

Minutes of BREA Meeting 10/13/04 (1st Draft)

Members Present: Sonja Santos, George Rabinowitz, Barney McAlary, Graham Campell, Joyce Tichler, Lewis A. Jacobsen, Caroline Kramer, Dave Cox

Minutes from Sept. 14th meeting were read and approved.

To date \$1800.00 received in Membership renewals for 2004-2005. Membership renewal notices/e-mails will be sent to members who have not renewed for this year. Responsibility for sending notifications will be split among volunteer Members.

A discussion was held on appropriateness of including bylines in BREA newsletter. Concern was voiced about names being associated with specific articles; particularly if there were additional contributors or content might be controversial. Resolution: Include a contributor's box in newsletter. In addition, a box will be added listing BREA officers.

Paul Michael was recognized for putting pictures of retirement party on BREA website. <http://www.brea.bnl.gov/>

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of printing the Newsletter in Color. However, after discussion it was decided this would be too expensive, particularly since BNL is currently printing our black and white version at no expense to BREA.

Concern was expressed about the Lab rebidding our medical insurance. Joyce Tichler agreed to speak to Denise Dimeglio regarding this and other concerns including confusion on medical coverage (e.g., Medicare vs. PPO, filing Medicare forms after the fact), filing issues and Medicare co-pay. General concern was also expressed about problems of collecting payments from CIGNA. Joyce mentioned that human resources have been very helpful in assisting retirees with these payment issues. There was also a discussion on medication coverage. Apparently medication costs no longer covered under deductibles – medications must be purchased through the drug plan.

Possible Activities for coming year:

- Annual meeting at Berkner Hall
- Picnic/barbecue at BNL Center
- Port Jefferson Ferry Cruise
- Vineyard Trip
- Lunchtime Talk by Dr. Crease on the Life and History of BNL
- Lunchtime Talk on Estate/Financial planning and tax issues

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 16th, bldg 475 at 12 noon. Bring your lunch.