

BREA Minutes (draft for posting)

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Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA:

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation / Attention BREA

Upton, NY 11973

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday Sept. 12, 2017; 1:00 PM, BNL building 400 Conference rooms 1 and 2, Upton, NY. Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh.

Attendees: Arnie Aronson, Victor Cassella, Anita Cohen, Cheryl Conrad, Ronnie Evans, Les Fishbone (call-in), Eena-mai Franz, Mark Israel, Robert Kinsey, Lillian Kouchinsky, Jim Lemley, Beth Yu Lin, Ken Mohring, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Arnie Peskin, Francis Salzano, Lloyd Schrairer, Elizabeth Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo, Joan Skelton, Richard Skelton.

President Liz Seubert opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above. Call-in phone received one member call.

1. Minutes. Draft July minutes had been posted on the BREA/BNL website, and copies were available for review at this meeting. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

2. Treasurer's Report. Steve Shapiro reported a minimal change in the BREA balance sheet. Treasurer's report was accepted by voice vote. It is planned to provide funds for refreshments at ASAP (BNL students and post-docs) presentation meeting. A potential sizable donation for to the Nikola Tesla Foundation (Shoreham) is being contemplated, but no specific proposal is ready for evaluation. Joanne Delles, who is retiring from BNL, was a very helpful key contact between BREA and BERA/BNL. It was proposed that BREA provide a \$200 gift to Joanne Delles upon her retirement from BNL. Proposal was seconded and approved by voice vote. A replacement for Joanne Delles at BNL has not yet been identified.

3. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin reported two additional members since the July meeting. There are 468 members on the books, with 422 of those with dues paid. \$300 in dues payments were received.

4. Newsletter. Mona Rowe proposed an article reviewing BNL's early machines: BGRR, HFBR, AGS,

5. BNL Policy on badges for spouses of retired employees. Steve Shapiro reported that badges for spouses of retired employees are to be provided based on the following policy statement covering spouse badges, including situations in which the BNL retiree is incapacitated or deceased: "Spouses and Significant Others can continue to keep their badge as long as they renew it every two years. Badges of children/stepchildren will not be renewed once [the badges] expire."

6. Community Advisory Council news. No meeting report. Mark Israel announced that the CAC community advisor has been replaced. The next meeting was to be 13 Sept.

7. New Business. a) A group photo and celebration was originally scheduled for 13 Sept. [Ed. note: The photo date was postponed. Retirees with badges are invited to participate. The BIG 7-0 anniversary photo has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 3 p.m. on the field next to OEP Bldg. 438 -- across from Berkner Hall. There is a rain date of October 13.] **b)** Election of officers will take place this fall. Liz Seubert asked Arnie

Peskin, Ken Mohring, and Les Fishbone to provide suggestions for BREa officers (nominating committee). Members interested in running for office should review the BREa by-laws and/or contact the nominating committee. **c)** Steve Shapiro suggested asking BNL HR about the future of the BNL support for retiree health costs. It was agreed that Liz Seubert approach HR to obtain information about BNL's plans for the program. **d)** It was asked whether BREa could participate in the BNL Health Fair that usually is scheduled in the fall. Steve Shapiro indicated that the event has likely been discontinued.

Meeting was adjourned about 2:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 10, 2017. Meeting location Bldg. 400, Rooms 1 and 2.