



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA DENVER PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017

NOTE NEW LOCATION: ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING ROOM 300

Officers in Attendance

President – Rocky Macsalka

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.**
- **Treasurer**
 - **Account balances as of about Nov 30: (same report as last month)**
 - General Account \$4,816
 - Ecuador \$14,257
 - Madagascar \$22,104
 - 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 \$13,131
 - 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 Social
Learn About Our Cause



February 21st at **Illegal Pete's**
270 S. Broadway, Denver, CO 80219
3:00 to 9:00 pm: Present this flyer and 50% of all sales support *Clean Water for Madagascar*
6:00 to 8:30 pm: Program, raffle, silent auction (sporting goods, gift cards, Malagasy wine, etc.)

\$20 donation for your first beer in a commemorative glass
Learn: <http://www.ewb-usa.org/>
Socialize: <https://www.facebook.com/ewbents/1307452452608415/>
Donate: <http://tinyurl.com/ewbMadagascar>

- **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.
- Need to start thinking about wine tasting event too. To be held at Posner Center, aiming for April 7. Get in touch with Emma Boff to help.
- Year-end campaign is over. It was minimal for the chapter.

- **Outreach**

- Jim Gusek is available to give presentations about EWB, feel free to ask.

Project updates

- **Ecuador Guantugloma project update** – 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 May or June 2017 and hopefully close it out. Trip report coming in February.

- **Madagascar project update** – Team is there right now, the village of Ambalona recently burned to the ground and wells were damaged. In Anosimparihy, wells are being drilled, hit water at 12 m. 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** – Annual report is published! See chapter website. Did alternatives analysis of pit latrines vs. composting latrines, sent it to community, decided on composting latrines, approved by EWB USA. Implementation in Summer 2017. Needs help with structural design of latrine buildings.

New Business

- Malinda won an award and we had cake!
- EWB Mountain Region Conference Recap: EWB Denver Chapter members Tracy and John who attended the recent regional conference discussed what they learned. They found an EWB Financial Report session very helpful. A major takeaway is that EWB is moving to a model wherein each program will be assessed an annual fee which will be used to cover HQ expenses.
- Guest presenter: Kelly Latham, Director of Program Quality with Water for People. WFP works on water and sanitation solutions, and started out of ASCE, founded in 1991. Was volunteer driven, brought water utility knowledge to developing world. Changed model in 2010. American Water Works Association funds WFP. Large volunteer network that primarily does fundraising and not technical work or building. Work in 9 countries (down from 47). 200 staff. They partner with local municipality to achieve local access to water and sanitation. Monitoring and transparency is important. Implementation looks very different according to local norms and technologies. Go to efracker.waterforpeople.org to see performance metrics.



Next Meeting

February 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
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- **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