

EWB Portland Maine Professionals

3/17/2015 Meeting Minutes

Kelcy Adamec opened the meeting by reviewing ongoing chapter activities, including:

Chapter Status: The PMP received a demerit for the Guatemala project the USM student chapter is working on. The demerit comes to the PMP chapter because we are mentoring the student chapter, and the student chapter did not submit complete Guatemala trip documents to EWB-USA in a timely fashion. A second PMP demerit is likely to be handed out for the Ethiopia project (see below).

Since the PMP chapter also received a demerit in 2014 for the Ethiopia project, Kelcy and Matt Randall will be discussing the impact of 3 chapter demerits with EWB-USA immediately.

Dorgobom, Ghana Water Project – The project team typically meets the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month at HDR. The team has reached out to the Dorgobom community to get a sense of community responsiveness for continuing the water treatment project. Two new folks joined the team and reviewed assessment reports. Please contact Kelcy Adamec at kadamec@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. Pending EWB-USA approval, new chapter member Keith Stone will travel with a PSU student to Debre Birhan on 3/20/15 for site grading and to finish the two latrines PSU started in December 2014. There was a long discussion about the status of this project and its potential for drawing a demerit for the chapter because approval for the 3/20/15 trip was not obtained in a timely fashion. Please contact Rita Cooper at rcooper207@gmail.com to join the project or receive updates.

Fundraising – We are looking into local fundraising efforts such as restaurant nights. Contact Mike Zanchi at treasurer@ewbportlandmaine.org if you would like to help.

Engineering Expo – The Engineering Expo occurred at USM on March 14, 2015 at the USM campus in Gorham, ME. Unfortunately there were no volunteers to staff the EWB PMP table. Rita Cooper and Karen Arnold joined up with the UMO student chapter to support their table at the event.

March Presentation

Leila Pike presented slides and a discussion of her trip to Cameroon where she visited a friend serving in the Peace Corps. During that trip she observed the general water supply, as well as work that the Kumbo Water Authority does. This is a community-led water supply effort. The Kumbo Water Authority partners with a local NGO called Green Care to ensure the quantity and quality of water for two small farms and about 2,000 people in the immediate area.

Leila's trip slides will be posted on the EWB PMP website.

Leila recently completed her master's degree in water resources engineering and works at Ransom Consulting.

Other Business

None was brought forward.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held APRIL 21, 2015, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM in the event room at the Sea Dog Brew Pub, 125 Western Avenue, South Portland, ME. Please visit the Chapter Meetings page FMI at www.ewbportlandmaine.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman Reed, Secretary