

Engineers Without Borders (EWB), Denver Professional Chapter

February 9, 2010 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter President Amy Hui called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 39 members and guests in attendance. Jim Gusek presented a very entertaining icebreaker, dividing the attendees into teams to solve a surveying problem in mountainous terrain.

Joe Blair, Scott Allen, and Sarah Karjala presented brief overviews and updates on the Ecuador, Madagascar, and Togo projects, respectively.

Ben Mapes presented the Treasurer's report, and mentioned that planning had begun, and called for volunteers, for the 4th Annual Sand Sculpture Contest, to be held on August 14, 2010. He also mentioned that the EWB International Conference will be held in Denver from March 18 to 21, and asked for volunteers to host traveling EWB student chapter members.

Jim Gusek reported on the Cyber Flight School fund-raiser in January. Participation was less than expected, and he is weighing options for the future.

The main presenter of the evening was Kelly Latham, project manager in the EWB-USA headquarters in Boulder, Colorado. Her topic was Health and Safety on EWB projects and trips. There have been a handful of safety incidents on EWB trips (accidents, illnesses, crime), and EWB-USA is examining the impacts of a renewed focus on health and safety planning on EWB projects and trips. EWB-USA is looking for volunteers from the Mountain Region to serve on a Health & Safety Technical Advisory Committee. Project teams may need to prepare more detailed health and safety plans for their trips – a potential new volunteer opportunity, and need not be a traveler themselves. EWB-USA is also envisioning shared resources such as safety equipment within each EWB region, which different chapters and project teams would be able to use on trips.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter Secretary