

## Meeting Summary – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### EWB-DC Chapter News:

**National News:** Submission for chapter of the year. How to host an EWB lunch & learn. Work on getting companies engaged. EWB USA is accepting nominations for their board. Put out a call for papers regarding innovative practices and techniques utilized in our project work.

Free access to Google Earth Pro for all EWB – Professional members

EWB Membership:     \$100 for professionals  
                              \$0 for undergrad and graduate students

**Ben's DC State Rep Updates:** No current updates as student chapters are on summer break  
10 days out of the year missing work  
Pay-for position

- State Representative for Virginia - Filled
- State Representative for Maryland - Filled

**Website updates:** EWB-DC will be working over the next few months to refresh the content on our website and make it easier to find information using the latest progress and photos from recent trips. We already have a couple of great website developers, but if you are interested in refreshing the content (e.g., writing descriptions, pulling in relevant photos, etc) please contact Matt Drury at [president@ewb-dc.org](mailto:president@ewb-dc.org)

**Monthly newsletter:** We will try to transition to a monthly newsletter that provides these email updates using an online web service, which will make it easier to read, provide pictures, etc. If you are interested in helping with this process, please contact: [shane.trexler@gmail.com](mailto:shane.trexler@gmail.com)

**Regional conference:** The EWB Regional Conferences will be this Fall. See below for details:

EWB Regional Conferences

<http://ewb-usa.org/conference/>

NE Region: November 22-24, 2013 - New Brunswick, NJ (Rutgers)

**Regional chapter awards** – Awarded to members or chapters that exemplify what EWB National is about. Nominations due Jun 30. EWB-DC will be submitting for an award.

**Leadership Transition** – President: Jonathan Mead

VP: Ben Hsu

Secretary: Shane Trexler

**Members of EWB** can get Google Earth Pro for free: <http://my.ewb-usa.org/project-resources>

### Existing Programs Update:

#### **Mbohkop, Cameroon**

- Team returned from first assessment trip in March. Trip was a huge success and we are looking for new members to help with reviewing data and health assessments
- Poor quality of water
- Extensive public health and engineering needs for this project
- We are analysis information from assessment trip #1

- The community continues to send our group data on water tests and flow rates
- Looking to travel again in October or November of this year
- In the beginning stages of assessing and developing a sustainable water system for Mbohkop
- Planning education activities for the next visit
- Preparing training for in-community water committee members
- Looking for volunteers to help with our four subgroups: water system, public health, education, and fundraising
- Looking for anyone who knows of any organizations that would be willing to partner with us to donate funds, guidance, materials, advice, etc
- Next trip to Cameroon is planned for November 2013
- Meet at GWU Hospital room 6117 for meetings – next meeting is July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm
- Contact Lisa Biddle or Rahul Mitra at [cameroon@ewb-dc.org](mailto:cameroon@ewb-dc.org) or join the Google Group <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/ewbdccameroon> if you're interested in getting involved.

### **Santa Clara, El Salvador – Ongoing Project**

- Chapter's first project – started 8 years ago
- Designed and built a drinking water system for the community, water was turned on last March
- Continuing to monitor the water system
- Initiated a second project – clean stoves
  - o Many respiratory problems attributed to cooking over an open flame
  - o Design phase
- Looking to travel at the end of August as well as end of October
- Looking for several types of volunteers including engineers, public health professionals and any enthusiastic volunteers to help with video editing, educational and web content development and help with speaking Spanish!
- **Contact Angeline Cione or Julio Vargas at [santaclara@ewb-dc.org](mailto:santaclara@ewb-dc.org) if you're interested in getting involved.**

### **Projects Seeking Assistance**

#### **Panama Project** (Centro de Recursos Educativos para Empoderamiento en Rincon (CREER).

- Community requests technical and electrical support, training, and education, as well as funding
- Community submitted application to EWB National and is making revisions based on recommendations from National
- If EWB-DC adopts, they would submit 502 application
- In order for EWB-DC to adopt this project, we would need a core team dedicated to the project. Rahul Mitra will be reaching out to the chapter with more information for anyone looking to get involved. Contact Rahul with questions prior to the meeting: [rahulpm@gmail.com](mailto:rahulpm@gmail.com)

#### **EWB George Washington University**

- Looking for professional mentor
- 5 years experience in your field
- December 26<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> – January 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Upcoming Fundraising Events**

**Monthly Red Line (Chinatown) Happy Hour events!** – Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and every First Wednesday thereafter

**Jam for Cameroon** – “battle of bands” in August – more info TBA

**Auction** – will auction items brought back from Cameroon – more info TBA

#### **Next Chapter Meetings:**

**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm GWU Hospital room 6117

**Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm GWU Hospital room 6117

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## Leadership Transition