



## **CHAPTER MEETING NOTES**

**Meeting Date:** December 2, 2010

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting Place:** 162 Curtis Hall, Drexel University

### **1. Introductions**

- New Members' Introductions

### **2. News and Events**

- Holiday Happy Hour & Toy Drive
  - Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at City Tapouse (on 39<sup>th</sup> St. and Walnut St.)
  - From 5:30pm to 7:30pm
  - Great venue for networking, getting to know one another; there are specials on drinks and complementary appetizers
  - Event in conjunction with a toy drive; donate an unopened toy to Toys For Tots (will go to the Philadelphia or Camden chapters)
- PGWI Conference
  - Was on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 5pm
  - Presentation posted on website – regarding health, engineering, and sustainability
  - To view the presentations, please use the following link:  
<http://www.pgwi.org/conference.php>
- Fundraising Committee
  - Member Alphie began efforts to start fundraising events out of the ordinary and committee was formed; now needing anyone interested to lead the fundraising group
  - A 5k run in September 2011 is being worked on
- EWB-USA NER Conference (in Pittsburg)
  - NER was looking for a state-wide representative for Pennsylvania; Russ volunteered and will travel once a month to different chapter meetings in the area
- Upcoming Elections
  - Student Chapter Coordinator position is open
    - This position bridges the gap between students and professionals
    - Will include Temple University in the group
  - Need a person for Public Relations
  - Need a person for Fundraising Committee
  - Succession plan still agreed upon? Will discuss further at the next chapter meeting
    - Consider having the officers serve 2-year terms, but this will require a constitution change; next Vice President will spear-head the committee
    - Bring comments and ideas to the next meeting!!

### **3. Project Financial Updates:**

- Review last month's meeting minutes – this topic was covered extensively
  - Another \$800 has floated in though donations to the general chapter fund



- Notice sent from EWB-USA with details for a new credit card available for chapters with a cap of \$3,500 for immediate purchases
- EWB-USA has a matching donation program right now until December 31. You must donate to the general chapter.

#### 4. Project Summaries and Updates

- Las Delicias (El Salvador) – Russ Turner presented
  - Working on feasibility of alternative ideas now
    - The cost of electricity is a key element. The challenge is an existing water distribution system is set up at the bottom of the hill. The community is located on the side of the hill. When electricity was so cheap, it was easy to pump water to the community. However, with the rise of electricity costs, people can't afford.
    - Pumping at night may be a solution. There is a 50% difference in electricity costs.
- Rwanda
  - Bob is in Africa now. Construction is going on (building kitchens, homes, sanitation projects, etc.) in the Twa village
  - Will try to set up a presentation for the next chapter meeting
- Apatut (Philippines) – Amanda Jacobs presented
  - Completed design, and submitted proposal to EWB-USA. Have already spoken with design review committee, and will be presenting again on Tuesday evening. During this meeting, construction approval can be granted.
  - If approval is granted, a construction team will be going in February and in May.
  - The team is working on fundraising. Primary source will be from rotary international group. The team recently received a \$10,000 grant from Environmental Resources Management.
  - The team needs another electrical engineer for the project

#### 5. Student Chapter Outreach

- Presentation from University of Delaware (project in Cameroon)
  - Needed assistance with supplying reference to electrical code compliance in the project design
- Rowan EWB (project in El Salvador) is traveling in January for their trip
  - Will try to set up a presentation for February's chapter meeting

#### \*\*\* Next Meeting

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