



## ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA DENVER PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

### Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2017

Location: DU ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING ROOM 300

#### Officers in Attendance

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President – Rocky Macsalka

Vice President – Brian Staley

Treasurer – Leah Dougherty

Secretary – Benjamin Mapes

See sign-in sheet for general attendance

#### Officer Reports

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- **Membership Chair** – We have about 80 dues-paying members, 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.
- **Treasurer**  
**Account balances as of about May 31:**
  - General Account \$21,167
  - Ecuador \$9,000
  - Madagascar \$9,000
  - Tanzania \$28,000

EWB USA has changed their accounting system such that there is no longer individual project accounts. There is just one chapter account and it is up to the chapter treasurer to track project balances, if the chapter wants to do it this way.

- **Fundraising**
  - Colfax Marathon – Paul McCoy raised \$265.
- **Outreach**
  - Jim Gusek is available to give presentations about EWB, feel free to ask.

## Project updates

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- **Ecuador Guantugloma project update** – Potable project is 100% complete, just had monitoring trip in June. Encountered several technical problems and was able to resolve them. Another closeout trip planned in 2018. Next implementation trip in September for the irrigation project.
- **Madagascar project update** – Looking for volunteers with experience with wells, and French speakers.
- **Togo project update** – none. Chris Fahlin working to close the project. Everything is on hold until we hear from EWB-USA. They have until October to close this before EWB USA fees are assessed to the Togo program.
- **Tanzania** – Working on designing urine-diverting composting latrines for construction (delayed to) perhaps February 2018. Need sanitation, structural, and construction engineers. Final design has been approved by EWB USA. Getting bids from contractors in Tanzania for construction.

## New Business

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- Chapter elections are in August. Secretary is term limited, so that office will be open. Current officers are interested in continuing their current positions.
- It was voted to eliminate the position of “Project Chair” due to the lack of a need.
- We have a new contact for room reservations at DU: [renee.carvalho@du.edu](mailto:renee.carvalho@du.edu).
- The new program fees are on a sliding scale from \$700 to \$1400, the amount chosen based on the quality of project submittal vs. EWB expectations.
- There will be a multi-region professional workshop August 12-13 in Chicago, registration fee \$75.
- National Conference is October 5-7 in Milwaukee, save the date. There will be scholarships available. Cost is \$400 for professionals and \$300 for early bird before Sept 8. You can also submit a poster for another \$100 off.
- Hana Lokey, Program Manager for Healing Waters International, presented to the Chapter. It’s a Christian organization, 15 years old, based in Golden CO. Over 200 projects in 13 countries, with 4 countries where staff are located. It has many of the same practical aims as EWB, such as cultural appropriateness.

## Next Meeting

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August 8, 2017. University of Denver Engineering Building Hall, room 300.

## Project Contact Information

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- **Ecuador**, team normally meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month, typically from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.  
Guantugloma: [John Jankousky, John.Jankousky@eme-solutions.com](mailto:John.Jankousky@eme-solutions.com)  
  
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Malingua Pamba erosion: [Laura Backus, lbackus@gmail.com](mailto:LauraBackus@gmail.com)
- **Tanzania**, team normally meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, 6 pm. Malinda Reese, [malinda.reese@apexdesignpc.com](mailto:malinda.reese@apexdesignpc.com)
- **Madagascar**, team normally meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, 7 pm. John Abrams, [johnlabrams@gmail.com](mailto:johnlabrams@gmail.com)

## Post-meeting

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Socializing and libations at The Pioneer