



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA  
WASHINGTON DC PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

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General Meeting Notes  
October 17, 2013

1. Introductions - Jonathan [president@ewb-dc.org](mailto:president@ewb-dc.org)
  - a. New member introductions
  - b. Good representation from Student Chapters
    - i. Montgomery College
    - ii. Catholic
    - iii. GW
    - iv. UMD
  - c. GWU student members
  - d. IEEE regional journal editor (from MC chapter) was present and asked anyone interested to send articles
2. EWB National/Regional News - Ben <[vice\\_president@ewb-dc.org](mailto:vice_president@ewb-dc.org)>
  - a. New document templates available online, required after January 2014
    1. All available on EWB USA website
  - b. Live Technical Webinar Series
    - i. <http://my.ewb-usa.org/chapter-resources/member-seminars>
      1. Covers a broad range of topics from financial planning to how to do an assessment
      2. Schedule is available online
3. EWB Southeast Region Conference Recap – Jessica
  - a. Held at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ross and Jonathan also attended
  - b. EWB-DC is the 2013 SE regional premier chapter
  - c. EWB is focusing on a Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (PMEL) Program as a resource
    - i. Sustainment in community post design after the project is implemented
4. Upcoming EWB Northeast Region Conference - Ben <[vice\\_president@ewb-dc.org](mailto:vice_president@ewb-dc.org)>
  - a. November 22-24, New Brunswick, NJ (Rutgers)
  - b. Presenters needed! Please contact Ben if interested.
    - i. Jonathan and Ben are attending.
    - ii. EWB-DC is technically a member of the SE Region but attends this conference, presents, and sits on panels.
5. Santa Clara (El Salvador) Project Updates - Angeline [santaclara@ewb-dc.org](mailto:santaclara@ewb-dc.org)
  - a. Working with community past few years on implementation; not yet a fully sustainable system

- b. Did financial audit in January and go down to check on technical aspects of system
  - c. Next steps
    - i. Stove design alternatives
    - ii. Build first prototype stove; will have stove party in next few weeks
    - iii. Are still monitoring the water system, still working on general health and chlorine promotion
    - iv. Talk to Angeline or Marie if interested in assisting
- 6. Cameroon Project Updates - Lisa [cameroon@ewb-dc.org](mailto:cameroon@ewb-dc.org)
  - a. Assessment Trip #2 (Nov. 17-Dec. 2)
    - i. Quantitative baseline public health survey
  - b. Meet every other week
    - i. Next meeting is Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm
      - 1. Welcoming new members of any discipline
- 7. Panama Project Updates - Rahul [panama@ewb-dc.org](mailto:panama@ewb-dc.org)
  - a. Is EWB-DC's newest project
  - b. Have an existing water supply and storage system
  - c. Are looking to build a library and community center
    - i. Likely using solar panels, wind turbines etc
    - ii. Power 15-20 computers
    - iii. First meeting is on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> GW Hospital 6108
  - d. New subject matter for a project (electrical as opposed to water)
- 8. University of Maryland Presentation - Alex, Landry, Brian, Brett
  - a. Presented on 3 programs
    - i. Peru
    - ii. Burkina Faso
    - iii. Ethiopia
- 9. Upcoming Fundraisers - Ashley [aereives@gmail.com](mailto:aereives@gmail.com)
  - a. Relating to Cameroon Project
    - i. Online fundraising campaign
    - ii. Grant opportunities
    - iii. Will be hosting another fundraising happy hour before the second assessment trip in November
  - b. Looking into creating a business plan and proposal package for the project
  - c. Contact Ashley for any interest in fundraising or outreach.
- 10. Treasurer's Report - Marie [treasurer@ewb-dc.org](mailto:treasurer@ewb-dc.org)
  - a. Will cover in next meeting
- 11. Local Student Chapter Updates - As available
  - a. GW
    - i. Planning 2 trips back to el Salvador
      - 1. Are looking for professional mentors for 2 trips:
        - a. Dec 27<sup>th</sup>-Jan 4<sup>th</sup>
        - b. March 8<sup>th</sup>-March 16<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Catholic
      - 1. Site assessment in may Paraguay project was closed
      - 2. Looking to get involved in a project with EWB-DC
    - iii. Montgomery chapter

1. Want to partner and work with panama project
12. NEXT MEETING NOV 12<sup>th</sup> 7PM in this room