

## Meeting Minutes

Engineers Without Borders Chicagoland Professional Chapter

Date: August 28, 2007

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: University of Illinois at Chicago, Engineering Research Facility

The meeting began with introductions and a brief overview of EWB.

### Research and Training:

The Research and Training committee is hosting a tour of the Chicago Center for Neighborhood Technology in conjunction with the Social committee. The trip is scheduled for 11am 09/08/07 and an e-mail with details is pending.

### Social:

See Above.

### University Liaisons:

UIUC – The chapter implemented a project over the summer and we are waiting for updates as the school year begins. They are potentially beginning a Guatemala trip and are looking for a mentor. Obviously, our chapter is embarking on a similar project and volunteers will be needed to help out.

UIC – The chapter had their first meeting of the year shortly before this meeting. They are planning a fundraiser for the 6<sup>th</sup> of October and are working to prepare for the Regional Workshop.

NU – Northwestern has rented our new test kit for use on their project.

UW Milwaukee – Has rented it for the following month. We are charging \$130 - \$150 a week for the incubator plus the cost of replacing the reagent chemicals. This cost is comparable to New York's chapter. We are currently looking for suggestions on insuring the equipment.

### The Great Lakes Regional WORKSHOP:

Three major points to be made:

1. Come – Registration is available on the EWB-USA Website.
2. Volunteer – Contact [jenmbdunn@gmail.com](mailto:jenmbdunn@gmail.com) to volunteer. Needed are direction-givers, registration-takers, speaker-handlers, and microphone holders.
3. Sponsor – Information on the event is on our website – please pass it on to your employer.

The region now has its own website: [www.ewb-greatlakes.org](http://www.ewb-greatlakes.org)

Check it out! There are 30 chapters in our region.

### Bridge Project:

The Guatemala Bridge Project has received approval from EWB-USA. On Saturday a team will leave for site assessment w/ Mike Paddock who is already in the country. The town is 2-3 hours from El Astor in a remote mountainous area. Talk to Brian if you are interested in getting involved. Construction will tentatively begin in January.

All skill sets are welcome.

Cuetzala De la Reforma:

The team headed to Mexico has returned and their implementation was a success!

A four-part presentation was composed for this evening's meeting.

1. Construction of Latrines
2. Construction of Hand-washing station
3. Health Lessons
4. Data Collection

A complete report will be available shortly.