

BROOKHAVEN RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

BREA-Minutes of Board Meeting-January 9, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Elliot Auerbach, Graham Campbell, Dave Cox, Alice Daly, Ronnie Evans, Louise Hanson, Harriet Martin, Ken Mohring, Flo O'Brien, Arnie Peskin, Sonja Santos, Frances Scheffel, Richard Skelton, Myron Strongin (President), Frank Thornhill

This meeting took place in Berkner Hall, Room "D", rather than in Bldg.475, as is usual, and was opened by President Myron Strongin at 12:10 PM. Myron noted that this meeting was particularly well attended, and that it probably was because our meetings always take place at lunchtime and this room was so conveniently close to the cafeteria! That being the case, Ken Mohring was asked to make arrangements to have this room always. Ken thought it would be alright for February, but not for March, but perhaps we could arrange to meet at Berkner in the future. Following these remarks Ken gave the Treasurer's Report.

Alice Daly distributed copies of the Board's Minutes for December 2006, and except for some minor corrections, they were accepted. Harriet thanked Alice and all who cooperatively took over for her as Recording Secretary, while she was recuperating from surgery. She also asked about copies of previous minutes and was told that all of the Board's Minutes could be found online. Alice, who was once the Recording Secretary, also explained that paper copies of the minutes could be found in an envelope in the BREA office at Building 475.

Myron commented on the fact that he has sent letters to some of the other National Laboratories trying to make contact with other retired employee organizations, but has had few replies. He will keep us informed.

It seems that there is some difficulty in getting an audience for our programs. The consensus was that perhaps we need more publicity in the local media, besides the BNL Bulletin. Another suggestion was that we have the lecture along with a buffet lunch in Room "B". It was also thought that we should advertise to the regular employees about our activities on the weekly list printed online.

There was also some discussion about the economic condition of BNL, as the budget will be delayed in Congress and the Lab will revert to last year's provision as a default, which means there will be layoffs, and no raises. Retirees may have less privileges as the budget tightens.

The meeting was adjourned after Flo and Harriet volunteered to Co-Chair the Annual Luncheon.
Respectfully Submitted by Harriet Martin