

## EWB PORTLAND MAINE PROFESSIONALS

### 12/10/2018 MEETING MINUTES

Chapter President Nadia Glucksberg welcomed everyone and, after introductions, provided the following updates:

Congratulations to Nick Dempsey and Kevin Russ, both of whom passed their PE exam!

Stefanie Trice Gill is raising money to support local engineers from other countries to obtain their professional registration in the US.

Nadia mentioned a recent acquaintance who is making spoon jewelry, the proceeds from which will go to feed the homeless. Please see Nadia FMI.

**HOLIDAY GIVING:** For the past couple of years, we have supported a local family who has now moved into a house in Windham and continue to make progress establishing their lives in America. With that we have decided to donate to either the Good Shepherd Food Bank or the Preble Street Resource Center. We'll have a gift box for folks to drop donations, as well as a Square reader if you choose to donate on behalf of the chapter. This is completely voluntary; funds are not coming out of our EWB account. Nadia will send out a survey to determine which charity to which the majority of you prefer the donation be sent.

**FUNDRAISING:** With three active projects percolating for our chapter, it is more important than ever to look toward our major fundraiser - Portland Uncorked! The 2019 date is Thursday, February 28 at the Custom House in Portland. Snow date is Friday, March 1. The planning process will begin shortly. We need participants to help with all aspects to make this a successful event. If you can help, please contact Kathy Hillman Reed ([khillmanreed@gmail.com](mailto:khillmanreed@gmail.com)).

**MILEMBE SCHOOL, TANZANIA:** A group met with Pamela Hawkes and Scott Teas on Dec. 5 to discuss the next steps for the school campus on which they're working in Tanzania. Following completion of the science labs and a teacher house, the next phase is the first girls' dormitory. Africa Schoolhouse (local NGO) has tasked them with designing a prototype, self-contained dormitory which might first be built on the existing campus, but plans for which would ultimately be available for construction at other rural secondary schools. The goal is to create a project where construction can be managed by the local district, using local workers, rather than engaging a general contractor who would add up to 50% to the cost. Pam & Scott have asked for the PMP chapter's help, since they have funding to begin as soon as February. Anyone interested in providing structural and sanitation support, please contact Nadia at [nluckberg@haleyaldrich.com](mailto:nluckberg@haleyaldrich.com). There is a Slack channel for this project.

**EL PROGRESO, ECUADOR:** The Project Team has returned from El Progreso for the first of the implementation trips. The team will present to the PMP chapter in January. This is a water project that will start as water distribution project and then progress as new phases are identified. There will be more travel opportunities in the spring, so if you want to get involved, let Baxter Miatke know, as this

team meets separately for planning and completing the EWB requirements. The team communicates on Slack, and if you would like to be included, just let Baxter know ([baxter.miatke@woodplce.com](mailto:baxter.miatke@woodplce.com)).

**HAITI BRIDGE TEAM:** The Haiti Bridge project is moving forward with weekly teleconferences and has momentum. As noted last month, Cashman has a full time volunteer in country now to lead the project management and the bridge is going up. Geotechnical, structural and hydrology support is helpful. Let Nick Dempsey ([Nicholas.Dempsey@hdrinc.com](mailto:Nicholas.Dempsey@hdrinc.com)) know if you are interested in getting (back) involved. We also have a Slack Channel dedicated to this project.

**STEM OUTREACH:** If you like kids and being a role model (or like playing hooky) join us. Our chapter is looking for a member to lead the school outreach and organize the presentations. They are easy, fun and only take a few hours. If we want to continue to support the local schools, we need someone to take on this effort. We have already been contacted by Kristin Berube at York High School. She is teaching there and previously participated in EWB StEM presentations. She would like to use one of our presentations with a project for her students. Contact Kathy Hillman Reed ([khillmanreed@gmail.com](mailto:khillmanreed@gmail.com)) if you want more info or can participate.

**EWB CHAPTER OUTREACH:** We continue to support the EWB New Haven Professional Chapter with their sanitation project in Nicaragua. They are fundraising now, with hopes of traveling again, although due to recent events in the country EWB-USA has suspended travel until it is safe

**N.E. EWB CONFERENCE:** The conference is scheduled for Feb. 2 at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT. It's hosted by the Hartford (CT) Professional Chapter. More info to come.

**CULTIV-AID:** An Israeli NGO, CultivAid is working in Ethiopia and will look to see how they may work with TCPE in the gardens in support of our program. Tomer Malchi founded the NGO, but used to work with EWB and reached out via Volunteer Village.

### **DECEMBER PRESENTATION**

The Ethiopia team presented an overview of their very productive trip to Debre Birhan September 20 – 28, 2018. The school building project is nearing completion for the first classroom building and the school is anticipated to open within a couple of weeks.

The next step for the team is completion of the Monitoring & Evaluation report for submission to EWB-USA.

**NEXT MEETING: NEXT CHAPTER MEETING IS MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 at SEA DOG BREWING in SO. PORTLAND, ME from 6:00PM – 7:00PM. PLEASE JOIN US!**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman Reed, Chapter Secretary