

**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY
RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting --- April 8, 2008

Attendance: Elliot Auerbach, Graham Campbell, Dave Cox, Alyce Daly, Ronnie Evans, Robert Marr, Paul Michael, Florence O'Brien, Martine O'Connor, Arnie Peskin, Sonja Santos, Frances Scheffel, Richard Skelton, Myron Strongin.

President Arnie Peskin opened the meeting and asked if everyone had read the minutes of the March 11th meeting. The minutes were approved and accepted. Arnie then called for a treasurer's report. Ken is still in transit and there was no report. Alyce suggested that when the treasurer could not be present at the meeting, he might e-mail the report to Arnie before the meeting. There was some discussion about the bank account cards that need to be signed by the new officers.

Arnie asked for an update on the Energy and Environment Study Group. Myron indicated that there is much interest in the group. He said Eric Forsythe will be giving a talk on Monday, April 14th at 12 noon at Berkner on climate change. This will be announced in the April 11th Bulletin. Other topics of interest that have been suggested for this group were tritium and broadwater.

The luncheon was then discussed. Flo said all was going well and she needed the next installment check for the Three Village Inn. She mentioned a discrepancy as to unlimited beer. The contract stated unlimited wine. A correction will appear in the Bulletin and Paul will post it on the Web as well. Dave said he had received 14 responses thus far. Arnie commented that there was a notice in the last Bulletin about the BREA luncheon along with a picture of some attractive people who attended the last BREA monthly meeting.

Graham expressed concerns that the computer transition was not going well and there was no input on articles for the Newsletter. Discussion produced the following suggested items: long term care, teleconferencing for our monthly meetings, Energy and Environment Study Group, by-laws changes, the luncheon, schedule of monthly meetings, articles sent in by retirees describing their activities. Graham stated that his goal was to get the Newsletter out in the next week or so.

As to the bylaws changes, Arnie wanted to nail down the final point of dissolution. He suggested the wording be that the disposition of any funds upon dissolution of BREA will be determined by vote by the members at the time of dissolution as long as it not benefit individuals. A motion to accept this wording was passed. Arnie said the draft of the bylaws changes would be posted on the Web and in BREA's upcoming Newsletter. Subsequently a vote would be taken to accept the changes and BERA will be notified afterwards.

For the meeting with Sam Aronson and Bill Hempfling, Arnie said he would ask a number of people to join him. Suggested points to be discussed include the need for major changes in medical benefits to be made known to retirees, wellness visit coverage, DOE contract status, the BREA office move, BREA's input in search for Bill Hempfling's replacement, and a request that H.R. or D.O. grant guest appointment to one or two BREA people to allow them to work from home.

Our next meeting will be on May 13th in Berkner. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectively submitted by Ronnie Evans.