

## **EWB MID-ATLANTIC PROFESSIONALS CHAPTER MEETING NOTES**

Meeting Date: April 2, 2009  
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Place: CAT 240, Drexel University

### **1. Lehigh Valley Chapter Contact**

The Chapter is already busy. They are not interested in partnering on the Las Delicias, El Salvador project

### **2. Member Profiles**

Walt handed out a form for those present to update their member profile for the EWB-MAP Web site.

### **3. News and Events**

- The Philadelphia Global Water Initiative (PGWI) conference is Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (reception with refreshments in evening) and Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Clean Air Run April 18<sup>th</sup> will be followed by Earth Day celebration.
- Local Projects Group (EWB-MAP) has a project planned for April 25 in Camden. Contact Stacie Peterson (speterso22@yahoo.com) if interested.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a Philadelphia Cares event in Fairmount Park. Location to be determined. Contact Neil Yersak (nyersak@gmail.com)

### **4. Rwanda Project Update**

- The last report from Rugerero indicates one replacement and 12 repairs remain.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> trip planned for follow-up inspection and pre-project for latrines at clinic (may need design). Lily Ye is there this month for a visit.
- EWB-MAP will not replace any old latrines that have been deliberately destroyed to qualify for new construction or repairs.

### **5. Las Delicias, El Salvador Water Distribution Project Introduction**

- Application was submitted week of March 30.
- This project includes diagnosing failure(s) of an existing water distribution system with a well, pump(s), cisterns/tanks, and potentially miles of buried pipes and valves.
- Typically, EWB-USA would take about 6 weeks to review the application. Approval is expected.
- Meeting of interested members to follow Chapter meeting. We are looking to assemble a Team.

### **6. Apatut, Philippines Project Update**

- Team consisting of eight or nine members is meeting monthly. PM is not present.
- See Wiki page for status.

### **7. Financial Status Report**

- Rich Cairncross reported that the financial report has gone on-line. See EWB-MAP Web site.
- EWB-MAP shirts are available for \$30.00.

## 8. PR/Fundraising

- Walt presented a summary of the discussion at the Apatut meeting. "Global Giving" concept and happy hour to encourage non-engineers were discussed.
- Need to prepare proposed budget. What level of funding is needed through this calendar year?
- Typical water project actual cost estimated at \$30K to \$40K.
- Las Delicias project already has funding partners.
- Ask Amanda Lewis for preliminary Apatut water project updates.

## 9. Newsletter

Adam Brostow offered to prepare an article on solar refrigeration for the next EWB-MAP newsletter.

## 7. Presentation by University of Penn EWB Student Chapter

- U Penn EWB Chapter formed in 2003.
- Two projects, Territas, Honduras and Kob, Cameroon were featured.
- All project participants receive culture training, then form teams to focus on individual aspects of the project (e.g., food, health education and assessment, local environmental conditions, language, etiquette, mixing cement, joining PVC piping, etc.).
- Partner with NGO operating in the locale.
- Professional mentoring needed for a potential microhydroelectric plant in Zambia. Contact Alex Yen ([hyen@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:hyen@wharton.upenn.edu)) for more information.

## 6. Next Meeting

The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting will convene on Thursday, May 7, 2009.