

BREA Minutes

(March mtg. canceled due to bad weather; minutes were approved at April 10 BREA meeting)

Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA:

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation / Attention BREA

Upton, NY 11973

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday Feb. 13, 2018; 1:05 PM, BNL building 400 Conference rooms 1 and 2, Upton, NY. Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh.

Attendees: Violet Bezler, Victor Cassella, Linda Commander, Dave Cox, Ronnie Evans, Les Fishbone, Pat Flood, Eena-mai Franz, Pat Giacalone, Robert Kinsey, Lillian Kouchinsky, Jim Lemley, Beth Yu Lin, Arnold Moodenbaugh, George Oldham, Elizabeth Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo, Joan Skelton, Richard Skelton, Ed Sperry.

Officers 2018-2019: President: Steve Shapiro shapiro@bnl.gov; Vice President: Bob Kinsey bobkin@optonline.net; Secretary: Arnold Moodenbaugh moodenba@optonline.net; Treasurer: Lillian Kouchinsky lkouchin@yahoo.com; Membership Secretary: Beth Lin hellobylin@yahoo.com; Newsletter Editor: Mona Rowe msrowe.hi@gmail.com.

President Steve Shapiro opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above.

1. Minutes. Draft minutes of the January meeting were circulated. Approval of the minutes was deferred to later in the meeting, since draft minutes are no longer being posted on the BERA/BREA website. Draft minutes of this and future meeting will be circulated by email to BREA officers and chairs (as has been customary) and to members present at this meeting who have provided an email address.

2. Treasurer's Report. Lillian Kouchinsky reported that treasury was little changed from last month. A charge from BNL for printing and distribution for the bi-monthly newsletter is pending. Treasurer's report was accepted by voice vote.

3. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin reported that BREA has 3 new members, with a total of 480 on the rolls. Of those 350 are paid to date (more renewals due on Jan. 1 are still expected). There are 106 lapsed memberships. The increase in lapsed memberships is in part due to the expiration of annual memberships. At year end it was noted that some submitted membership checks had an incorrect payee, and Beth Yu Lin has followed up requesting replacement checks with some success. The notice in the BREA newsletter discussing payments for BREA memberships will be clarified.

4. March/April Newsletter. Mona Rowe sent Steve Shapiro a description of planned features in the upcoming newsletter. A review of the TIAA presentation to the January meeting will include links to articles from New York Times and statements from TIAA about the TIAA retirement account operations. Also included will be a description of 10 BNL science achievements from 2017. There will be a review of the new BNL policy for issuance of ID cards to family members and a page describing the DOE contractor employee compensation program

5 Community Advisory Council (CAC). Eena-Mai Franz attended the Feb. 8 CAC meeting (regular meeting 2d Thursday of the month at 6:30). An environmental presentation reviewed dioxin sampling in groundwater. A science talk centered on NSLSII experiments. There was no news about 2018 FY funding for lab operations.

6. Retiree policy / Badging for Retiree Spouses: A retiree is defined as an individual who has attained 55 years of age, and age plus years of service is 70 or greater and a minimum number of years of service (5 years for those hired before 2001; 10 years for those hired 2001 or after). BREa anticipates publishing BNL policy on family ID card issuance in the Mar/Apr newsletter.

7. Planning for Annual BREa Luncheon. Liz Seubert volunteered to do luncheon planning as Lillian Kouchinsky stepped aside after undertaking this task for several years. George Oldham had pointed out that the first Wednesday of June conflicts with another annual lunch for retirees. It was generally agreed to move the BREa lunch to Wed. 13 June. Liz Seubert plans to survey several alternative luncheon sites, as well as the Bellport Country Club, which was the site of the most recent luncheons.

8 Other Business. a) BREa Logo. Steve Shapiro reminded those present (and others reading the minutes) that many BREa members would like to replace the existing BREa logo, and members are asked to submit possible designs for evaluation. b) Excursions. Previously, an excursion was made to Plum Island. Potential future destinations could include Cornell Extension, Sagamore Hill, Planting Fields, LI Maritime Museum, the Wm. Floyd Estate, Bayard Cutting Arboretum, and Gabreski Airport (if a tour could be arranged)

1. Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved by a voice vote.

The next meeting was scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, March 13, 1:00 PM. [meeting was canceled due to snow; Next meeting took place Tuesday, April 10, 2018 in rooms 1&2 RSB Bldg. 400.