

BREA Minutes

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday Apr. 12, 2016; 1:00 PM, BNL Berkner, Room A, Upton, NY

Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh (Moodenba@optonline.net) [minutes approved at May 10 meeting.]

Attendees: Bob Barone, Louisa Barone, Violet Bezler, Paul Callegari, Nate Carter, Victor Casella, Anita Cohen, Cheryl Conrad, David Cox, Bob Duffin, Sue Duffin, Les Fishbone, Eena-Mai Franz, Sheryl Gerstman, Mark Israel, Bob Kinsey, Lillian Kouchinsky, Al Mallen, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Bette Morgan, Mona Rowe, Steve Shapiro, Mike Schaeffer, Liz Seubert, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo, Richard Skelton, Joan Skelton

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BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation / Attention BREA

Upton, NY 11973

Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees. Names collected are shown above. President Liz Seubert opened the meeting just after 1:00 PM.

1. Minutes. Minutes for the March 8 meeting were not posted for review before this meeting. Minutes for that meeting will be deferred to the May meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report by Steve Shapiro (Treasurer): Approximately \$38,000 in all accounts. Expenses A \$500 deposit was made to Bellport Country Club for the luncheon. The newsletter costs totaled \$370 for printing and postage. It was suggested that BREA contribute about \$200 toward an ASAP (student/post-doc BERA club) meeting with American Physical Society journal editors. The expenditure was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote. Sheryl Gerstman again raised a concern about the lack of a BREA budget. There was conversation indicating that a budget for the next year would be an improvement in BREA operations.

3. Membership Report by Membership Chair Sheryl Gerstman: Membership includes 407 paid, 92 in arrears. There are discrepancies and omissions in the record keeping that SG is addressing. SG noted that she will update the database, but intends to step down as Membership Chair after that task is completed. Issues discussed included methods to prompt lapsed members and members in arrears to submit payment for their membership dues. A reminder in the newsletter will be included, and an indication of status should be made on the BREA website.

4. Annual Lunch: Lillian Kouchinsky is leading the organization of the Luncheon, with the assistance of some additional BREA members. Luncheon will be at the Bellport Country Club on Wed. June 8 between 12:00 and 4:00. Member price is \$39.00. N. Samios is scheduled to talk. BREA will cover cost of lunches for him and other invitees. It was confirmed that spouses and guests of individual members will be \$39 (same as member price). The menu was chosen from options provided by the Bellport Country Club in informal discussion (garden salad; grilled marinated steak or chicken with spinach, dried tomato, and mozzarella or stuffed sole; fruit salad and cookie). Rather than offering hors d'oeuvre trays, Bellport Country Club will set up tables with snacks prior to the sit-down lunch.

5. Newsletter report by Editors Mona Rowe and Anita Cohen. Next newsletter content will include: Page 1, President's message (to include an option for members to request end of paper copies of newsletter); Page 2, Luncheon announcement and sign up form; Page 3, features including a suggestion from Sue and Bob Duffin to encourage retirees who are veterans to join the Brookhaven Veterans Association (BVA, another BERA activity) and for BREA members to attend BNL Memorial day activities; Jackie Moonie volunteers with ill children; Paul Callegari volunteers as a firefighter. Page 3 will have additional news of volunteer activities by BREA members, including Jackie Mooney; Page 4, memorials (death announcements) and information on BERA activities.

6. Constitution revision. The draft constitution was brought up for approval. Steve Shapiro moved to accept the constitution, seconded. A show of hands approved the constitution with no nays.

7. Health Insurance issues: Some recent retirees encountered difficulty in the hand off from BNL to Medicare. Retiring staff need to keep on top of the process.

8. New Business:

a) Calverton National Cemetery has a ceremony 2d Wed. of each month at 10:00AM to honor recent interments at the cemetery.

Meeting adjourned at about 2:15 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 1:00 pm, BNL Bldg. 400, Rms RSB 1 & 2

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 1:00 pm, BNL Bldg. 400, Rms RSB 1 & 2