

BREA Minutes [May 8, 2018 meeting minutes approved at June 12 meeting by voice vote]

Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA:

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation / Attention BREA

Upton, NY 11973

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday May 8, 2018; 1:00 PM, BNL Building 400 Conference room 1, Upton, NY.
Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh.

Attendees: Nate Carter, Victor Cassella, Cheryl Conrad, Dave Cox, Kathy Eng(??), Ronnie Evans, Pat Flood Leonhardt, Eena-mai Franz, Mark Israel, Robert Kinsey, Jim Lemley, Bill Leonhardt, Beth Yu Lin, Al Mallen, Corinne Messina, Ken Mohring, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Arnie Peskin, Lloyd Schaier, Elizabeth Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo, Ed Sperry, Peter Takacs, Philip Warner.

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.

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

2. Minutes. Draft minutes of the April 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.

3. Treasurer's Report. Lillian Kouchinsky reported that balances were little changed since the April meeting. Dues were collected in the amount of \$415; the production and mailing of the May/June newsletter cost \$290. A potential disbursement to support the Tesla museum is on hold until plans for the museum are better defined.

4. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin reported two new members, now a total of 484 on the rolls. Of those, 363 are paid to date (more renewals overdue from Jan. 1 may still be received). It was learned that members Ken Batchelor and Sandy Earle had passed away. It was suggested that there be a review of the membership rolls to determine how many years lapsed memberships have been inactive.

5. Community Affairs Council CAC. There was no April CAC meeting. Monthly CAC meetings are open to the public. They are held the second Thursday of most months at 6:30 PM in Berkner Hall, Room B.

6. BREA Constitution Revision. A revision to the BREA constitution was recommended by BNL management in order to more sharply define eligibility for membership in BREA. Arnie Peskin prepared the following revision for consideration (note that passage in brackets is previous wording being removed).

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Eligibility of membership:

Membership of BREA shall be open to the following:

- A. Regular members, consisting of retired employees and employees out on long-term disability.
- B. Associate members, consisting of all other employees of BNL, spouses of deceased members [, and former employees currently employed elsewhere.
- C. Honorary and ex-officio members].

The proposed revision was brought to a vote of the attending members. A clear 2/3 majority voice vote approved the change to the BREA Constitution.

7. Newsletter. No report on upcoming newsletters was made.

8. Annual BREA Luncheon: Bellport Country Club, 12:00 - 4:00 Wednesday June 13. Liz Seubert urged members and their guest register for the luncheon. The current newsletter now in member's hands has information about registration. The newsletter is also available on the BNL.gov BREA website. The guest speaker will be John Hill, director of NSLSII. The next regular BREA meeting will be the day before the luncheon, Tuesday June 12.

9. Retirement information. BNL has implemented a policy for a phased retirement program, permitting partial employment of retiring employees. Information is available on the BNL website: search "benefits". It was noted that TIAA webinar(s) are not available on the BNL website.

10. Potential Field Trip. Ken Mohring reported on a potential field trip to the Cornell Research Farm on Long Island's north fork. There could be about 30-50 attendees. There would be a short talk and a walking tour of the farm, with the visit lasting possibly two hours. It was noted that the walking tour might not be appropriate for some BREA members. Tuesday in mid-September and early October are possible dates.

11. BREA Logo. Steve Shapiro has received some proposed Logo designs. He will digitize and have posted potential designs for consideration.

12. Discovery Park. Steve Shapiro suggested a presentation to BREA on Discovery Park (<https://discoverypark.bnl.gov/>), possibly by Ken White. Mark Israel suggested that Lannie Bates could also be asked to make a presentation.

1. Minutes. Minutes of April 2018 meeting were approved by voice vote.

13. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote.

Future meeting dates are tentatively scheduled to take place at 1:00 PM in rooms 1&2, RSB Bldg. 400 at BNL on the second Tuesday of the month: June 12, July 10, (no regular meeting in August), Sept. 11.