

BNL RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (BREA)

Minutes of Board Meeting....February 14, 2006

Attendees: Elliot Auerbach, Graham Campbell, Alyce Daly, Ronnie Evans, Renee Flack, Jules Godel, Harriet Martin, Barney McAlary, Florence O'Brien, Arnie Peskin, David Rahm, Sonja Santos, Myron Strongin

Myron opened the meeting by asking for the Treasurer's report. Barney, filling in for the absent Treasurer, passed around copies to the attendees. There was some discussion about whether to have our funds in CDs, or in the money market, but the issue remains moot.

Arnie asked that all Board Members, and others who are interested, sign up on the LISTSERVE, so that everyone will be equally informed as to BREA activities.

Renee, then led a discussion on choosing the venue of our Annual Luncheon in the spring, and the date the attendees preferred. She passed out a sheet containing information on five different places, and after talking over the pros and cons of each place, the Bellport Country Club won by a hand count. Any costs over \$30 per person would be subsidized by BREA, it was decided, and the preferred dates would be June 6, as a first choice, June 15, as a second choice, and June 1, as the third choice. Renee also asked for volunteers to help with the planning. It seemed that all the volunteers were women, and Renee suggested that next year's volunteers be men!

Myron then spoke about having a program series on topics of interest to retirees, eg.; elderlaw, assisted living, elder health issues, etc. This series would commence in April and be presented on the second Tuesday of consecutive months. It was suggested that there be a program chair, but while a positive consensus was audible, there was no formal vote.

Myron then introduced the subject of health coverage at the Lab. Elliot suggested that BREA have a committee to speak to a BNL rep who can clarify just what the policy is for employees and those who have retired. There was some lively to and fro, but Graham Cambell reminded us that employee healthcare can no longer be taken for granted, if we recognize present economic trends. He proposed that we be vigilant especially if there is contract competition, which may well lead to an end of benevolent corporate sponsored healthcare for employees.

Respectfully submitted by Harriet Martin.