



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA
PORTLAND, MAINE PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

MEETING MINUTES

Sea Dog Brewing Company, South Portland

January 17, 2012 6:00-7:30 PM

Attendees:	Nadia Glucksberg	Will Haskell
	Heather Newton	Jake Jacobson
	Shanta Keller	Jay Peters
	Scott Winchester	David Nelson
	Maria Crouch	Keley Adamec
	Karen Arnold	Tim Brandon

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

UPDATES

The meeting started with welcoming new members and a short update on club activities.

After the introductions and updates, David Nelson gave a great presentation on his experience teaching English in rural Japan, through the swing flu epidemic as well as the earthquake/tsunami that devastated the coast. A copy of the presentation is posted on our website.

Ghana

We plan to go to Dogobom, Ghana to complete/expand the rain water harvest system and run pilot studies for treating the pond water. Anyone interested in traveling, contact Jay Peters at jpeters@haleyaldrich.com. For those with excess children's books, we are starting a collection to donate to the Dogobom school. You can bring them to the next meeting, or contact Nadia for pickup/dropoff.

School Outreach

With Engineers week coming up – if anyone has contacts, feel free to volunteer us to give a presentation to a class on ‘Engineering Beyond the Classroom’.

University of Southern Maine

Sarah Shaw has reached out to us and is trying to start a chapter at USM. If anyone is interested in being a mentor/liason = please let Nadia know.

University of Maine - Orono

Tim Brandon noted the need for translators both before implementation tips in Dulce Vivre, and as luck would have it, Maria Crouch joined our meeting and is fluent. Tim will reach out to UMO to see if we (i.e. Maria) can help the student chapter.

Urban Water Issues in Ghana

Leo Larochelle is in Ghana this month, working on water issues in the urban areas including Accra. If appropriate, he will reach out to CDDF and continue to make contacts for us and see if there are available funds to support our work in the rural areas.

FUNDRAISING

Jerry Cans

Matt Randall and his fiancé have chosen to donate a Jerry Can to our project in lieu of wedding 'party favors' (I'm sure their called something else.....but I'm not really good at that stuff). This is a very generous gift and we are looking forward to identifying if the filters will handle the clay size particulates that cause the turbidity in the Dogobom pond. THANK you and CONTRATULAIONS on your nuptials.

Thank you Cards

Karen Arnold designed and printed several thank you cards that can now be used to show our appreciation of donations etc.....They were reviewed and approved and we plan to print up more up. If you need some, would like one sent – please contact Sara Wright. (Thank you Karen)

Omitted from the updates

Everyone should purchases anything on-line, please sign up on Goodsearch. There are coupon to most on-line vendors (Amazon, iTunes, LLBean) and a percentage of your purchase goes to our chapter!!!! (if you selected it as your preferred charity). GoodDining also donates \$ when you dine out at places like Nosh, Sebege Brewing, Shea's....

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 21, 2012 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:

February 21st

March 21st

Our next meeting will be held on February 21st, with a presentation from Jillian Churchill on rainwater harvest systems in Honduras.

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