

Engineers Without Borders (EWB), Denver Professional Chapter

April 13, 2010 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter Fundraising Coordinator Mark Donohue called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 21 members and guests in attendance.

Chapter Vice-President Joe Blair has announced that he is leaving Colorado to pursue other career opportunities but will fulfill official duties for the remainder of his term. Joe has also been serving as project manager for the potable water project in Malingua Pamba, Ecuador, so the Chapter is in need of a volunteer to take over those duties from him.

Mark Donohue presented the Treasurer's report, then discussed several fundraising opportunities for the Chapter: (1) a partnership with the Body Massage Wellness Spa in Denver, (2) staffing a concession booth at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival over the July 4th weekend as a non-profit partner, and (3) the Sand Sculpture Contest on August 14.

Jim Gusek and guest Richard Loveman, a local architect, gave a brief presentation on a school project in Kenya. They asked for volunteers who could offer technical advice or guidance in water supply, civil, electrical, or construction engineering.

Tom Rutkowski and Ryan Tolene gave an in-depth presentation on their trip to Ambalona, Madagascar, in December 2009. This is the location of one of the Chapter's three active projects. The project team is working with a non-governmental organization (NGO) called Hope for Madagascar. This was the second trip by the project team to Madagascar, following the initial assessment trip in May 2008. The latest trip focused on groundwater and surface water investigations. A local contractor was hired to drill water wells, and water quality tests were conducted.

An election was held on a motion to redistribute funds from the Chapter general fund to each of the three project accounts. Dues-paying members in attendance cast votes at the meeting, with the option of absentee voting by email for members not present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Turnquist, P.E.
Chapter Secretary