

EWB MID-ATLANTIC PROFESSIONALS CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: November 4, 2010
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting Place: 162 Curtis Hall, Drexel University

1. Introductions

- There was one first time visitor, Lon Sullivan, a chemical engineer working at Arkema in Bristol, PA.

2. News and Events

- PGWI Conference at U of Pennsylvania today. Reception at the Fairmount Water Works Museum.
- EWB-Princeton U Chapter hosting conference Friday November 12 – Collective Motion. Details are listed on our Facebook page. Access the EWB-MAP Facebook page via the EWB-MAP Web site. Conference registration is free.
- EWB-MAP Facebook page is up and running. There is another older version or two that Tracy McClure will try to delete. Please use the discussion forum and other features of the Facebook page
- There is a program on Philadelphia's riverfront coming up at the Fairmount Waterworks Interpretive Center November 17th. Going green. Follow the link on the EWB-MAP website for details. Use the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Engineers-Without-Borders-Mid-Atlantic-Professionals/154128767956994>
- The October Philadelphia Cares event was a project at the John Bartram High School in West Philadelphia. Twelve people from EWB-MAP helped out. Photos can be seen on the EWB-MAP Web site.
- Preliminary planning is underway for a fundraiser next February or March. Interested volunteers please contact Walt Walker. .
- There was general support for Walt to plan a "Holiday" Happy Hour at City Tap House December 9 or 16, where we could also have a toy drive established (Toys for Tots). This would also be an opportunity for networking/follow-up on Alfie's desire to lead fundraising efforts for the possible spring event in Feb or March.
- South Jersey ASCE will have a meeting Jan. 27th in Deptford, NJ. EWB-Rowan U will present on their projects. EWB-MAP is invited to participate in a poster display. Cost, including dinner is \$30/person.
- EWB-USA Student Chapter U of Delaware will have a representative at our December meeting to share their Chapter status. Samantha is setting this up – Thanks.
- Chapter Flier. Tracy will be in touch with Bob Difilipo to see if there is a plan for this.
- Temple University now has a EWB-USA Chapter formed. They have a local project – Master Plan for Northeast Philadelphia Area Storm Water Management with installation of “water gardens” proposed. Walt will keep in touch with EWB-Temple to see how EWB-MAP can support this Student Chapter program.

3. Project Summaries and Updates

- Brian Hamill provided a summary of the Las Delicias project. Discussed power factor issues and asked for help with fundraising. Coca Cola and Pepsi offer grants – Harry will investigate and propose something.
- There was no update for the Apatut, Philippines water supply project
- Lora Markley submitted a message as follows: The Rwanda team will travel to Rwanda December 2nd through the 11th. They will complete housing repair projects, build new latrines,

and build new kitchens for each of the homes. They will also be performing an assessment on future trips, and will be taking along a nurse who is developing her own program.

5. Financial Update

- Currently there is approximately \$41,000 in the bank
- About \$50,000 was raised, and \$20,000 spent in the last reporting period.
- Unrestricted Chapter funds are approximately \$11,000
- Funds by project include \$21,000 – Rwanda; \$9,000 Apatut; and \$200 El Salvador
- In addition, each project can count on about 1/3 of the \$6,600 Fall Fundraiser proceeds
- EWB-USA is proposing to change the fee structure for Chapter services. The fee on general revenue would be dropped, to be replaced by fees for administrative costs to support certain Chapter functions, such as travel. See the EWB-USA Web site for more information

6. Fundraising Ideas

- City Tap House - Dec 2010 - Walt
- 5K run in Spring or summer Walt/Lon Sullivan
- Mud Sled Design and race competition – Alfie (alfiehanssen@gail.com)

7. Professional Registration Continuing Education Requirements

- Russ mentioned the recent special notice about Act 25 requiring Pennsylvania professional engineers, land surveyors and geologists continuing education requirements
- The Notice and an excel table that may be handy to keep track of Professional Development Hours (PDHs) is attached

*** Next Meeting

- The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting will convene on **Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.** Meeting place will be 162 Curtis Hall, Drexel University.