

BREA Minutes (final)

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday Sept. 13, 2016; 1:00 PM, BNL Berkner Room B, Upton, NY
Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh (Moodenba@optonline.net).

Attendees: Arnold Aronson, Violet Bezler, Nate Carter, Anita Cohen, Cheryl Conrad, Ronnie Evans, Sheryl Gerstman, Joe Indusi, Georgia Irving, Mark Israel, Hyon-Joo Kehayias, Robert Kinsey, Lillian Kouchinsky, Jim Lemley, Beth Yu Lin, Corinne Messana, Ken Mohring, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Arnie Peskin, Mike Schaeffer, Lloyd Schairer, Liz Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo

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President Liz Seubert opened the meeting at 1:05 PM. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above.

1. Minutes. Draft minutes for the meeting of the July 12 meeting were circulated for review. Minutes were changed to correct the names of participants in the project to document BREA history. Then approval of minutes was moved seconded and approved by voice vote.

2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Steve Shapiro reported about \$38000 total of all BREA accounts. Dues of \$365 were received in August. The newsletter printing and mailing costs paid to BNL were \$435.

3. Membership Report by Membership Chair Sheryl Gerstman: Current membership is 452. Current membership with email addresses is 382. Number of (previous) members in arrears is 79. Number of members who sent dues since the last BREA meeting is 13.

4. 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. Anita Cohen is looking for photos related to early BREA activities to include in the documentation. The plan is to publish in the Jan/Feb 2017 issue (the 20th year of BREA and the 70th year of BNL, and 100 years since the establishment of Camp Upton). Options discussed for a longer history include an expanded newsletter and an online posting of additional information.

5. Newsletter Edited by Mona Rowe and Anita Cohen. The upcoming newsletter will feature an article "Catching Up" that will summarize highlight of BNL's year in Science, including awards and administration. A feature about Hurricane Sandy and recovery by Mike Schaeffer, a beachfront homeowner whose property was badly damaged is planned for the following issue.

6. Loose Ends.

a) Health Benefits: Liz Seubert reports no response from BNL HR on suggestion to consider catastrophic drug coverage. A. Moodenbaugh suggested that it might be time to drop the effort to obtain a response. Another issue is the HR commitment to the \$170 monthly contribution to health benefits for retired

employees and eligible spouses. When are retirees to expect confirmation of 2017 contribution amount by HR? It was again noted that part D coverage need not be obtained through Select Quote (however, Medicare supplement or Advantage must be obtained through Select Quote in order to qualify for BNL contribution for healthcare.)

7. New Business:

a) Request to make contact info in signup sheet optional. Ask for information only if new or changed.

b) New membership Chair Beth Lin. Beth Lin introduced herself to the attendees. The outgoing Chair suggested that the Chair have a committee of members to share some of the duties of the Chair.

c) Informal Lunch meeting of retirees. An attendee of the Luncheon had asked Liz Seubert about an informal lunch meeting of retirees. It was suggested that George Oldham might be involved. LS will pass on the information that she has to the lunch attendee.

d) Apparent changes in BNL Guest Appointment policies. A member brought up the issue of changing BNL policies on issuing guest appointments for retirees. Previously, guest appointments for retirees were fairly routine. It appears, based retiree experience, that changes that reduce availability are being made by HR. It seems that future appointments could require a contract between BNL and the guest. In addition, the guest may be required to have personal liability insurance or be an employee of a separate entity (guest as subcontractor), especially when the appointment involves lab work. [Ed note: see October 2016 minutes for further discussion.]

Meeting concluded 1:55 PM. Motion to close the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

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

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

Tuesday Nov. 8, 2016 (Election Day), 1:00 pm, BNL Bldg. 400, Rms. RSB 1 & 2.