Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2015

Officers in Attendance

President – Tracy Owen
Vice President – Connie Adera, Vice President pro tempore – Cedar Wolf
Treasurer - Malinda Reese
Secretary – Benjamin Mapes
Membership Chair - Rocky Macsalka

See sign-in sheet for general attendance

Officer Reports

- **Membership Chair**, spread the word about the chapter on social media. We have 100 dues-paying members.
- **Treasurer, account balances as of Oct 15:**
  - General Account $16,858
  - Ecuador $12,282
  - Madagascar $13,970
  - Togo $5,890
  - Tanzania $0
  - Malinda pointed out that an unexpected $2,000 appeared in the general account, does anyone know what it is for? Malinda will double-check with HQ to confirm.
- **Fundraising**
  - Wine Tasting – call for volunteers. April 2, 2016 at the Posner Center. Planning for the 2016 Annual Wine Tasting is starting with the date and venue set: April 2, 2016 at the Posner Center. If you would like to get involved to start planning and volunteering for the event as we celebrate our 10 year anniversary as a chapter, contact Jen at jencewb@gmail.com to be a part of the Wine Tasting planning committee. There will be some minor efforts that can be completed early and more efforts closer to the event. Type of help includes coordinating with vendors for the event, soliciting financial sponsors, and organizing the silent auction.
  - Men Who Care – Jeremy and Tyler attended the meeting and presented a check to the Tanzania Program in the amount of $1000! http://denvermenwhocare.com/
James Boynton from Solar City is continuing the “Sunraising” program, partner with non-profits, Solar City pays $200 (was $250) for an introduction to someone who signs up for solar power. They are the largest solar provider in the US. Solar City is open to having a “lunch and learn” at your company and can provide food for an info session. Contact him at jboynton1@solarcity.com or 917-679-0930.

EWB year-end campaign is coming Dec 1-Dec 31, go to takeaction.ewb-usa.org/Denver-professional-chapter to donate. There is a competition for most funds raised and highest number of donations, with $1000 awards to the winner each week. https://takeaction.ewb-usa.org/denver-professional-chapter

Project updates

- **Ecuador project update** – Guantugloma Team recently traveled, John reports that there are plans for the community to build a 50,000 gallon tank as part of the potable water system. It is expected that the team will travel again in April 2016. John gave some background info on what type of tanks are being used in the system.
  - Eden gave a report on the project in Malingua Pamba. There was a trip in October, likely another in April 2016, trying to coordinate with the Guantugloma water team. The community is expected to get the main pipelines done soon, ultimately implementing drip irrigation.

- **Madagascar project update** – John reports that we are working in two villages now, just returned on November 17th, finished early. Was a monitoring trip in Ambalona and an assessment trip in a new village called Anosimparihy. No clean water in the new village, rampant water-borne illness. Collected data, spoke with contractors and Rotary. New members are welcome.

- **Togo project update** – none

- **Tanzania** – The project has been approved, and we are waiting for approval for it to be awarded to the chapter team. Planning on traveling summer 2016 for assessment trip. Sanitation project at a school, partnering with Africa School Assistance Project.

New Business

- Rocky announced that anyone with experience with Wordpress is invited to help with the web site.
- Jim Gusek is going to try to connect with Kleinfelder about an outreach presentation.
- EWB-Colorado Springs – need licensed structural engineer with at least 7 years’ experience to be Responsible Engineer in Charge for Bagobo-Klata suspension bridge project in the Philippines.
- Tracy, Cedar, Malinda, Brandon presented on what they learned at the EWB Mountain Region Conference last month:
  - Next EWB International Conference is March 2016.
  - Members of EWB USA Board were there, good opportunity for networking.
  - International arm of EWB USA is the one we are familiar with. The Engineering Service Corps provides expertise to other organizations. Domestic projects are also part of EWB’s work. Strategic plan includes adding projects to all 3 branches. Proud that EWB monitors projects a year after completion. EWB is creating a database of engineers that can review student chapter designs.
  - Cedar and Brandon attended session hosted by Frank Bergh about philosophy behind our work. Discussed the idea behind appropriate technology.
  - Malinda, Tracy, and Brandon attended a session on project red flags. A member of the Arizona State chapter discussed their project which she considered a failure, and presented it as a learning opportunity. Such as: there was a large scope change during the assessment project. Did not get historical info about the situation they were entering. Did not get community buy-in from the beginning. Had very little community participation. Partner NGO disappeared. Ask questions that reveal initiative – who has been doing the work, obtaining materials? A second assessment can be very helpful. Try to hear multiple voices within the community.
  - There was a session on community-appropriate educational training. Include WASH training whenever possible. Any educational materials brought in to the community should be reviewed by a community member ahead of time to check for cultural appropriateness. It was suggested that O&M training include photos/video of the
work being done. Consider laminating printed materials.

○ Cedar made a pitch for the EWB-USA Film Festival, and he’s been in touch with the EWB Communications Coordinator about it. An announcement will go out in the January e-blast, hopefully perhaps sooner to catch teams traveling at the end of the year.

Next Meeting


Project Contact Information

- **Ecuador**, team meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month, typically from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at DU, Knudson Hall, Room 101. Next Mtg: December 15th due to holiday.
  
  Guantugloma - John Jankousky, John.Jankousky@eme-solutions.com
  
  Malingua Pamba irrigation: ScottFanello@gmail.com
  
  Malingua Pamba erosion: Laura Backus, lbbackus@gmail.com

- **Tanzania**, Malinda Reese, malinda.reese@apexdesignpc.com

- **Madagascar**, John Abrams, johnlabrams@gmail.com

Post-meeting

Socializing and libations at The Pioneer