



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA DENVER PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

**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**, spread the word about the chapter on social media. We have about 77 dues-paying members (as of June), over 618 people on the email distribution list. Spread the word! 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 August 31:**
 - General Account \$4,096
 - Ecuador \$14,771
 - Madagascar \$17,784
 - Togo \$5,890 what to do about this balance?
 - Tanzania \$7,188

- **Fundraising**
 - EWB-USA had a prize for the chapters that had the most members sign up for Volunteer Village. Our chapter won 1st place, over \$2,000.
 - Ecuador program has 2 fundraisers coming up:
 - Wednesday October 19 at Old Spaghetti Factory, project gets 15% of check if you have a flyer. Check your email for a flyer.
 - Renegade Brewing on Oct 21, 6 pm to close, project receives \$1 per pint.
 - Madagascar looking at a fundraiser on Dec 2, location and format TBD.
 - EWBs new fundraising program is called “Classy” and chapters and projects should set up Classy pages for fundraising. **The Chapter Classy page needs to be built. Tanzania and Madagascar pages are built.**
 - Film Festival Call for Entries has gone out, deadline was March 31st, now extended to end of June. To be included in next EWB-USA newsletter. Contact Cedar Wolf for info, he is looking to form a team for the film festival. Still possible to use Poverty, Inc. as screening material. Cedar researched local theaters for hosting, the Alamo Drafthouse in Littleton was interested and can be had for less than \$1000. 2017 Call for entries is going out in a few months.
 - Ecuador project is interested in getting set up using King Soopers cards as a fundraiser.
 - Rocky mentioned that it could be useful to get corporate sponsors on the web site.
 - The Fall Grant cycle just ended, applications were all submitted.
- **Outreach**
 - Jim Gusek is available to give presentations about EWB, feel free to ask.

