

EWB PORTLAND MAINE PROFESSIONALS

8/17/2021 MEETING MINUTES

The EWB-PMP chapter met in person for the first time since February 2020! Thanks to Baxter Miatke and Devon White we were able to enjoy a cookout on their deck to meet outdoors in these still-challenging Covid 19 times. Thanks to all who attended and brought food and drink to share.

Chapter President Baxter Miatke provided the following updates:

- Portland Uncorked! may not be returning in 2021 as hoped. The tentative date is Thursday, October 14, 2021, at the Custom House in Portland. However, given the current Covid-19 surge, it appears that may not be advisable even though many potential attendees have likely been fully vaccinated. We agreed to discuss this further and decide at our September chapter meeting.

Other Officer & Project updates:

VP Steve Laudage:

- Nadia Glucksberg has connected with the Hartford Professional Chapter to see whether they can help us with transitioning to a simpler website platform. HPC has agreed to work with us.
- A virtual discussion, "Talking Ecuador", was held for Thursday, June 24, 2021. Several EWB chapters participated to discuss their water projects in Ecuador. The event was a great success, and a follow-up virtual discussion will be planned for the fall.

Treasurer Jay Peters:

- The PMP chapter has \$94,400 in our bank account. We are in good shape to resume travel for project work once the travel ban is lifted by EWB-USA.

Secretary K. Hillman Reed:

- We have added several new names to the PMP distribution list.

State Rep Maeve Carlson:

- The EWB regional call was scheduled for 6/16/21 and she promoted the "Talking Ecuador" event.

El Progreso, Ecuador: Design work continues for the distribution pipeline, the taps, and mitigating the silt issue. Next steps include 1) using modelling software to create a model for the distribution line and 2) obtaining sediment and water quality samples from both the east and west springs to be tested prior to mitigation and water treatment.

Latrine Pit Removal Project: This is a request from Scott Teas for his school building project in Tanzania. He needs some expertise re: an issue with the composting latrines that have been built at the Milembe girls' school. J. Peters, S. Reed, and B. Roland are working with Scott re: possible solutions.

Hartford Professional Chapter: Nadia Gucksberg, Helena Hollauer, and Matt Reynolds continue to support this chapter on a well project in Guatemala.

The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00PM at the Sea Dog Brewing Co., Western Ave., So. Portland. Meeting info will be sent for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman Reed, Chapter Secretary