

## EWB Portland Maine Professionals

### 8/18/2015 Meeting Minutes

Kelcy Adamec opened the meeting by asking for introductions of attendees and reviewing ongoing chapter activities, including:

**Annual EWB Yard Sale:** The yard sale is set for Aug. 22 & 23, with set-up Friday evening Aug. 21 at Jake Jacobson's house. Items in good condition can be dropped off at Jake Jacobson's garage in Cumberland or picked up. Contact Kathy Hillman Reed ([khillmanreed@gmail.com](mailto:khillmanreed@gmail.com)) or Jake Jacobson ([richard.jacobson@amecfw.com](mailto:richard.jacobson@amecfw.com)).

**Pi Road Race:** The 5K road race is scheduled for August 29 to benefit the Woodard & Curran Foundation. Any interested runners should check it out for participation.

**Restaurant Night:** The next restaurant night fundraiser is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Elsmere BBQ in South Portland. EWB PMP will receive a percentage of sales for the evening. Mary Kate Hegarty & Mike Zanchi are providing the EWB banner and handouts for the event.

**Dorgobom, Ghana Water Project:** The 521 Pre-Assessment report was submitted and approved by EWB-USA, which means travel can happen. Kelcy reported the goal of the upcoming trip is to reconnect with the Dorgobom community re: project status and next steps, if any. She noted that a conversation is needed with prior EWB project members to transfer knowledge of the project. She also noted travel would occur in October, at the earliest. FMI about the project, please contact Kelcy Adamec at [kadamec@hdrinc.com](mailto:kadamec@hdrinc.com).

**Election Cycle** – Chapter elections are coming up. Need all nominations by midnight 8/18 to Kathy Hillman Reed ([khillmanreed@gmail.com](mailto:khillmanreed@gmail.com)). An email ballot will be distributed to all paid members for voting to be completed by August 31.

### **August Presentation**

The August presentation was a free-ranging discussion of The Community Project in Debre Birhan, Ethiopia. Brad Roland gave an overview of the project, its history and current scope, which includes engineering support for construction of school buildings, a soccer field, a playground, a rainwater collection system for irrigation, latrines, a community center and community gardens. Mike Zanchi showed photos of the site and work completed so far.

The primary goal for the PMP chapter is to oversee construction of the first school building and teach community volunteers to build the remaining school buildings. The immediate next steps are driven by the NGO in Ethiopia, The EWB PMP chapter is scheduled to participate in 3 – 4 trips to Debre Birhan: September (school foundation), October (columns/beams), December and possibly January 2016 (walls & roof). Rita Cooper noted that a separate 525 report needs to be submitted for the roof & wall construction. It's due on October and must be approved before construction of those pieces can happen.

Please contact Rita Cooper at rcooper207@gmail.com for information about travel.

### **Other Business**

Brad Roland noted that the Maine Water Environment Association's fall convention will be held in September at Sunday River and EWB PMP has committed to a presentation on 9/17 at the convention. Since Brad will be in Debre Birhan then, need someone to cover for him. He noted there are 7 presentation slides EWB-USA requires for any presentation. Brad, Nadia Glucksberg and Mary Kate Hegarty will coordinate for the presentation.

Nadia Glucksberg reported the Hartford (CT) PMP chapter is looking for people to travel to Sabhung, Nepal in November to work on a water project there. If anyone is interested, please contact Nadia at [NGlucksberg@haleyaldrich.com](mailto:NGlucksberg@haleyaldrich.com). NOTE: Scott Winchester will be the traveling technical mentor for the November trip.

### **Next Meeting**

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the event room at the Sea Dog Brew Pub, 125 Western Avenue, South Portland, ME.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman Reed, Secretary