

EWB PORTLAND MAINE PROFESSIONALS

11/19/2020 MEETING MINUTES

November Presentation

Our November meeting was once again a virtual meeting that took place during EWB-USA's Week of Celebration and Learning. For those who were interested, EWB-USA provided links to their virtual 2020 EWB-USA Annual Awards Ceremony and the following Volunteer Social Hour on November 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. MST. (That's 7:30PM our time).

The event was to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of EWB volunteers and chapters and recognize their efforts in helping EWB-USA achieve its mission of building a better world.

EWB's passionate founder, Bernard Amadei, presented the 2020 Volunteer Awards and attendees played a trivia game with cash awards for chapters, sponsored by EWB-USA's corporate partner Pratt & Whitney. Following the Awards Ceremony there was a Volunteer Social Hour!

Special note: Groundwater Wells 101 was one of the event series. Our own Helena Hollauer spearheaded the presentation, which was accepted for the event. Helena and The presentation got rave reviews!

Updates

December PMP meeting: The PMP Executive Committee (Pres., VP, Treas, & Sec.) opted to forego a December meeting, given the holiday season and the pandemic situation that precluded a traditional social meeting. Regular meeting will resume in January 2021.

El Progreso, Ecuador: Although the pandemic has closed out travel, the project team is working toward the next phase of implementation, when we can travel once it is safe and EWB-USA approved to do so. Project Team calls are happening regularly every other week. Reach out to Baxter (baxterm419@gmail.com) or Julianne (jpage@woodardcurran.com) if you want to get involved. Join the Slack channel for this project to stay up-to-date on the project.

Ixtupil, Guatemala: We have teamed up with the UMaine student chapter to begin a water distribution project in Ixtupil, Guatemala. UMaine student chapter has proposed to partner with the PMP chapter to enhance UMaine's fundraising capability and develop a mentor/mentee relationship to move ahead with the project. Braydon Norris

(braydon.norris.15@gmail.com), a recent UMaine grad and new member to our chapter is leading the effort for PMP. An MOU has been drafted for the partnership between UMaine and the PMP chapters and is being reviewed. A remote project assessment was done 10/12/2020 in Ixtupil. The UMaine chapter is responsible for preparing and submitting the Assessment Report to EWB-USA. A Slack channel has been set up for this project.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00PM. Zoom link to be sent.

Respectfully submitted,

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