

# EWB-OSU Elections 2008-2009

# Nomination Form

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## Class Standing:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Expected date of graduation June 2010

Major Mechanical Engineering

## Position of interest:

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

Are you an EWB member? Yes No

(You must be an EWB member to run. Contact the membership coordinator to become a member or verify your status.)

## Position Statement:

Why do you want to be elected to this position?

I'm really excited about Engineers Without Borders' mission and like to have the opportunity to spread that enthusiasm and excitement to our current and future members. Engineers have a lot potential to do great things and I'd like to help other people see that. On a more personal note, I hope to do EWB type project work as a profession (or side profession), and I think being president will be a great start.

What skills or strengths do you bring to EWB in this role?

As president of a club, you really become the face of it to many individuals and I'm definitely a people person. I enjoy meeting new people, especially when it comes to EWB stuff, which I think will really be an asset to this position. Also, being project coordinator has really taught me a lot about teamwork, and management. I've learned a lot about time management which will be critical in a role with so many responsibilities.

What has your involvement in EWB-OSU been to date?

The first appointed position I held was being a member on the PR committee. I worked with the Barometer to get EWB events on their calendar and also worked with different engineering departments to get our meeting announcements in their weekly newsletters.

The second (current) position is Project Coordinator for the El Salvador Project. Through this position I've learned a lot about getting agendas together, running meetings, how the EWB Board and project team interact and how to handle international partnerships.

What are your goals for EWB-OSU for the next year?

Publicity is one of my main ones. Although at first it may not seem like such a big thing, but the more people know about us, the easier it will be to get support. This will really help increase membership and make fundraising a whole lot easier. We do a lot of really amazing things so we just need to help people see that. Along with that I think it's really important to finish projects. Right now we have a lot of ongoing projects and it will be really inspiring to see one of them completed successfully.

What is your time commitment ability? How much of your time can you dedicate to furthering the mission of EWB?

Most of my free time right now is dedicated to EWB work and I don't see that changing in the coming year.

Why are you involved with EWB?

I believe that engineers can save the world and help everybody have access to the basic necessities of water, sanitation and health. Look at the progress we've made in the high-tech industry in the past decades, there's no reason that we can't make the same type of progress in the world's well being if we focus our minds on it. I want use the engineering education I receive to serve the *needs* of people not the *wants* of people who can pay for it. I'm involved with EWB because I'm striving to be the change I wish to see in the world.

Please deliver completed nomination to **Douglas Van Bossuyt** in **Rogers 222** or email to **president@ewb-osu.org** by **8:00 pm** on **Wednesday, April, 23rd, 2008**.