

**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY
RETIRED EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (BREA)**

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Graham Campbell, Dave Cox, Alyce Daly, Ronnie Evans, Bob Marr, Harriet Martin, Paul Michael, Ken Mohring, Arnie Peskin, M. Strongin

President Arnie Peskin opened the meeting by asking those present to read the minutes, which were distributed earlier. The minutes were read silently, and as there were no corrections or amendments they were accepted.

Treasurer Ken Mohring gave his monthly report and assured us all that in this unsettled financial climate, our savings were fully supported and insured by the TFCU and its Federal Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corp.

There is a new brochure being developed by Alyce Daly. She will submit the design to us before it goes into print. When printed it will be mailed to those who have retired, but who have not joined our organization, and will be sent to future retirees.

General discussion ensued concerning the writing of the "Requests For Proposals (RFP)", sent out by DOE, and the general bidding process. Arnie informed us that the Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) is as concerned as we are and that both Graham, who is a member of CAC, and Arnie, who is official "backup" for Graham will represent our interests to that body.

Harriet suggested that the December Monthly Meeting be a lunch meeting at a local restaurant. Arnie suggested that we take this up at the January meeting.

Alyce spoke about the "Lighthouse" boat tour which would include lunch. It was decided that we need further discussion on this event.

Myron then spoke about having a TIAA-CREF representative speak to us as a group which retired before BSA became a DOE contractor. Many of us were locked into our pensions under the AUI affiliation. Arnie said he would put all of these requests into his agenda for the January meeting.

We then discussed a future lunchtime video presentation by Eric Forsyth, about Greenland, of which there was unanimous approval!

Bob Marr gave his report about the BRISC group and said that perhaps we could hire a private "WEB Master", who would design and maintain our WEB site for a small yearly fee of \$200, or thereabout. We could then have a more attractive site and include a chatline! It was understood that we would follow BERA guidelines in this matter.

We then adjourned unanimously!

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at Berkner Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Harriet Martin