

# BREA Minutes

**Meeting Date and Place:** Tuesday June 14, 2016; 1:00 PM, BNL 490 Medical Lg. Conf Rm., Upton, NY  
Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh (Moodenba@optonline.net). [approved by attending members at 7/12/16 meeting].

**Attendees:** Violet Bezler, James Cardenal, Nate Carter, Victor Casella, Anita Cohen, Cheryl Conrad, David Cox, Les Fishbone, Eena-Mai Franz, Sheryl Gerstman, Joe Indusi, Mark Israel, Bob Kinsey, Lillian Kouchinsky, Al Mallen, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Lois Moller, George Oldham, Arnie Peskin, Mona Rowe, Liz Seubert, Mike Schaeffer, Steve Shapiro, Barry Siskind, Richard Skelton, Joan Skelton, John Skalyo. Also non-members Christine Carter (BERA) and Neil Robinson (ASAP, speaker).

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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.** Minutes for the May 10 meeting were circulated for review. Minutes were approved by voice vote later in the meeting after the newsletter report. Secretary A. Moodenbaugh suggested that oral reports at the meetings might be more informal, with written reports provided to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes. Affected individuals indicated that the current system of meeting reports (oral, transcribed by secretary) is preferred, so will continue.

**2. Treasurer's Report** by Steve Shapiro (Treasurer): Approximately \$38,000 in all accounts. Expenses: approximately \$400 cost for printing and mailing the newsletter. The luncheon cost approximately \$4250, about \$4000 to the caterer plus about \$250 for incidentals including flowers and name tags. Luncheon income totaled about \$4000 with payments for lunches about \$3750, and raffle income of \$250. Treasurer's report approved by voice vote.

**3. Membership Report** by Membership Chair Sheryl Gerstman: Seven new members were signed up. Fifteen dues checks (total \$460) were received, representing 16 member dues. Current membership is 519, with 442 members paid up, including 68 lifetime members. 411 members have email available to BREA; 108 DO NOT HAVE E-MAIL. There are 76 members in arrears. There is a link on the BREA homepage with a list of paid members along with their expiration year. The audit of membership is complete. All relevant documents have been scanned and stored. Beth Lynn has tentatively been identified as the new membership chair.

**4. Annual Lunch:** Liz Seubert and other meeting attendees thanked Lillian Kouchinsky for her work organizing the Annual BREA Luncheon at Bellport Country Club on June 8. L. K. reported that she arrived early at the country club and took care of details with the club staff, including arrangement of tables for distribution of name tags, raffle sales, and informational handouts. The next meeting should provide speakers with a clip-on mike (a hand-held mike seems difficult to use).

**5. Newsletter report deferred until after presentation 6.**

**6. Presentation by Neil Robinson on ASAP (Association of Students and Post-docs).** ASAP activities were reviewed. The contribution of BREA toward an ASAP lunch with APS editors was considered very useful. The idea of an ASAP/BREA joint seminar series was raised. Career development resources for young staff and students appear to be lacking. Some other national labs have an office of post-doc affairs, but BNL does not. Office of Scientific personnel, which in the past might have played a role, no longer exists. BREA members might play a mentoring role, but there would need to be some groundwork done. It is expected that the slides of this presentation will be posted on line at the BREA site.

**5. Newsletter report** by Editors Mona Rowe and Anita Cohen. The next newsletter will have the President's message. Most of the newsletter will be photos of the luncheon (a link will be provided to an on-line site with more photos). Letter from Joanna Fowler in the upcoming newsletter. Subsequent newsletters will include coverage of a retiree climb of Mt Kilimanjaro and commemoration of the BNL 70th anniversary / BREA 20th anniversary.

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

**7. New Business:**

a) Summer Sunday contribution by BREA. The Idea of funding a math magician was not feasible for this Summer Sunday. Anita Cohen reported an expense of about \$900 for paper handouts and tee shirts. The \$900 payment for summer Sunday was authorized at the previous meeting (maximum outlay was set at \$2000). Volunteer for Summer Sunday BREA table needed for July 10. A. Moodenbaugh volunteered.

b) Arnie Peskin noted that the Community Advisory Council CAC is reviewing member organizations with a view toward eliminating inactive ones. Arnie Peskin represents BREA on the CAC, and indicated to Liz Seubert that BREA may receive an inquiry about whether BREA still intends to be a part of CAC. BREA should respond to maintain membership.

Meeting adjourned at about 2:15 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday July 12, 2016, 1:00 pm, BNL Bldg. 400, Rms RSB 1 & 2.

(no August meeting)

Tuesday Sept. 13, 2016, 1:100 pm, BNL Bldg. 400, Rms. RSB 1 & 2.