

# BREA Minutes (approved by voice vote at Dec. 12 meeting)

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BNL Bldg. 400A

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Upton, NY 11973

**Meeting Date and Place:** Tuesday Oct. 10, 2017; 1:00 PM, BNL building 400 Conference rooms 1 and 2, Upton, NY. Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh.

**Attendees:** Nate Carter, Victor Cassella, Anita Cohen, Dave Cox, Ronnie Evans, Eena-mai Franz, Joseph Indusi, Georgia Irving, Beth Yu Lin, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Arnie Peskin, Francis Salzano, Lloyd Schaier, Elizabeth Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Barry Siskind, Peter Takacs.

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 minutes of the Sept. 12, 2017 meeting were tabled until later in the meeting so attendees could review copies.

**2. Treasurer's Report.** Steve Shapiro reported that \$290 in dues received was deposited into a BREA credit union account.

**3. Membership Report.** Beth Yu Lin reported two additional members since the September meeting. There are 470 members on the books, with 424 of those with dues paid. In response to a question, Beth Yu Lin said that retirees were eligible for a free membership until the subsequent Jan. 1. BREA information is included in the package given to retirees. However, membership is not automatic on retirement. They must submit an application to receive the membership offer. It was also noted by Liz Seubert that ex-employees who were not technically retired and even current employees could join BREA. [Liz: I think we should say "under most circumstances" to indicate that people who were dismissed should not be made members]

**4a. Nominating Committee.** Arnie Peskin reported the results of the committee (Peskin, Ken Mohring, and Les Fishbone). They offered the nomination of Treasurer to Lillian Kouchinsky and of President to Steve Shapiro. Other nominees are current holders of those positions. Liz Seubert solicited nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations.

**4b. Newsletter.** Mona Rowe wrote an article about BNL history for the occasion of the 70th anniversary of BNL and the 100th of Camp Upton. Much of the article discussed the development and operation of the large machines. She emphasized the efforts in research reactor science, which complements the BNL-produced commemorative section in Newsday. The subject of another article will be scientist Peter Takacs, who was recently appointed to an Emeritus status. Mona Rowe hopes to feature retirees participating in the BNL 70 photo that is to take place at 3:00 PM on Oct. 11. [Ed note: About a dozen retirees showed up; they are located in two groups, both in the second row of the three deep circle between about 1000 and 1200. ]

**5. BNL Policy on badges for spouses of retired employees.** Christine Carter is writing up the BNL policy of granting guest IDs to spouses of BNL retirees.

**6. Community Advisory Council news.** The next meeting was to be 11 Oct. A new meeting leader is in place. Some CAC reps. independently sent a letter to representatives in Washington, DC, favoring continued support for BNL.

**7. New Business. a)** A group photo and celebration is scheduled for 11 Oct. [The photo date had been postponed. Retirees with badges are invited to participate. The plan was to meet at 2:45 at the NW entrance to bldg. 400 and walk to the photo site together. [Ed. note: This was done. However those directing the operation split up the group.] **b)** Joanne Delles BERA contact has retired. Renee Warno, BREA board member, has volunteered to post items to the BREA web page. The BNL employee contact is now Chris Carter. **c)** A member noted that an APS employee, who had spent significant time at BNL as an APS employee, had died of cancer. Would that person be covered under the Dept. of Labor health program for DOE contractor employees? It was suggested that any interested parties should contact the BNL DOE office of Bob Gordon. **d)** One active BREA member mentioned that a current BNL employee was aware of and appreciated BREA efforts to defend BNL retiree benefits, and to support the community activities of BNL. **e)** It was noted that a distinguished lecture on gravity waves was scheduled for 4:00 PM on Oct. 11. [Ed. note: The lecture was very enlightening, and was very well attended.] **f)** Steve Shapiro mentioned again that the BNL Lecture series (scientific talks by BNL employees) is not active. Larry Carr is chairman of the committee. Les Fishbone will encourage BNL Director Doon Gibbs to try to restart these talks.

1. Minutes: Minutes moved for approval, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at about 2:00. Next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14, 2017. Meeting location has not been determined.