

# BREA Minutes (approved at July 11 meeting by voice vote)

**Meeting Date and Place:** Tuesday June 13, 2017; 1:00 PM, BNL Brookhaven Center South Room, Upton, NY.  
Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh.

**Attendees:** Victor Cassella, Cheryl Conrad, Les Fishbone, Eena-Mai Franz, Mark Israel, Terry Kneitel, Lillian Kouchinsky, jim Lemley, Beth Yu Lin, Al Mallen, Lois Moller, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Tom Oversluizen, Arnie Peskin, Liz Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Barry Siskind, Ed Sperry.

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President Liz Seubert opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above. Call-ins were not available at this meeting.

**1. Minutes.** Draft May 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.** The luncheon cost was \$2800. BREA treasury net was about -\$200 for the event. About \$160 profit derived from raffles at the luncheon. Further details from discussion at this time will be found at item 5 below on the Luncheon. Treasurer's report was accepted by voice vote.

**3. Membership Report.** Beth Yu Lin reported 466 members, with 414 currently paid up. There are 363 members with current email addresses recorded; 368 members continue to request the mailed newsletter.

**4. Newsletter.** Liz Seubert summarized information on upcoming newsletters forwarded by Mona Rowe. The next newsletter will feature coverage of the Luncheon, including a summary of the talk by BNL's David Manning, Director of the BNL Stakeholder and Community Relations.

**5. BREA annual lunch.** Grateful thanks from BREA to Lillian Kouchinsky who organized the BREA Luncheon, to Georgia Irving who assisted, and Pat Johnson who covered a table at the luncheon. It was noted that the attendance, about 70 people was about 30 below some previous Luncheons. It was noted that there was a partial conflict: another group (contact Bob Marascia) that includes many retirees had an event on the same date. In the future there should be an effort to avoid conflicting events. The lunches were served efficiently. However, this lunch did not include hors d'oeuvres that had been provided in previous years. Possibly negotiate this for next year, with possible solicitation of a competing site. The talk by David Manning will be summarized in the upcoming BREA newsletter.

**6. Retiree Badging.** Steve Shapiro led a discussion about the tightening of BNL badging policy that excludes spouses of dead or incapacitated retirees from renewing badges. At this point five individuals have been identified who are affected by this change. A letter to be sent by BREA officers to the BNL Policy Council is being prepared, advocating that spouses of retirees be permitted to retain BNL site access. The letter will emphasize the positive role retirees and their families play in maintaining good community relations and understanding. A copy of a supporting letter from an affected employee spouse will also be provided to the Policy Council.

**7. Little Flower school and group home.** Ken White, manager of the BNL Office of Educational Programs, and Scott Bronson, Manager of K-12 Programs, are contacts for Little Flower mentoring and activities. Retiree volunteers willing to make a serious investment of effort and time should inquire to them.

**8. New Business. a) CAC Meeting.** Mark Israel reviewed the recent BNL Community Advisory Council meeting (Thursday evening June 8). The Presidential budget for the Lab would cut about 15%, or \$110,000,000 compared to current funding. Frank Crescenzo of the DOE BNL area office also indicated, based on planned funding, that BNL has a significant ongoing cleanup commitment that will be shifted from DOE funded to an overhead cost. Implementation of the proposed budget could result in an estimated 600 layoffs. **b) Safety and Wellness month at BNL.** Steve Shapiro pointed out that there are some wellness activities taking place in June that retirees could be involved in. For example, a 2 mile walk will take place on June 27. Chris Carter (BNL BERA) may be able to email to retirees announcements of relevant events. **c) BNL Women in Science (BWIS) Lecture.** It was noted that a BWIS lecture on Wine and X-rays was to have taken place on June 15 4:30 PM at 555 Hamilton. **d) BNL Lecture Lapse.** It was noted that BNL lectures have not taken place for approximately a year, and the committee seems inactive. Some members indicated that the BNL lecture is a vehicle for BNL scientists to promote exciting BNL research to the BNL community and to the wider Long Island population. Recordings of the lectures are a historical record of activities at BNL.

Meeting was adjourned about 2:00.

Next BREA meeting is scheduled for:

July 11, 2017 - RSB Rooms 1&2 (Bldg 400)

(location tentative; check location in Agenda posted on BREA website the week of the meeting)