

# BREA Minutes (Approved by voice vote at May 14 meeting)

## Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA:

BNL Bldg. 400A

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Upton, NY 11973

**Meeting Date and Place:** Tuesday April 9, 2019; 1:00 PM, BNL Bldg. 400 Rms. 1 and 2, Upton, NY. Minutes recorded by Arnold Moodenbaugh.

**Attendees:** Violet Bezler, Victor Cassella, Linda Commander, Cheryl Conrad, Dave Cox, Les Fisbone, Pat Flood, Nick Franco, Eena-Mai Franz, Mark Israel, Robert Kinsey (via phone-in), Jim Lemley, Beth Yu Lin, Ken Mohring, Lois Moller, Arnold Moodenbaugh, John Nagy, George Oldham, Arnie Peskin, Liz Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Don Sievers, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo, Ed Sperry, Peter Vanier.

Officers 2018-2020: President: Steve Shapiro [shapiro@bnl.gov](mailto:shapiro@bnl.gov); Vice President: Bob Kinsey; Secretary: Arnold Moodenbaugh; Treasurer: Lillian Kouchinsky; Membership Secretary: Beth Lin; Newsletter Editor: Mona Rowe.

**1. Call to order.** President Steve Shapiro opened the meeting at about 1:00 PM. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above. Call-in phone was used by one member call.

**2. Minutes.** Draft minutes of the March 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.** Steve Shapiro reported for the absent Treasurer Lillian Kouchinsky. He reported balances of the various BREA accounts. No changes in account balances have occurred since the previous report. Report was approved by voice vote.

**4. Membership Report.** Beth Yu Lin reported that \$340 was received from 8 dues payments since last month's report. A question remains about how to handle members whose dues have lapsed: remove from rolls completely or continue to prod them to choose to rejoin membership or confirm lapsed status.

**5. Community Affairs Council CAC.** Mark Israel reported on CAC activities. The March meeting was canceled. In the February meeting, A deer harvest commissioned by BNL management occurred in early April. Deer were surveyed for 137Cs (cesium) contamination and for lime disease. The meat from the deer was processed, then distributed on Long Island. There was a presentation on Lime Disease by a representative of Suffolk County Health Dept. representative.

**6. Newsletter.** Mona Rowe notified BREA of planned content for the May/June newsletter. Included will be the President's message, announcement of the June Luncheon details, details of the BNL Summer Sunday program, dues/membership renewals, an memorium announcements.

**7. Workers Health Protection Program (WHPP).** Several letters to BNL staff and retirees describing the WHPP program are being sent. One letter will come from BNL Occupational Medicine representative Joseph Falco, another from WHPP staff, with a cover letter from Steve Shapiro. An announcement will also be made in the Monday Memo. A meeting about the program will take place at the Middle Island Library on May 2 10:00 to 2:30.

**8. Annual Luncheon.** Liz Seubert reported that the June lunch will take place at the Bellport Country Club on Wed. June 12. The price will be \$40. Liz Seubert presented the menu options. Informal favorites were for the

main course Steak Forestiere, Chicken Allison, and salmon. Dessert favorite was Peach Melba. Hot hors d'oeuvres will be available. A speaker will need to be chosen. Names mentioned include Steve Coleman and John Shanklin. A minimum of 80 guests is required by the facility (BREA will guarantee the minimum). Liz Seubert will need volunteers for various tasks related to the luncheon. Liz Seubert was authorized by voice vote to finalize details of the luncheon with the Bellport Country Club.

**9 BREA Logo Committee.** Liz Seubert is working with BNL design professionals provided to BREA by BNL without charge (Jen Abramowitz) to help polish the Logo ideas suggested to the committee. A final design incorporating a blue map of Long Island beneath an orange sun is nearly ready.

**10. Les Fishbone winter cruise to Arctic Scandinavia for Northern Lights.** The cruise on Viking Sky originated in London with 930 passengers, traveling north along the Norway coast to Tromso, and returning down the coast. Slides of Aurora observations, on-board hi-jinks, and shore excursions were shown. Les mentioned that a less costly option is a ferry that travels north along the Norway coast.

**11. Other matters. a) Value study of BSA retiree health benefit.** Mark Israel noted that BSA did a value study that found the BSA subsidy for retiree health costs is a worthwhile benefit. This finding suggests that the benefit will likely continue, and increases might be considered **b) Annual lunch coordination.** Another lunch gathering of many retirees takes place annually near the time of the BREA luncheon (there is coordination to avoid direct conflict). Contact George Oldham for information on this. He stated that he is considering asking Marry Fallier to speak there about Discovery Park.

**2. Minutes.** The minutes of the March meeting were approved by voice vote.

**12. Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at about 2:30

The May meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 14, 2019, in rooms 1 and 2 of Building 400 at BNL.