

## EWB Portland Maine Professionals

### 4/21/2015 Meeting Minutes

Kelcy Adamec opened the meeting by reviewing ongoing chapter activities, including:

**Chapter Status:** The PMP chapter has received three demerits on the last year for late reporting to EWB-USA on project work. Going forward it is imperative that report deadlines are met on all projects. Pre-trip reports are especially important in order to receive timely approval for travel. Post-trip reports may have some leeway about deadlines, depending on the project.

Kelcy noted that going forward the EWB PMP board is to be kept informed of all project deadlines and travel reports, including USM chapter travel reports. She encouraged project participants to review the CAP (Corrective Action Plan) information on the EWB-USA website.

**USM & UMO Chapters:** The two student chapters are discussing the potential to work together going forward. More info to come.

**Dorgobom, Ghana Water Project** – The project team typically meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays** of each month at HDR. The team has reached out to the Dorgobom community to get a sense of community responsiveness for continuing the water treatment project. Two new folks joined the team and reviewed assessment reports. Please contact Kelcy Adamec at [kadamec@hdrinc.com](mailto:kadamec@hdrinc.com) to join the project or receive updates.

**The Community Project – Ethiopia** – PSU submitted a post-implementation trip report for their travel in December 2014. Keith Stone & Craig Fairbaugh returned from their March trip to the site and will present the results at the May PMP chapter meeting. The Ethiopia NGO is still in country working with the city of Debre Birhan to do the grading of the site for installation of a soccer field, a track and a playground in May 2015. Fencing and seeding are scheduled to be completed before the rainy season arrives. School construction is still scheduled to start in September 2015.

The project team continues to work on final design details, plans and reports for the project. Please contact Rita Cooper at [rcooper207@gmail.com](mailto:rcooper207@gmail.com) to join the project or receive updates. The team now meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays** of the month.

**EWB Regional Workshop** – Kelcy mentioned the EWB Regional Workshop held in NH and will distribute information when the next workshop is scheduled. She noted it is an opportunity to learn more about EWB project work, especially for the USM and UMO student chapters.

Rita Cooper suggested the three chapters in Maine should get together to network, perhaps sometime late summer or fall. Kelcy agreed and would like to pursue the idea.

**Fundraising** – We are looking into local awareness and fundraising efforts such as restaurant nights. Contact Mike Zanchi at [treasurer@ewbportlandmaine.org](mailto:treasurer@ewbportlandmaine.org) if you would like to help.

### **April Presentation**

Hunter Wing, president of the USM student chapter, presented an excellent overview of their trip to Guatemala in February 2015. The students traveled to Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage to assess the need for a solar heating system to provide hot water for the orphanage.

Hunter reported the trip was very successful. They had the benefit of the community already having an idea of what needed to be done and how to go about it. The orphanage had already installed hot water piping. They developed a solid working relationship with the orphanage director who was “totally engaged” in the process.

Next steps for the students include designing the solar heating system, fundraising for project travel and materials, and installing the system in 2016. The students see opportunities to teach the orphanage community to use local materials to make solar heating systems for the larger community, thus extending the benefits of the project beyond the orphanage walls.

The USM student chapter will be working with the PMP chapter to transfer the project responsibility to the student chapter going forward.

### **Other Business**

None was brought forward.

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be held MAY 19, 2015, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM in the event room at the Sea Dog Brew Pub, 125 Western Avenue, South Portland, ME.** Please visit the Chapter Meetings page FMI at [www.ewbportlandmaine.org](http://www.ewbportlandmaine.org).

Respectfully submitted,

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