

BNL RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (BREA)  
Minutes of Monthly members' Meeting --- May 8, 2007

Attendance: Elliot Auerbach, Graham Campbell, Dave Cox, Alyce Daly, Ronnie Evans, Renee Flack, Caroline Kramer, Ken Mohring, Flo O'Brien, Arnie Peskin, Sonja Santos, Myron Strongin

Myron Strongin opened the meeting and called for comments on the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2007. Hard-copy of the minutes were distributed. Arnie Peskin reminded everyone that the minutes are posted on the BREA web site.

Old Business:

Tel-Drug issues -- Myron said the problems with Tel-Drug are being addressed by Denise DiMeglio's people in Human Resources.

TIAA-CREF issues – Elliot Auerbach explained grandfathered monies in TIAA-CREF (administered by AUI) up to 1986 should not be included in the Minimum Required Distribution calculation. Myron said they still haven't resolved his problems with this. Flo O'Brien suggested that Frank Federman be invited to talk about financial issues again.

Membership dues issues – Dave Cox asked that the new levels for membership dues be resolved. A discussion of costs involved in mailing newsletters and what people may be willing to pay to renew membership ensued. A vote was taken and it was decided that in addition to waiving dues for the first year after retirement, there will be three membership dues levels offered. The first is a yearly membership fee of \$10. The second is a five-year membership fee of \$40. The third is a lifetime membership fee of \$95. Dave will contact Bill Hempfling to have this new information placed in new retirees separation packets.

New Business:

Myron said he would like to have Suffolk County Legislator Steven Stern, who is also an elder care attorney, give a presentation at BNL. Myron felt the Berkner Hall venue is too big for this type of talk, and said it should be held in Room B instead. Caroline Kramer suggested a talk with buffet luncheon might attract more attendees. It was decided that this talk should take place after election day.

Flo O'Brien asked about the number of people who have replied for the luncheon. Ken Mohring said he had approximately 54 responses. Ken said he would have checks at the luncheon to cover expenses.

Renee Flack announced that she will be relocating to North Carolina in July. Arnie Peskin asserted that Renee has been a hard working member of BREA from its inception. All applauded Renee and wished her well.

Respectively submitted by Ronnie Evans.