

**Engineers Without Borders – USA
Puget Sound Professional Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**



6:00 pm - August 21, 2007
GeoEngineers
600 Stewart St, Suite 1700, Seattle

Attendees: Dave Cook, Wan-Yee Kuo, Dan Goering, Christina Avolio, Victor Yagi,
Jerry Walton

Absent: Sarah Mann, Brian Tracy, Philippe Arida, Kari Vigerstoll

Next Executive Committee Meeting: September 27th, 6 pm at GeoEngineers

EWB 2008 International Conference

EWB 2008 International Conference dates are March 28th to 30th. The fundraising target for the sponsoring local chapters is to raise from \$30,000 to \$60,000. EWB-USA will cover the remaining costs, estimated at \$100,000. Of the funds raised by the local chapters, 50% will stay with these chapters to be even split three-ways. A career fair to benefit EWB corporate sponsors may be organized. Sponsoring local chapters and focals are:

Chapter	Focal:
Puget Sound Professionals	- Peter Sturtevant
Seattle University	- Phil Thompson
University of Washington	- Jonathan Miller

Initial layouts for conference sessions and activities are done.

Thursday March 27: Evening social activities

Friday March 28: Focus on Global Health

- 5 talks from 5 different projects in diverse regions
- Awards ceremony at the Museum of Flight

Saturday March 29: Focus on Sustainable Engineering with afternoon workshops

Sunday March 30: Chapter project presentations

EWB Portland West Coast Regional Workshop

The regional conference will take place in Portland from October 12 – 14. Details are posted on the EWB Puget Sound web site. Elections for the West Coast Region will take place at the workshop. Positions are open for President, Vice President and Secretary.

Projects

Ethiopia

Project manager Ken Ludwa has set a deadline of September 7, 2007 for completion of the Design Concept Report and the project is looking for a technical lead to coordinate the technical design work. Global Poverty Action (GPA) would like an implementation trip for a Quobo Dam repair to happen in January or February of 2008.

GPA is working to increase its number of local contacts in the Liban Zone and guaranteed full time presence for any project implementation phase. EWB Puget Sound will make it a priority to establish a local student chapter at Adis-Ababa University.

Development of a partner relationship between EWB and Rotary is continuing. Rotary is not yet ready to formally team with EWB, however Rotary member Ezra Teshome is supporting development of the relationship. Rotary is already very active in Ethiopia and is establishing two new Ethiopian Rotary clubs – one in the north and one in the south of the country. Seattle's University Rotary is sending 70 members to Ethiopia in October 2007. It may be possible for EWB Puget Sound to send one of our members on this trip.

Susudel, Equador

The irrigation project feasibility study is complete. The next step is to review the project against project selection and sustainability criteria developed by the EWB Puget Sound Sustainability Committee. Jonathan Olds has taken the Sustainability Committee liaison role for the Susudel project.

Mama's Net / PATH Project

PATH is global health organization based out of Seattle for about 30 years. They are active in Sierra Leone and seeking support of a telecommunications engineers for a tele-medicine project there. EWB Puget Sound Professionals are in the information gathering phase of getting involved in this project.

New Washington State Professional Chapters

Several new Washington state professional chapters are forming. Puget Sound Professionals will work to support these new chapters and divide areas of representation.

Spokane - One new EWB professional chapter is forming in the Spokane area with the intent of representing eastern Washington and parts of Idaho. Puget Sound Professionals by-laws currently list Washington State as our area of representation. Dan Goering will contact the new Spokane chapter about developing a mutually agreeable division for areas of representation.

Bellingham - professionals in Bellingham are in the very early phases of organizing a professional chapter.

Fundraising Committee

Jerry Walton reported that Rotary International have just concluded their fundraising cycle and now is a good time for EWB Puget Sound to present our work in Ethiopia for possible funding.

A presentation on fundraising for the Puget Sound Professionals Executive Committee from Robert Stumberger is in work. Robert has developmental management experience with a number of non-profits.

Action Items Summary

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| Dave Cook | 1. Thank-you letters to our 2007 financial supporters (Landau, RW Beck) |
| Philippe Arida | 1. Draft thank-you letter from our local chapter to be sent to members who pay national dues.
2. Continue working move of our email distribution to the web site member database |
| Dan Goering | 1. Contact Spokane Professionals EWB chapter about areas of representation within Washington State
2. Investigate on-line meeting software and teleconferencing |