



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA DENVER PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2017

Location: DU ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING ROOM 300

Officers in Attendance

President – Rocky Macsalka

Vice President – Brian Staley

Treasurer – Leah Dougherty

Secretary – Benjamin Mapes

See sign-in sheet for general attendance

Officer Reports

- **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 April 30:
 - General Account \$21,225
 - Ecuador \$10,018
 - Madagascar \$9,101
 - Tanzania \$19,920

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, see website for details
- **Outreach**
 - Jim Gusek is available to give presentations about EWB, feel free to ask.

Project updates

- **Ecuador Guantugloma project update** – Potable project is 100% complete, will have monitoring trip in June 2017 for 10 days and hopefully close it out. Next implementation trip in September for the irrigation project.
- **Madagascar project update** – The team presented on the latest trip, last November-December. They addressed some of the recent fire damage and some damaged pumps. Did some relationship-building with the community of Anosimparihy. Difficulties in Ambalona are leading EWB to take a step back and allow village to work with NGO to re-build and take ownership. Communication is a big problem with this program. Equipment (pump) reliability is a problem, as is community ownership. Next trip may be in November, 2017 pending financing, logistics challenges. A ring-tailed lemur has 14 black and 14 white rings, says Larry.



- **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 urine-diverting composting latrines for construction Aug./Sept. 2017. Need sanitation, structural, and construction engineers. Final design has been submitted to EWB USA. Getting bids from contractors in Tanzania for construction.

New Business

- General fund allocation to be dispersed in July
- Megan Fessenden & Lee Rosen – new state representatives for Colorado
- John Abrams has a contact interested in putting up seed-money, funding for a new project in India or Southeast Asia.
- School of Mines chapter is looking for help from someone with well-drilling experience and is able to travel to Nicaragua.
- EWB USA has new branding guidelines and updated chapter logos, look to the web site for info. Includes new policies about sharing photos and videos from projects and trips.
- There will be new program fees and details will be communicated shortly.

- 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.

Next Meeting

July 11, 2017. University of Denver Engineering Building Hall, room 300.

Project Contact Information

- **Ecuador**, team normally meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month, typically from 7 to 8:30 pm.
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- **Tanzania**, team normally meets on 4th Tuesday of every month, 6 pm. Malinda Reese, malinda.reese@apexdesignpc.com
- **Madagascar**, team normally meets on 4th Tuesday of every month, 7 pm. John Abrams, johnlabrams@gmail.com

Post-meeting

Socializing and libations at The Pioneer