

**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY  
RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting by Ronnie Evans --- March 11, 2008

Attendance: Elliot Auerbach, Graham Campbell, Dave Cox, Alyce Daly, Ronnie Evans, Caroline Kramer, Robert Marr, Flo O'Brien, Martine O'Connor, Arnie Peskin, Sonja Santos, Richard Skelton, Myron Strongin, and via teleconferencing Ken Mohring.

President Arnie Peskin opened the meeting and read the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved and accepted. Arnie called for a treasurer's report. Ken said there would not be a report this month.

Alyce raised the issue of tax exempt forms. Discussion ensued as to the use of tax exempt forms at the Lab. Ken said he would call Chris Carter to find out what other BERA organizations are doing with respect to tax exempt forms.

Arnie reviewed the Eric Forsythe program. It was an SRO crowd, and unfortunately there were audio problems. Myron said that a number of people would like a re-run of the program. Graham commented that Eric may want to charge a fee (~\$125) for this. Arnie said Eric suggested other talks on issues pertaining to an energy and environmental study group. A number of people who attended Eric's talk were interested in this group. Arnie said members of the lab's Community Advisory Committee may want to join as well. Myron said he'd talk to Steve Schwartz about joining. Arnie said Jack Russell may want to join. Dave said he'd contact Jack. Rich Skelton said he would join. Arnie thought if they need a sponsor BREA might want to consider this. A motion was made and carried that BREA would sponsor this group and affiliates.

The luncheon was discussed. As to entertainment - Flo verified that a contract with the musician exists. Dave and Martine said it needed to be signed by Roger. As to the menu - Arnie called for a vote to choose certain items. As to the cost per person - a vote was taken to keep the wine and hors d'oeuvres on the menu.

The by-laws were discussed next, specifically membership categories for special people, i.e. ex-officio and honoree members, the mailing list and dissolution of BREA. Arnie said he would like to expedite the process of amending the by-laws. Ken replied he would talk to Chris Carter about requirements for the amendment of the by-laws. Arnie indicated that he would like a copy of the proposed amended by-laws be put on the Web and in the newsletter with a proposed meeting date for a vote.

For an upcoming meeting Arnie has with Lab management, he asked those present to think about issues to raise with Sam Aronson and Bill Hempfling. Alyce said she'd like to be notified when premiums and co-pays change. Denise DiMiglio sent a note to Arnie indicating that Aetna will no longer be a carrier for long term care. People can use Prudential. Prudential will be on site in July with a seminar on this issue. BREA should put this on the Web and in the newsletter as well.

Dave said that renewals have slowed down. He asked for a reminder in our newsletter as well as the Bulletin. He will include a reminder and a mark on the mailing label when invitations to the luncheon are sent.

Other items- Arnie asked Ken to check with Chris Carter about our office move - as to when it will take place and what assistance will be needed. Arnie asked Ken to tell Joyce Tichler about the teleconferencing phone number since it worked so well for this meeting.

Our next meeting will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Berkner. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectively submitted by Ronnie Evans.

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