

Minutes

To: BREA Executive Committee

CC: Committee members

From: Alyce Daly, Secretary AD

Date: Tuesday 11 October 2005

In attendance: Elliot Auerbach, Graham Campbell, Dave Cox, Alyce Daly, Kathy Einfeldt, Renee Flack, Jules Godel, Barney McAlary, Paul Michael, Ken Mohring, Arnie Peskin, Sonja Santos, Benno Schoenborn, