

APRIL 14, 2009

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

INTRODUCTIONS

TREASURER REPORT

RECENT GRANTS

Montana Rotary – pledged \$6,000 in 2009

Project Accounts

\$ Ecuador

\$7400 Togo

\$7600 Madagascar

\$200 Honduras (probably going to a general fund)

\$3600 in general fund

*Note: there will be a vote at the May 12th chapter meeting. The proposed plan is to transfer money in the general fund evenly to the three active project accounts while keeping a minimum balance in the general fund of \$1,000. All current members of the Denver Professionals Chapter will be allowed to vote, absentee votes will be accepted via email, peirce@lrcwe.com, ending at 5pm on Friday May 15th.

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. The sand and delivery of the sand is being donated again this year. One of three judges has committed for the event, Fanja Rakotonirina with Hope for Madagascar. 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. Volunteers would be needed to fill 24, 5-hr shifts. 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.

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.

Funding from Montana Rotaries that was original being cut from the Togo budget has been recommitted by the chapters and they will be supporting the Togo project with \$6,000.

ECUADOR UPDATE

There is a group working on the irrigation project travelling next week. The group is also finalizing the application for a trip in July.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Denver Professionals Chapter received one of 3 Distinguished Chapter Awards given to professional chapters within EWB-USA.
- ENR published an article on Bernard Amadei receiving the Award of Excellence.
- Great networking opportunities

GUEST SPEAKERS

Nikki Stefonick

Metro Wastewater Reclamation District

Nikki has a background in Soil and Crop Science and Business Administration and is employed by Metro Wastewater Reclamation District in Denver as a Resource Recovery and Reuse Specialist.

Nikki discussed composting basics, benefits and processes. Nikki also commented on her perspective of the Fossa Alterna and Arborloo methods used in our Togo project.

First Financial USA Give Back Program

Vickie Rightmyre

Vickie presented on a program provided by FFUSA. FFUSA is a company that processes credit card transactions. FFUSA will make a monthly donation of 10% of the profits for each transaction made for a participating company. EWB-USA would like the Denver Professionals Chapter to pilot the program before there is organization wide promotion of the program. We will have more specific information about how to choose a good participant and how to approach the question at the May meeting.

In a very generous act, Vickie has requested the guests attending her summer wedding to make donations to our chapter in lieu of gifts.