



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA DENVER PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2017

Location: DU 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** – 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. **Andrea Hoang is the new membership chair.**
- **Treasurer**
 - **Account balances as of about Jan 31:**
 - General Account \$6288.78
 - Ecuador \$10,883.07
 - Madagascar \$16,518.49
 - Togo \$5,890. This amount is being transferred to the general account, and the Togo project is being closed.
 - Tanzania \$14,871.38
 - 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**
 - Film Festival in planning stages, 2017 call for entries is out.
 - Madagascar fundraiser had a fundraiser February 21 at South Broadway Illegal Pete's, still tallying, but expected that they raised over \$3000.
 - Spring Grants are due April 27th, Madagascar and February applied.
 - Wine tasting fundraiser is coming up on April 7. Get in touch with Emma Boff to help. Looking for sponsorship help. Meeting on Monday March 20th. Flyer on last page of these minutes.
- **Outreach**
 - Jim Gusek is available to give presentations about EWB, feel free to ask. Recently gave a brown bag lunch at Kleinfelder.

Project updates

- **Ecuador Guantugloma project update** – Potable project is 100% complete, will have monitoring trip in July 2017 and hopefully close it out. Looking for a volunteer or two for this trip. In the future, might consider a wastewater system next. Neighboring communities are asking about water systems too.
- **Madagascar project update** – 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 and sanitation engineering.

New Business

- Catapult Design is offering a free human-centered design workshop, if interested come to the social on March 21. Contact Laura Hafford at Lauren.hafford@gmail.com.
- Rotary International needs help with wastewater design project in Africa, contact Dale Strickland, dstrickland@west-inc.com.
- (carried over from last month) 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.
- EWB-USA is looking for a new Colorado State Representative. Contact HQ if interested.
- 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. Emma is taking care of this.
- Apex Design is launching a paid internship program, contact Malinda Reese if interested in transportation engineering.

- We had a presentation from an Engineering Service Corps member, Mr. Gerard Dalziel, about a project in Sierra Leone as part of the Ebola emergency response. Informative article here: <http://insights.globalspec.com/article/3077/engineers-without-borders-usa-taking-on-the-toughest-challenges>

Next Meeting

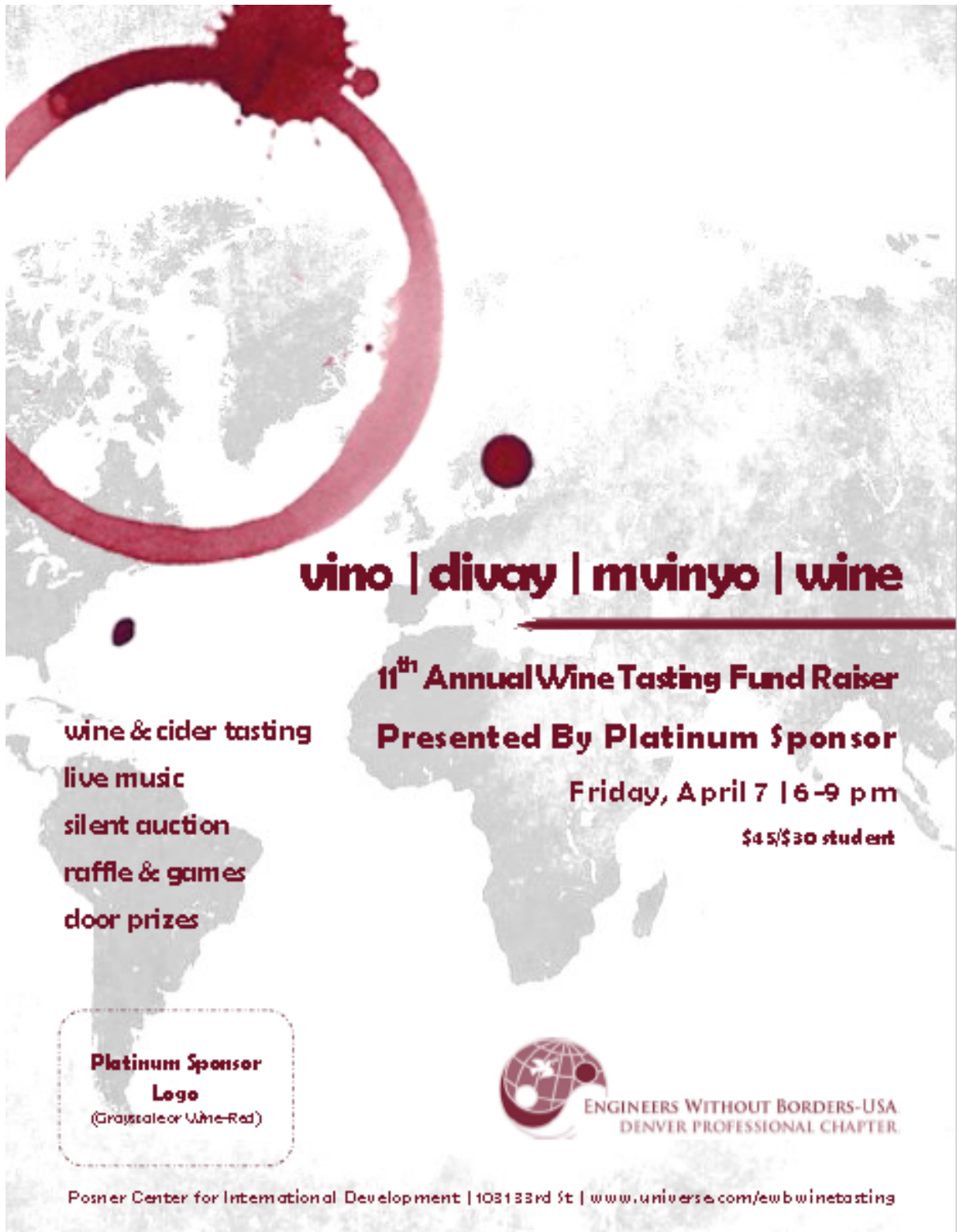
April 11, 2017. University of Denver Engineering Building Hall, room 300.

Project Contact Information

- **Ecuador**, team normally meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month, typically from 7 to 8:30 pm. Guantugloma - John Jankousky, John.Jankousky@eme-solutions.com
Malingua Pamba irrigation: ScottFanello@gmail.com
KKNThomp@gmail.com
Malingua Pamba erosion: Laura Backus, lbackus@gmail.com
- **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



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