

EWB Portland Maine Professionals

9/16/2014 Meeting Minutes

Kelcy Adamec opened the meeting by announcing the chapter election results as follows:

President – Kelcy Adamec; **Vice President** – Matt Randall; **Secretary** – Kathy Hillman Reed; **Treasurer** – Michael Zanchi.

She welcomed the new line-up and thanked Matt Randall for his service as President in the previous year and Jay Peters for his service as Treasurer.

Ongoing chapter activities include:

Dorgobom, Ghana Water Project – The project team meets the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month at HDR. Please contact Kelcy Adamec at Kelcy.Adamec@hdrinc.com to join the project or receive updates.

The Community Project – Ethiopia – The project team meets the **1st Tuesday of each month** 5:30PM – 6:30PM. Please contact Rita Cooper at rcooper207@gmail.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 assessment trip in October 2014. If you would like to mentor or help with the project, please contact Phillip Swanson at Phillip.Swanson@maine.edu or Karen Arnold at karen.arnold@arcadis-us.com. The group is especially looking for electrical engineers as PE mentors.

Adult Ed Outreach – We continue to support engineers who have moved to Maine from around the world. Thanks to Jessica Pierce and Kathy Kern for their patience, mentoring and time to work with émigrés. A special thanks to Kathy Kern, whose mentee was able to land a job in the past month!

Community Outreach – Kelcy reported that Matt Randall is working with Pious Ali (Portland School Committee member) to develop a pilot engineering camp for students. Kelcy noted that input from our chapter will be requested as this project evolves Matt Randall will present more information at a future date. Please contact Matt for more information – matthewrandall1@gmail.com.

EWB National Conference - The upcoming EWB National Conference will be held in Virginia in November. Matt Randall will attend representing our chapter.

Fundraising – Kelcy mentioned that we've received more Clynk bags and bag tags. Please contact Matt Randall if you need additional bags – matthewrandall1@gmail.com.

Jessica Pierce, Kathy Hillman Reed and others reported that work is continuing to produce **PORTLAND UNCORKED!**, the 2014 beer & wine tasting fundraising event scheduled for Thursday, November 13 from 5:30 – 9:00 at Ocean Gateway. **The major challenges at the moment are securing corporate sponsorships and silent auction items, as well as selling tickets for the event.** Plans are in place for addressing each. We will need a number of people to volunteer the day of the event for set-up, ticket tables, silent auction tables, etc. The planning team is meeting weekly on Tuesday at 5:30 PM.

September Presentation

Rita Cooper from Hydro International and a member of the Ethiopia project team presented an update on the progress of the project.

Currently there is a late December 2014 trip planned for the Portland (OR) State University folks that includes building latrines at the Debre Birhan site. Rita noted there is no representative from our chapter going, though the team would like one. If interested, please contact Rita at rcooper207@gmail.com.

The 523 Alternative Analysis report was submitted In September to EWB USA for review. The final design report is to be submitted in November 2014. A pre-implementation report is due in December 2014. A construction trip is planned for late March 2014.

Rita reviewed the project scope as follows: construction of 5 school buildings, construction of composting latrines, construction of a community center with a playground, developing garden and orchard space and laying out a soccer field. Once the building design and construction materials are finalized, EWB and partners will build the first school building (administrative offices) with the intent that the local population will construct the remaining buildings, with EWB oversight.

Much work remains to make final decisions about appropriate construction materials for the geographic area, final building design, and construction management for the project given its large scope.

Other Business

None was brought forward.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 6:00 PM – 6:00 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman Reed, Secretary