

BREA Minutes (approved by voice vote at Oct. 9, 2018, meeting)

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Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA:

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation / Attention BREA

Upton, NY 11973

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday Sept. 11, 2018; 1:00 PM, BNL Building 400 Conference room 1, Upton, NY.
Minutes recorded by Liz Seubert.

Attendees: Victor Cassella, Dave Cox, Pat Flood, Bill Leonhardt, Lillian Kouchinsky, Ken Mohring, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Elizabeth Seubert, Donald Sievers, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo, Ed Sperry.

Officers 2018-2020: President: Steve Shapiro shapiro@bnl.gov; Vice President: Bob Kinsey bobkin@optonline.net; Secretary: Arnold Moodenbaugh moodenba@optonline.net; Treasurer: Lillian Kouchinsky lkouchin@yahoo.com; Membership Secretary: Beth Lin hellobylin@yahoo.com; Newsletter Editor: Mona Rowe msrowe.hi@gmail.com.

1. Call to order. Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh opened the meeting at 1:00 PM (in the absence of President and Vice President). Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above. Call-in phone was ready for use but no calls.

2. Minutes. Draft minutes of the July meeting were circulated. Approval of the minutes was deferred to later in the meeting, allowing members present to review the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Lillian Kouchinsky reported on balances in the various BREA accounts. The idea of moving maturing certificates to increase interest income was suggested. However, some technical problem would probably be encountered, and the president and treasurer should discuss this possibility. Another suggestion was to renew certificates in a pattern to even out the time periods between maturity dates. A member proposed that BREA set up dedicated funds for specified purposes, rather than the current situation where assets are all in a general fund. A potential donation to the Nikola Tesla Foundation is (and has been for some time) under consideration, but is not ready for a formal proposal.

4. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin could not attend, but reported that, as of Sept. 7, there are six new members. The total count of current members (including some who are not current on dues) is 486. Dues paid membership is 370.

5. Community Affairs Council CAC. CAC representatives from BREA Eena Mae Franz and Mark Israel did not attend this BREA meeting, and there was no report. The CAC website (reviewed Sept. 18) shows an agenda for the June 14 meeting, but nothing for July, August, or September.

6. Trip to Cornell Extension. A field trip for members to Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center has been arranged by Ken Mohring. Ken reported that 35 people have signed up to join the trip and the agenda for the day has been sent to them. He had proposed to Steve Shapiro that BREA donate \$200 for the Cornell University scholarship fund for a student to do research at the farm. The donation, proposed by A. Moodenbaugh and seconded by D. Cox, was approved in a vote by those present and a check given by the Treasurer for this contribution to Ken Mohring.

7. New Medicare Cards. A. Moodenbaugh reported on a message from Steve Shapiro that the new Medicare cards were being mailed. Most people at the meeting had received theirs, but Medicare is rolling out the mailing of cards over a period of time.

8. Newsletter. Editor Mona Rowe reported plans for the Nov/Dec issue of the BREA Newsletter: the president's message, a membership renewal article, an In Memoriam piece, a report of the BREA Cornell Extension garden tour with photos, and a feature on Renee Warno, BREA's new webmaster.

9. Retiree Health Insurance and BSA contribution to help cover costs. Steve Shapiro is discussing insurance cost increases and BREA future plans on reimbursement with BNL Human Resources. He has been told that 2019 reimbursements will remain at the current rate.

10. Early Career Research Symposium (Oct. 11, 2018). This annual event is held by ASAP (Association of students and post-docs at BNL). This event has been supported by BREA in the past, and a donation of \$800 for breakfast sponsorship has been made for the Oct. 11, 2018 meeting.

11. BREA Logo. Eight entries for the new logo will be presented to the committee of past BREA presidents for judging in October.

1. Minutes. Minutes of July 2018 meeting were approved by voice vote.

11. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at about 1:40 PM.

The November meeting (next meeting on Tuesday, November 13) will be held at an alternate location, likely to be Brookhaven Center Building 30. Future meeting dates are scheduled to take place at 1:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, usually in rooms 1&2, RSB Bldg. 400 at BNL.