



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA
WASHINGTON DC PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

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Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2013

1. Introductions - Jonathan <president@ewb-dc.org>
2. EWB National/Regional News - Ben <vice_president@ewb-dc.org>
 - a. **2013 Year-End Campaign Begins December 2!**
 - i. All donations matched until funds run out (50% of match goes to chapter, 50% to EWB-USA general fund)
 - ii. \$5000 award to chapter with highest dollar amount raised
 - iii. \$5000 award to chapter with largest number of donors
 - iv. Donation link: <http://tinyurl.com/ewb-dc-donate>
 - b. New document templates available online, required after January 2014
 - New addenda docs focusing on monitoring metrics and sustainability for all projects
 - c. Live Technical Webinar Series:
<http://my.ewb-usa.org/chapter-resources/member-seminars>
 - d. Southeast region mentor coordinator roll open for applications
 - A great way to get involved with EWB at the regional level
 - More at: <http://regions.ewb-usa.org/southeast/about-the-southeast-region>
 - e. Opening on the Southeast regional steering committee: Apply by Nov. 15
 - f. Renew your EWB membership by the end of the year!
 - Membership provides funding to chapter projects and EWB national
 - Enables access to EWB-USA online technical resources
 - Many employers will pick up the tab!
3. Santa Clara (El Salvador) Project Updates - Angeline <santaclara@ewb-dc.org>
 - a. Next meeting: November 18, 7pm, GWU Hospital Room 6116
 - b. Looking to travel for about a week in the Jan – March timeframe
 - c. Working on clean cook stove design analyses
 - d. Will build a pilot stove in the community in 1Q2014 and then expand to a set of early adopters
4. Cameroon Project Updates - Lisa <cameroon@ewb-dc.org>
 - a. Assessment Trip II Travel Dates: November 17 - December 2, 2013
 - b. Next meeting: December 9, 7pm, GWU Hospital Room 6117
 - c. \$5,000 grant received from EWB-USA fall grant cycle!
5. Panama Project Updates - Rahul <panama@ewb-dc.org>
 - a. Next meeting: November 13, 7pm, GWU Hospital Room 6116
 - b. Planning first technology center assessment trip for 1Q2014
6. Request for Engineering Assistance - Jonathan <president@ewb-dc.org>
 - a. Carbon Roots is looking for engineering expertise for biochar projects in Haiti:

- Dan Broockmann, (broockmann@yahoo.com) is our point of contact with Carbon Roots. Dan is a former Peace Corps volunteer who served in Haiti (2001-2003) and then volunteered for EWB working with founder Dr. Bernard Amadei and the University of Colorado Chapter on a number of projects in Haiti. Currently works with non-profit Carbon Roots International on the production of Green Charcoal and Biochar (for agricultural soil improvement) in Haiti.

- Many on the board of Carbon Roots International are skilled facilitators and project managers, however none are engineers. They are working to develop a better press system for manufacturing green charcoal and working to make their simple biochar kilns more efficient. They are reaching out to EWB to find support on the technical details of their projects.

- Because of our work on cook stoves, Carbon Roots has reached out to our chapter. Anyone with an engineering background that has interest in the project please reach out to president@ewb-dc.org to be linked up with Carbon Roots.

7. Upcoming Fundraisers - Ashley <aereives@gmail.com>

- a. Happy Hour Fundraiser: Nov 15, 6pm-9:30pm, Thomas Foolery, Dupont Circle

8. Treasurer's Report - Marie treasurer@ewb-dc.org

- a. Chapter has net assets of about \$32,000
 - About \$13,500 in unrestricted funds
 - Santa Clara = \$8,500
 - Mbokop = \$10,000+ (online campaign in full force!)

9. Local Student Chapter Updates

- a. Catholic U. is rebuilding chapter and getting involved with the EWB-DC Santa Clara team
- b. GWU is traveling in January with Ben Hsu and Stephen Clark of EWB-DC to their community in El Salvador to work on latrines and conduct a water supply assessment

10. Future City Competition judging opportunity:

- c. FCC is a national project based learning experience where students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade imagine, design, and build cities of the future.
- d. National Finals will be held in DC in February: futurecity.org/register
- e. Contact is Kim Adams: kimadams@datta-consultants.com

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 @ 7pm room 6117 at GWU Hospital

12. Meeting dates for 1Q2014:

- a. January: Wednesday the 22nd
- b. February: Thursday the 20th
- c. March: Tuesday the 25th