

MARCH 10, 2009

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

INTRODUCTIONS

TREASURER REPORT

RECENT GRANTS

Goldman Foundation Grant – Ecuador project got \$5000

Boeing Company – Togo project got \$5000

Project Accounts

\$6900 Ecuador

\$8200 Togo

\$7800 Madagascar

\$200 Honduras probably going to a general fund

\$2900 in general fund

FUNDRAISING

Sand Sculpture Contest

The 3rd Annual Sand Sculpture Contest is in its planning stages. The tentative date is August 15, 2009 at Bear Creek State Park (same location as last year). The target 30 teams of up to 10 people each. Volunteers will be needed for the event planning and the day of the event. It sounds as though the City of Lakewood will again donate the delivery of the sand. Don't know if we will be able to get the sand donated as we have in years past. The Park is going to allow us to reserve the un-reservable shelter near the event site. If interested in volunteering please contact Ben Mapes, ewb.ben@gmail.com.

Cherry Creek Arts Festival

The Cherry Creek Arts Festival will be held the 4th of July weekend and we have the opportunity to do a beverage station again. This is not a big fundraiser for us but it is good community exposure and an opportunity for Chapter members to get to know one another. Volunteers would be needed to fill 24, 5-hr shifts. It was determined that we would once again submit an application. If interested in volunteering contact Jen Cook, jencewb@gmail.com.

Fun Run

A fun run is being organized for December 13, 2009 in conjunction with the Golden Christmas Parade. We are currently working with the Chamber of Commerce to get the appropriate permits. The event will be paired with a food drive that will benefit local food banks. Volunteers will be needed for marketing and on race day, if interested please contact Rebecca Allen, rallen@kleinfelder.com.

Corporate Sponsorship

Amy Hui is in charge of marketing the corporate sponsorship program to chapter members. You will soon be receiving an email with the information regarding the program and a request to present it to your company.

MADAGASCAR UPDATE

The project team is currently working with a Colorado School of Mines Senior Design Team to design a water treatment system. They are also collaborating with a Nebraska Chapter that has a project near the village. The planned trip for May has been postponed due to political turmoil in the region. The team is working on a scope of work to present within the next month to the village with the options of surface water supply vs. ground water supply. The project team is looking for a volunteer who can translate French.

TOGO UPDATE

The Arborloo project team has a trip planned for mid-August to implement the first series of the sanitation system. There is a plan to meet there with the Chicago Chapter. The installation will take place at a secondary school serving about 100 students. The waste helps produce an orchard for produce/nuts and shade. If you are interested in getting involved contact Paul Rothgery, prothgery@westernsummit.com.

The funding that the project was promised from the 42 Rotary Clubs in Montana has fallen through.

ECUADOR UPDATE

Irrigation

The project team is focusing on rehabilitation of the existing system and finishing the mapping. There is a group that is travelling in June so the plan must be together by March. The group is looking for people to get involved and to travel. The next working meeting is March 18, 2009; 7pm at Wash Perk Cafe (see Evite from Amy, stanford_amy@yahoo.com). The project just received a \$25,000 grant from Rotary.

Potable

The planning process for this portion of the project is determining how to make the system sustainable and what needs to happen to finish it up. The group is looking for people with skills in concrete, plumbing, and/or construction background. There is a trip scheduled for May and they are looking for at least one new person to travel.

DISCUSSION ON CHAPTER MEMEBERS ATTENDING OR NOT ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The conference can be a tool to recruit for company and chapter memebers.

People are busy and unavailable to travel

No company support, financially or time off, fees, and travel expenses

The conference is expensive to attend

Good chapter exposure (posters, workshops, etc.)

People would rather spend the time working on projects

Good networking opportunities

Exposure to many chapter projects and lessons learned

NOTICES:

2009 EWB-USA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

March 25-29, 2009

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Registration, <http://www.ewb-usa.org/ConferenceMain.php>

THE DENVER PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER WILL BE RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER AWARD.

SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY

The Overland Trail Middle School is looking for speakers for their Whoa! Dude! OTMS Science Expo on Thursday, April 23rd. They are looking for speakers to discuss what they do in their professions or with EWB projects. If interested contact Amanda Peirce, peirce@lrcwe.com.

SCHOOL OF MINES CHAPTER

The School of Mines Chapter will be meeting the week of March 23rd and would like a member of our chapter to attend as a technical mentor. If anyone is interested please contact Amanda Peirce, peirce@lrcwe.com.