

## EWB Portland Maine Professionals

### 7/15/2014 Meeting Minutes

Matt Randall opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noting that there were two productive Ocean Gateway event sub-committee meetings prior to this meeting. He reviewed upcoming and ongoing chapter activities as follows:

**Chapter Outreach** – Matt Randall noted that Ron Brown, along with ASCE and EWB, is trying to identify engineers who would be willing to contribute a few hours to a proposed extension of the STEM program in 11 Maine counties with populations less than 70,000. A grant application has been submitted to the Honda Foundation to help support the program expansion. Resources have already been committed by Texas Instruments and the IEEE. FMI, please contact Matt at [matthewrandall1@gmail.com](mailto:matthewrandall1@gmail.com).

**Fundraising Events** – Plans are under way as follows:

- The 2014 Ocean Gateway event planning continues. Kathy Hillman Reed reported the event is set for November 13, 2014 from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM.
- The annual yard sale date is August 16 & 17 at Jake Jacobson's in Cumberland. Rain date is August 23 & 24. There will be a cookout Friday night 8/15/14 at Jake's house. Everyone is welcome to come & help move yard sale items to their selling place. Yard sale items are needed! FMI or to donate items, contact Jake at [richard.jacobson@amec.com](mailto:richard.jacobson@amec.com).
- Karen Arnold reported we were all set for a booth at the Yarmouth Clam Festival July 18 & 19 in what was called the "Eco Market", which is new this year. Need volunteers immediately following this meeting to make more jewelry using Ghanaian and Ethiopian beads

The core fundraising team needs people to help with all of these events, the largest of which is the Ocean Gateway wine/beer tasting event in November 2014. Many hands make light work – please contact Kathy Hillman Reed at [khillmanreed@gmail.com](mailto:khillmanreed@gmail.com) if you can work on one or more events. We will be conscripting otherwise!

**Dorgobom, Ghana Water Project** – The project team meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays** of each month at HDR. Please contact Kelcy Adamec at [Kelcy.Adamec@hdrinc.com](mailto:Kelcy.Adamec@hdrinc.com) to join the project or receive updates.

**The Community Project – Ethiopia** – Rita Cooper & Scott Winchester joined Angelique Kidd Smith and members of the Portland, OR chapters for the second pre-assessment trip to Debre Birhan the week of May 19, 2014. Their preliminary trip report to be presented at this meeting. The project team meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month** 5:30PM – 6:30PM. Please contact Nadia Glucksberg at [nglucksberg@haleyaldrich.com](mailto:nglucksberg@haleyaldrich.com) to join the project or receive updates.

**USM EWB Student Chapter** – The USM students are preparing their first project which is a solar installation at an orphanage in Guatemala. They are expecting to make their first trip in October 2014. If you would like to mentor or help with the project, please contact Phillip Swanson at [Phillip.Swanson@maine.edu](mailto:Phillip.Swanson@maine.edu) or Karen Arnold at [karen.arnold@arcadis-us.com](mailto:karen.arnold@arcadis-us.com). The group is especially looking for electrical engineers as PE mentors.

### **Chapter Elections**

Matt asked that anyone who may be interested in serving as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary in the coming year should contact Matt. Chapter elections are coming up in September 2014. FMI, please contact Matt at [matthewrandall1@gmail.com](mailto:matthewrandall1@gmail.com).

### **EWB National Conference**

Matt reminded attendees of the upcoming EWB National Conference in Virginia in November. He noted he would likely attend representing our chapter.

### **July Presentation**

Rita Cooper shared slides from her recent assessment trip to Debre Birhan, Ethiopia with Scott Winchester and Angeliqe Kidd Smith. The school construction project and community garden project are on schedule at this time. Rita and Scott will present more detailed information about the projects' progress later in the fall.

### **Other Business**

None was brought forward.

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting may be postponed. If not, it will be held Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM in the event room at the Sea Dog Brewing Company, 125 Western Avenue, South Portland, ME.**

Please visit the Chapter Meetings page FMI at [www.ewbportlandmaine.org](http://www.ewbportlandmaine.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman Reed, Secretary