

BREA Minutes

From: Dave Cox

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

In Attendance: Eena-Mai Franz, Dave Cox, Arnie Peskin, Martine O'Connor and Frank Marotta; via conference phone: Joyce Tichler, Ken Mohring and Ronnie Evans.

The meeting was called to order at 12.05 p.m. by the President.

The minutes of the January 12 meeting were approved.

The President thanked Ken Mohring for setting up the meeting schedules.

Ken reported that because of problems with his mail server, he was unable to provide a financial report at this time.

As co-chair of the annual luncheon event, Martine O'Connor reported that arrangements were going ahead as planned. The June 9 date had been confirmed with the Bellport Country Club. The cost of a four-course menu had increased to \$44, compared to \$42 last year. Based on feedback from several members she had contacted, it appeared that there was a consensus that too much time was spent on raffles, and that attendees would prefer extra time to move around and mingle with other people. After discussion with the Treasurer, it was agreed to retain the 50-50 raffle, but eliminate the "basket-of-cheer", and also to set the price for attendees at \$35, the same as last year. The choice of menu was deferred till the March 9 meeting. Along with the co-chairs, Martine O'Connor and Alyce Daly, Ken Mohring, Arnie Peskin, Ronnie Evans, Carol Kramer and Joyce Tichler agreed to serve on the luncheon committee. It was decided to arrange for a group photograph before the next business meeting scheduled for March 9, and to submit a series of brief announcements for publication in the BNL Bulletin starting in February, with a longer article to follow after the March 9 meeting. There was further discussion about increasing attendance, including suggestions to open the luncheon to all lab employees (especially those nearing retirement age), to target specific groups (such as present and retired firefighters), and to list the event in the Saturday "Act II" section of Newsday.

Dave Cox reported that the February newsletter was ready to go, Joyce Tichler stated that she was continuing to work on a tri-fold brochure designed to be mailed with a future issue of the lab Bulletin, and Ken Mohring reported that he was still working with Joanne Rula on the design and contents of a new BREA web-page.

Concerning e-mail access to the lab, Eena-Mai Franz said she had talked with Mona Rowe, but that there was no further progress. In response to a question about the current policy for retirees who wanted to keep their lab address, Frank Marotta said that in his case he was able to keep his lab address for only one year. Frank also asked if the lab bulletin was sent to all retirees since he

does not receive them (likewise Martine O'Connor). The official answer is yes, but it seems that further enquiries are needed.

Ronnie Evans reported that the SeniorNet organization was holding an Open House at the East Yaphank center on March 16, and suggested that BREA should consider inviting a SeniorNet representative to the June 9 luncheon as an official guest.

Arnie Peskin mentioned a recent article in Newsday and an article in the Monday Memo about a new ruling from the Federal HSS Secretary that ex-BNL employees during the period 1947-1979 who have been diagnosed with certain types of cancer may be eligible for compensation and medical benefits. It was agreed that this information should be mentioned in the next newsletter.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1.20 pm.