

**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY
RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting --- October 14, 2009

Attendance: Arnie Peskin, Eena-Mai Franz, Sonja Santos, Ronnie Evans, Alyce Daly, Ken Mohring, Joyce Tichler, by phone, and Chris Carter for part of the meeting.

President Arnie Peskin opened the meeting. The minutes of the July and September meetings were approved and accepted. Arnie then said he received the \$250 check from Lighthouse tours for the cancellation.

Joyce reviewed the slate of officers. President – Eena-Mai Franz, Vice President – Dave Cox, Secretary – Sonja Santos, Treasurer - Ken Mohring. Others jobs include Membership data base maintenance – Ronnie Evans, Newsletter and Web Page – Joyce Tichler and Dave Cox.

Joyce gave an update on the Newsletter. There was discussion on an article by Frank Marotta, real estate law. Arnie felt the article could lead to Frank working with BREA.

Ken Mohring gave treasurer's report. Following BREA's gift of \$500 in Graham's honor to the Carmans River Maritime Center the balance is \$22,786. Ken said on Nov. 5th a CD is maturing. He will roll it into another with the highest rate available.

Chris Carter spoke about the forced move of BREA from its previous office into a hallway cubicle in the Biology building. The move was made because a new scientist needed the office space. Heated discussion ensued. Arnie was adamant that this move is unacceptable. Some alternatives were discussed. After Chris exited the meeting, it was decided that a list of our requirements for office space be drafted. Alyce suggested it be drawn on BREA letterhead with copy to Mike Bebon. Ken said he would do this.

Arnie then said he spoke to Paul Michael about the BREA's web page. There is agreement between the Lab and BREA that the web page can be maintained by the Lab as long as BREA has control over the content.

Ronnie spoke about SeniorNet. She said classes in Yaphank have begun. There is another open house scheduled for December. The SeniorNet coordinators would like to visit BREA to give another pitch for volunteers and students. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for BREA to forge a relationship with SeniorNet. Ronnie has written an article for the upcoming BREA newsletter about SeniorNet. Ken will draft an article for the Lab Bulletin in time for the open house on December 9th. The SeniorNet coordinators will speak at our November meeting.

Alyce suggested new retirees get a copy of the BREA newsletter.

Arnie raised the issue of the letter by Vernon McDougall re: Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program and the upcoming meetings in Port Jefferson. Discussion about exposure to radiation by retirees ensued. Arnie said he would like any updated information placed on our web page.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 12th in Berkner, room D.

Respectively submitted by Ronnie Evans.