

**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY
RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING - January 8, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Elliot Auerbach, Graham Campbell, Dave Cox, Ronnie Evans, Harriet Martin, Ken Mohring, Arnie Peskin (President), Sonja Santos, Fran Scheffel, Richard Skelton, Myron Strongin

Myron Strongin, our outgoing President, thanked everyone for their participation at our meetings and for sending in their ballots and dues. He then encouraged all of us to attend the upcoming lecture by Steven Stern on Jan.17, and then welcomed the new BREA President, Arnie Peskin.

Arnie asked everyone to read the minutes as a copy had been distributed to all by Harriet Martin before the meeting had started. The minutes were accepted without correction or amendments, as was Ken Mohring's Treasurer's Report. Arnie then asked that a motion be made to thank the officers of BREA for their participation for the past year, and to thank those who will be continuing. The motion was made and approved unanimously.

Arnie then expressed an interest in possible telephone conference calls to be held at meetings, and Ken said he would inquire as to their feasibility. Ken also said he would make sure that there would be a coffee service at the Jan.17 Lecture.

Arnie then introduced the often discussed idea of a Charter Review Committee.

Graham Campbell said he would ask Joyce Tichler to Chair the committee, and that he would help. Graham then asked Dave Cox to also join the committee which he agreed to do as present Chair of Communications and Membership.

Graham was asked by Arnie to talk about his being the Community Outreach Chair, and Graham spoke at some length about the meetings he attended as our Representative to the BNL community.

The Charter Review Committee would be short term, until reorganization and charter changes take place, as Arnie explained. The standing committees are ongoing, like Communications and Membership, Community Outreach, Social Activities Committee, which Harriet agreed to co-chair, Speaker's Committee, which Myron agreed to Chair, and finally, but hardly least, Elliot Auerbach agreed to the title of Occasional Commentator, specifically on fiscal and healthcare subjects!

The next program will be Eric Forsyth's new film about his boat trip to Antarctica. With that good news, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Harriet Martin