



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA DENVER PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2017

**NOTE NEW LOCATION: ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER
SCIENCE BUILDING ROOM 300**

Officers in Attendance

President – Rocky Macsalka

Vice-President – Brian Staley

Secretary – Benjamin Mapes

Treasurer – Leah Dougherty

See sign-in sheet for general attendance

Officer Reports

- **Membership Chair** – It's January, so it's time to renew your membership. We have about 77 dues-paying members (as of June), over 618 people on the email distribution list. We welcome volunteers of all kinds. Use LinkedIn, facebook, twitter, etc. We use MailChimp to manage email lists, and it's available for chapters to use. Cedar is resigning as membership chair, looking for a replacement. **Andrea Hoang has volunteered for the role and was elected during the meeting.**
- **Treasurer**
 - **Account balances as of about Dec 31:**
 - General Account \$7,112.28
 - Ecuador \$10,883.07
 - Madagascar \$14,925.49
 - Togo \$5,890 what to do about this balance? Would be a good idea to look at past transfers from the general account, and if it's more than this balance, then just send it back to the general account.
 - Tanzania \$14,883.49
 - EWB USA is changing their accounting system such that there will no longer be individual project accounts. There will just be one chapter account and it will be up to the chapter treasurer to track

project balances, if the chapter wants to do it this way.

- **Fundraising**
 - Film Festival in planning stages, 2017 call for entries is out.
 - Madagascar fundraiser is coming up February 21 at South Broadway Illegal Pete's.
 - Wine tasting fundraiser is coming up on April 7. Get in touch with Emma Boff to help.
- **Outreach**
 - Jim Gusek is available to give presentations about EWB, feel free to ask.

Project updates

- **Ecuador Guantugloma project update** – Trip report was given by Anna Campbell and Jon Jankousky. Team traveled Nov 10 for 10 days for irrigation project, which is about 80% done. 56 users are being served. There was some difficulty with drip vs. sprinkler irrigation, but the water is too dirty for drip. So the community is using sprinklers, which is what they want to do. Potable project is 100% complete, will have monitoring trip in June 2017 and hopefully close it out. Looking for a volunteer or two for this trip. In the future, might consider a wastewater system next.
- **Madagascar project update** – Team traveled in January. In Anosimparihy, two hand-pump wells are being drilled, hit water at 12 m. Might have a trip report coming in March.
- **Togo project update** – none. Chris Fahlin working to close the project. Everything is on hold until we hear from EWB-USA.
- **Tanzania** – Working on designing composting latrines for construction Summer 2017. Needs help with structural design of latrine buildings.

New Business

- The EWB-USA Spring grant season has opened. Due April 27th. There are *two* grant programs for projects in need of funding: the Project Grants Program and the Employee Grants Program. Details on both programs can be found [here](#). New and noteworthy: Beginning with the Spring 2017 cycle, the grant lifespan for both Project Grants and Employee Grants is now *12 months* instead of the previous time frame of *18 months*. This means that only trips that fall between April 18, 2017, and April 18, 2018, are eligible for this funding.
- Per the update last month, there is now a model wherein each program will be assessed an annual fee which will be used to cover HQ expenses. Annual program fee of \$1400. Project fees of \$600 for assessment or monitoring trip, and \$1200 for an implementation trip. **This makes it urgent that we close the Togo program ASAP.**
- Web hosting fees just came due, for 4 years is about \$500 (about \$10 a month). It was also approved to purchase a new chapter banner for use at fundraising events, etc.
- Apex Design is launching a paid internship program, contact Malinda Reese if interested in transportation engineering.
- Shannon McCarty, President of School of Mines is having a gala fundraiser on Friday April 7.



Next Meeting

March 14, 2017. University of Denver Engineering Building Hall, room 300.

Project Contact Information

- **Ecuador**, team meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month, typically from 7 to 8:30 pm.
Guantugloma - John Jankousky, John.Jankousky@eme-solutions.com

Malingua Pamba irrigation: ScottFanello@gmail.com
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Malingua Pamba erosion: Laura Backus, lbackus@gmail.com
- **Tanzania**, team meets on 4th Tuesday of every month, 6 pm. Malinda Reese, malinda.reese@apexdesignpc.com
- **Madagascar**, team meets on 4th Tuesday of every month, 7 pm. John Abrams, johnlabrams@gmail.com

Post-meeting

Socializing and libations at The Pioneer