference Center, Denver, CO on October 24-26.

The Chapter is the host chapter for the workshop which allows it to be a fundraising opportunity. The workshop will consist of technical presentations, project presentation, GIS, Solar wind, and alternative power.

Vendor tables are available for sponsorship for \$150/table, these are career fair style. Encourage your company to participate by promoting their skills/products while networking with others in the field.

If the Ecuador group would like time to present their poster Candice needs to know by September 17th.

For more information please visit <http://www.ewb-usa.org/events.php?ID=44>, or contact Candice Hein (Candice.hein@ch2m.com).