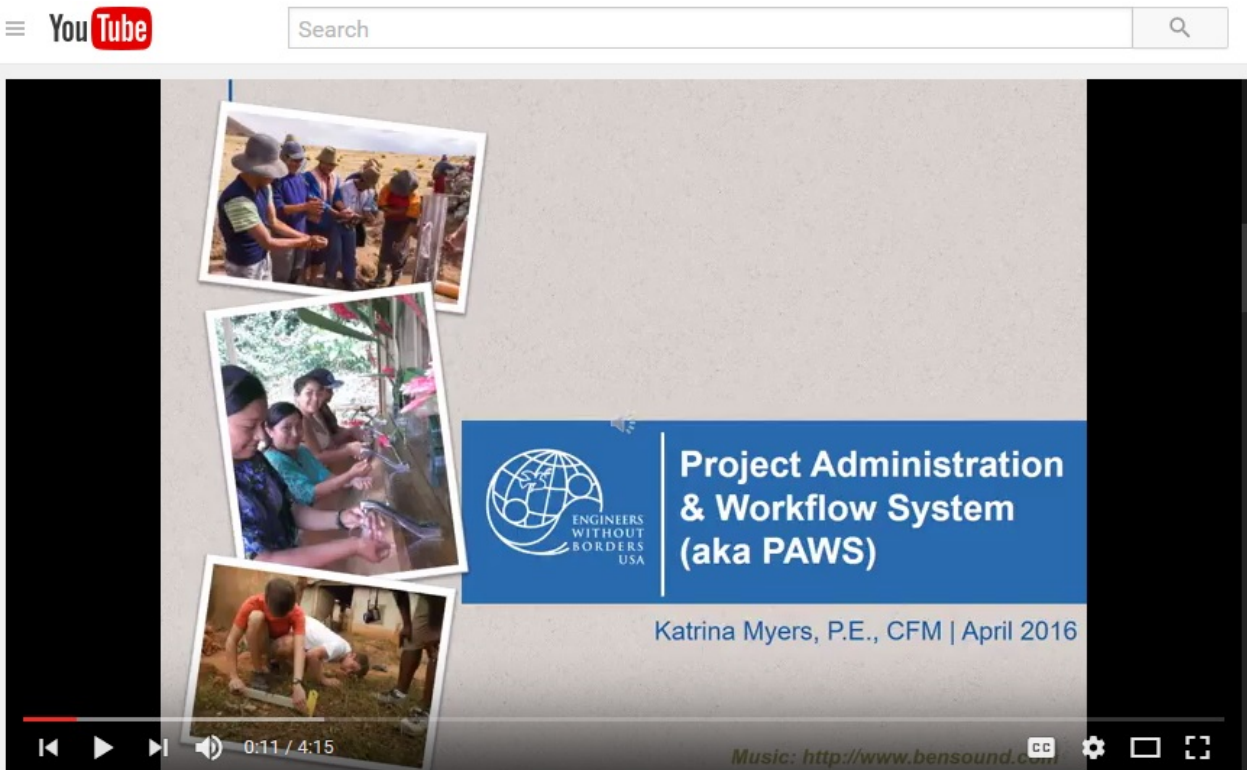
Project updates

- **Ecuador Guantugloma project update** – Community is about 60 houses, about 300 people. About 100% done, 8000m pipe, 13 tanks (2,000 L) and one 20,000 L tank, planning one more trip in May 2017 for monitoring. Been going here for 3 years. 55 of 55 houses currently have potable water.
- **Ecuador Irrigation Project** – Trip this Nov 10-20, looking at 3 more implementation trips total. Looking for help from a structural engineer for this trip. Need to raise funds.
- **Madagascar project update** – Team analyzed alternatives, settled on a well project (12) in Anosimparihy (2500 people). Working with Rotary Clubs for funding. Next trip planned for implementation in November, probably 2 wells. Sending 2 teams of 2 people each. Noted that it can be difficult to meet the EWB requirements of community investment because of their level of poverty, and to meet the opposing requirements of Rotary in spending their money quickly and EWB’s tendency for projects to be longer term and spend slowly. Sending a team in latter November 2016, sending second team in mid-December. Team needs fundraising.
 - Ambolona is in monitoring phase of project, where 6 wells have been drilled.
- **Togo project update** – none. Chris Fahlin working to close the project. Everything is on hold until we hear from EWB-USA.
- **Tanzania** – Successful assessment trip in July, presented to Chapter last month. Just sent info to community asking for input, looking at composting latrines or pit latrines. Currently working on alternatives analysis, and design for 1 male/1 female latrine. Goal is an implementation trip in Summer 2017.

New Business

- EWB USA has a new system to file reports called PAWS. Tracy highly recommends watching the PAWS webinar to learn about it.
- CU Boulder is looking for a mentor for a project in Paraguay, probably for a water project. Contact Cedar Wolf for details.
- EWB USA is looking for Responsible Engineer in Charge (REIC) for roofing project, contact Cedar Wolf.

- Mountain Region Conference is October 14-16 in Las Vegas. Tickets are on sale (\$150).
- There is an EWB-USA Mountain Region state event on Dec 3 that is a concrete workshop and BBQ at John Jankousky's house in Golden. RSVP to Cedar so he knows how much food to buy.
- EWB-USA is looking for international community program gurus to help review projects, application is: <http://www.ewb-usa.org/latest-news/join-our-team-technical-resources-volunteer-part-time/>
- Chris Brandewie from EWB-USA presented on PAWS, which is a change to the EWB-USA project process, and also spoke a bit about Volunteer Village which is a way for members to communicate about projects and EWB.
 - Attempts to make a simplified process. Use this for access and tutorial: <http://help.ewb-usa.org/customer/en/portal/articles/2503399-how-do-i-get-access-to-paws->
 - Quality Control Reviews
 - Chatter with P.E.s
 - ICP gurus (this is replacing TAC)
 - Checklists
 - Mentor qualifications and acknowledgements
 - Resources



Next Meeting

November 1, 2016. University of Denver Engineering Building Hall, room 300. **NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT THE USUAL DAY BECAUSE IT IS MOVING DUE TO ELECTION DAY.**

Project Contact Information

- **Ecuador**, team meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month, typically from 7 to 8:30 pm.

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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