

## ***SEI Fiji Project Session Minutes – January 8, 2009***

- T-Shirts are ready and available for pickup. They cost \$15 if you have not already paid.
- We are trying to find the best meeting time for everyone in the club.
  - The first choice right now is Wednesday at 5 pm, though Wednesday at 6 pm and Thursday at 6:30 pm are also contenders
  - Nikhil will send out an email so that club members can choose which works best
- Financial status of club
  - We currently have about \$1200, minus the cost until t-shirts are paid for
  - For the Fiji site assessment trip, the cost will be about \$2000 per person
  - We would like to send up to three people on the trip, but that may be reduced to two people if we cannot get enough funding
  - Club members will be contacting organizations on and off campus in the next week to see if we can get more funds (College of Engineering, ASOSU, OSU Foundation, etc.)
- EWB Partnership Progress
  - Keith is working on the paperwork but may need assistance from other club members
  - Once the paperwork is submitted, it may take up to eight weeks for the partnership to become finalized
  - The partnership is a five-year commitment
  - Need to increase number of EWB students at our club meetings
- Discussion of Micro Hydro Turbines/Design (Tori and Jenna)
  - Recommend considering the Pelton wheel or Banki-Mitchell turbine
  - Need to use a high head, low flow situation for optimal energy output
  - Look into 4" PVC pipe as penstock material
  - Presentation/report will be posted on website
- Goals for this term
  - Focus on funding and EWB paperwork for first few weeks
  - Model design will begin by those in Senior Lab
  - Decide who will be going on the site assessment trip and spend the latter part of the term training those people