

## **BREA Minutes**

**Meeting Date and Place:** Tuesday, March 8, 2011 1PM; Building 400 (Research Support Building) Conference Room 2

Attendees: Dave Cox, Alyce Daly, Eena-Mai Franz, Ken Mohring, Martine O'Connor, Arnie Peskin, Mona Rowe, Thomas Scheuerer, Francis Scheffel, Stephen Shapiro, Richard Skelton, and Myron Strongin

Louise Hanson could not be present so Ken Mohring recorded information for the meeting's minutes. The February minutes were accepted a submitted. Ken submitted the Treasurer's report which was accepted.

Ronnie Evans could not attend but submitted SeniorNet information through an email to Eena-Mai. The Yaphank Open House is March 11 from 10am -2 pm. The SNUG (user group) meeting will be held on March 15th at 3:30 PM at the Huntington location. The topic will be key aspects of Windows 7.

The timing and content of the next newsletter was discussed. To provide members with time sensitive information concerning the mid-May tour and the annual luncheon, the newsletter will be sent out the last week of April. Therefore, articles must be submitted to Mona Rowe by the end of March.

There was further discussion of the Laboratory permitting recent retirees to continue the use of the BNL email system. Mona Rowe has spoken with Bob Lincoln the new head of Human Resources (HR). He is looking into the issue as it relates to current BNL automated systems. The next step is dependent on the outcome of that evaluation.

Work-to-date on contacting retiree groups from the other national laboratories was discussed, including the activities of several of the retiree groups. The group working on this project will be contacting organizations from LANL, LL, LBL, Ames, SLAC, ANL and ORNL.

Ken reported on the planned May 18th tour and lunch program. The tour will be limited to 20 individuals and will include the Research Support Building, the Nano Center and the NSLS II. Lunch will be at the conference room in the Research Support Building. Currently, there are no tours or presentation materials of plans for the LIPA and British Petroleum solar site.

The DOE program for the medical screening of past employees and contractors was discussed. Currently, there is a large effort being made by the DOE contractor to identify individuals and schedule them for physical examinations. One member present suggested to the contractor's physician that paperwork be completed by past employees before the dates of the physical

examinations. This would significantly reduce the amount of time that must be spent at the physician's office.

Martine detailed the plans for the annual luncheon which will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Bellport Country Club. Because of the excellent records of previous years' events Martine and a small group will be able to plan, organize and run the luncheon. On April 12th at 12:45 PM there will be a picture of the luncheon organization committee. The menu for the luncheon was discussed and decided upon. Last year there were a number of retirees who attended the luncheon, but were not members. Dave proposed procedures to utilize a separate price structure for non-members.

There was discussion about the BNL budget and how BREa may provide support for the Laboratory.

Submitted by K. Mohring 4/10/11