



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA  
PORTLAND, MAINE PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

## MEETING MINUTES

Sea Dog Brewing Company, South Portland

December 13, 2011 6:00-7:30 PM

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Nadia Glucksberg</b>	<b>Will Haskell</b>
	<b>Kathy Kern</b>	<b>Jake Jacobson</b>
	<b>Shanta Keller</b>	<b>Jay Peters</b>
	<b>Scott Winchester</b>	<b>David Nelson</b>
	<b>Sara Wright</b>	<b>Kelcy Adamec</b>
	<b>Karen Arnold</b>	

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

(Please note the new meeting schedule at the end of these minutes)

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nadia presented a vision for the coming year and touched upon the ongoing Ghana project.

- EWB Portland Maine to re-establish relations with local rotary groups for possible funding/ grant opportunities
- Develop/ research Outreach opportunities such as with local school districts. Several members have indicated that this item is pursued on an individual basis. Karen Arnold volunteered to champion a EWB presentation for school outreach projects.
- ***The 525 application to the EWB National has been approved.*** Thus far the travel team has been identified as Shanta Keller, Jay Peters, Karen Arnold and Will Haskell. Nadia indicated interest as an alternate. If anyone is interested in joining the travel team, please let Jay Peters know.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

EWB National currently has a grant initiative in the works. The following is a summary of this initiative from our Treasurer, Jay.

According to the EWB website, chapters are eligible for up to 10K in matching funds each. There is no way of knowing if the 100K in matching funds have been depleted yet. Nonetheless, EWB – Portland Chapter made a donation of \$2500. If matching funds are still available, then we'll receive a total deposit of \$3750, minus club fees at 6% = \$3525. If we do not get the matching funds, then our deposit will be \$2350. That is likely worth the possible loss of \$150 for the potential gain.

This leaves \$500 and change in our petty cash account, which should be enough to cover things that petty cash would normally be used for (e.g., deposit or supplies for a fundraising activity, etc). Jay will also be sending forward \$130 in checks from the raffle fundraiser.

It looks like EWB runs financial reports for clubs on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, and that reflect the previous calendar month. There does not appear to be a way of seeing real-time account information. Hence, we will not be able to see donations and if this matching thing worked out, until 1/15/12.

## FUNDRAISING

### Upcoming Events

Curva: A friend of Nadia's owns Curva, a bar in Orono. He has reserved a night in February 2012 for EWB Portland Maine. More information to follow!

### Continuing

Jason Spooner: A chapter member has connections with this local artist and has indicated a willingness to play at upcoming events. A date and venue to be determined.

US Companies: Engaging companies that work in Ghana as a possible source for funding. Karen Arnold/ Kathy Kern to pursue.

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 17, 2011 from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Sea Dog Brewing and Restaurant in South Portland.**

*Please note that our meetings have been changed to the third Tuesday of every month.* Meetings in the conference room at the Sea Dog Brewing and Restaurant have been reserved for the following dates:

January 17<sup>th</sup>

February 21<sup>st</sup>

March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Our speaker for the next meeting will be David Nelson. He will be presenting/ discussing his recent experience in teaching English as a second language in Japan.

We hope to see you all there!

I have prepared these meeting minutes to the best of my knowledge. If you have any comments or edits, please forward them to me.

Thank you!

Sara Wright