

Engineers Without Borders -USA

Puget Sound Professional Partners Chapter

Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes R.W. Beck, Inc. 1001 4th Avenue, Suite 2500, Seattle.

August 25th 2005 Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Cheyenne Covington	Wan-Yee Kuo
Karl Hufnagel	Leigh Haddix
Christina Avolio	Chad Newton
Owen Kehoe	

Guests:

Sarath	Ethel Vural
Pete Sturtevant	

1. Minutes from previous meeting held 7/28/05 were adopted.

2. **Sri Lanka Projects:** Chad Newton updated all present on the Sri Lankan Projects What began with 2 schools, is now 6. The site assessment team sent to Sri Lanka, visited 8 sites, 2 boarding schools. San Francisco and Portland are involved. The political situation is deteriorating, therefore, they didn't visit the east side of the country. The different team divisions are water supply, sanitation, drainage, geotechnical, architectural, structural, and CADD volunteers. Chad says they are working on basemaps based on GPS data. Architectural site layouts to follow. The site assessment report has been completed. Basis of design memos to follow. Chad mentioned that they need a replacement geotech person.

School size is small, generally one acre or less, ranging from urban to open field. One of the schools wanted a vocational building as well. 2-5 classrooms (depending on the student population), cooking facilities for lunches, bathroom facilities, as well as space for students to eat. These are supplemental schools, students generally from a lower economic class, mainly very rural. The main idea of the schools is to give these students a leg up. Sarath says that only about 2% get into college. More affluent families send their kids to private school- so these schools fill a need. The utilities in most locations are adequate with piped waterlines and electricity but no sanitary systems.

Additional volunteers are needed in all design areas

3. Committee Reports

Projects Committee: Cheyenne reported that EWB National put a hold on the number of projects - and we have projects already, so our chapter not likely to be high on the list- especially with the Sri Lankan projects.

The Project Committee is working on developing 2 new projects: Ecuador water resource (irrigation) planning and design; Global Poverty Action (GPA) a Seattle-based NGO that is focused on projects in NE Kenya and SE Ethiopia. There are a number of people from this region living in the Puget Sound area. GPA would like to form an alliance with EWB on water supply projects.

Karl asked the Projects Committee to develop a one-page summary on the Chapter's projects and potential projects to be used for publicity, internal and external. Leigh and the publicity group will work on this.

Fund Raising Committee: Jill provided a written summary of progress including a mass mailing to firms throughout the region requesting donations. Karl asked that the Executive Committee members back to Jill by the following Monday with any comments on the draft donation request letter. Wan-Yee is investigating how best to arrange for postage for the mailing.

Other ideas the committee is considering includes "Friends of EWB" T-shirts (contact National to see what graphics they may already have) and some form of bumper stickers. Leigh will bring these ideas up at the next Publicity Committee meeting.

Publicity Committee: Leigh reported the Committee is moving ahead on getting a comprehensive EWB power point demonstration together, that would serve our external publicity needs. There is a growing request for speakers at engineering society meetings, Rotary, etc.

Sustainability Committee: Owen reported that the Committee is waiting for more specific design information on the Sri Lanka project in order to begin research on specific building products and methods..

Student Chapter Committee: Christina and Ethel Vural discussed student chapter projects in West Africa; The UW student chapter has a project underway in Bolivia, and is fundraising by working the parking lots during football games. WSU is looking for someone to help with Spanish translation on a domestic project. Seattle University has a continuing project in Thailand. Karl reported making contact with the faculty at the University of Idaho and offering support for a possible student chapter there.

4. Other Business

Preparations for the Regional Workshop scheduled for October 8th and 9th on the Seattle University campus continue. The Puget Sound Chapter is hosting a social at The Garage on Broadway (a 21-and-over establishment) on the evening of the 8th. September 23rd is the registration deadline.

It appears that engineers in the Spokane area are considering development a professional chapter.

5. Next Executive Committee Meeting will be September 22nd.