

BREA Minutes

(Minutes revised at 9/13 meeting to correct the names of the individuals working on the BREA history project. Minutes then moved for approval, seconded, and approved by voice vote.)

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday July 12, 2016; 1:00 PM, BNL 400 rooms 1&2., Upton, NY
Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh (Moodenba@optonline.net).

Attendees: Arnie Aronson, Paul Callegari, Nate Carter, Cheryl Conrad, Dave Cox, Les Fishbone, Georgia Irving, Jim Lemley, Beth Yu Lin, Al Mallen, Robert L. Marascia, Gerardo Martinez-Guridi, Corinne Messana, Lois Moller, Arnold Moodenbaugh, George Oldham, Arnie Peskin, Mona Rowe, Mike Schaeffer, Lloyd Schairer, Liz Seubert, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo

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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.

- 1. Minutes.** Draft minutes for the meeting of June 14 meeting were circulated for review. Minutes were approved by voice vote later in the meeting, after attendees were able to review the draft.
- 2. Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Steve Shapiro was absent. He had provided information to Liz Seubert who discussed the finances. Approximate balances: checking \$9400, savings \$3800, CDs \$25,000. Last month \$470 in dues was received. Report was accepted by voice vote.
- 3. Membership Report** by Membership Chair Sheryl Gerstman: Current membership is 448. 75 members who had been in arrears were removed from the rolls.
- 4. Newsletter** Edited by Mona Rowe and Anita Cohen. September newsletter will feature an article by Les Fishbone (70 years of age) about his ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Photos will be included. The next newsletter should introduce Beth Yu Lin as the new membership chair. The BNL BREA history is tentatively scheduled for the Jan/Feb 2017 newsletter. Another potential future feature could be an article about Hurricane Sandy and recovery by Mike Schaeffer, a beachfront homeowner whose property was badly damaged.
- 5. Repository for used American Flags.** Ed Sierra of the BNL Veterans Association (BVA) asked for volunteers to renovate and decorate a repurposed USPS sidewalk mail receptacle. The plan is to put the mailbox on site so that BNL people can deposit worn American flags, with the BVA intending to properly dispose of them at appropriate ceremonies. Members who wish to volunteer can contact Don Farnam at BNL.
- 6. Project to document History of BREA.** Arnie Peskin reported on behalf of himself, Anita Cohen, Joyce Tischler, and Dave Cox, who have been developing the narrative. The text is thought to be in good shape,

nearly ready for review by members. They ask members to provide photos and anecdotes of earlier BREA activities and members. It was noted that an article for the newsletter is planned for Jan./Feb. 2017, and that 2017 is the 100th anniversary of US entry into WWI, The 70th anniversary of BNL, and the 20th anniversary of BREA.

1. Minutes: Vote approving May minutes took place at this time.

7. New Business:

a) Fresco in Bldg. 197. Mike Schaeffer pointed out that there is a historical (WWII era) wall painting/decoration hidden behind wall board in Bldg. 197. It was featured in a 1970's Brookhaven Bulletin. It should be brought to the attention of F&O that this should be preserved, since the building itself will eventually be demolished. One route is to make sure that it is mentioned in the Facility Use Agreement.

b) BNL Summer Sunday (July 10) review. Mona Rowe discussed the BREA participation in the Summer Sunday. Mike and Mona Rowe and Arnold Moodenbaugh attended the BREA table at Berkner from about 930 to 330. The BREA activity was a quiz with 5 questions, with winners (2 correct for 8 years and under, 3 correct for 9 years and up. About 150 question/answer sheets were filled out mostly by children, but also by some adults. BREA volunteers received a knit shirt. BREA offered a choice of prizes prizes: either a sheet of stickers or a packet of flower seeds. The interaction with Sunday visitors was very positive. Many prizes and quiz sheets were left over, so BREA could have a similar table at the remaining 3 Summer Sundays if volunteers come forward (contact MRowe.HI@gmail.com). Bob Gordon of DOE expressed to Mona Rowe his appreciation for the BREA participation in Summer Sunday. The BNL volunteers and employees also thanked BREA in a group effort that was photographed. Spending by BREA on this event totaled about \$850. BREA purchased teeshirts for BNL volunteers/staff, paid for printing of the quizzes, and purchased the prizes. Lesson learned is that there should be some large-type quiz sheets for those with more limited vision. Questions were good, often prompting discussions.

c) Possible talk by Steven Kramer about volunteering for school in Haiti. This was discussed in earlier meeting, but not followed up on. A talk is a possibility for a Sept/Oct. date. Liz Seubert will coordinate with Christine Carter (BERA) to see if a talk can be arranged. There was a discussion that BREA might provide coffee (and cookies?) to encourage attendance.

d) Eldercare comments. A BREA member commented that an eldercare presentation by an attorney who specializes in this subject might be useful for members. He had specifically attended a presentation by Nancy Burner, and thought it to be very useful. A presentation for BREA members could be a benefit for members.

Meeting adjourned at about 2:15 PM.

Next meetings:

(no August meeting)

Tuesday Sept. 13, 2016, 1:00 pm, BNL Bldg. 400, Rms. RSB 1 & 2.

Tuesday Oct. 11, 2016, 1:00 pm, BNL Bldg. 400, Rms. RSB 1 & 2.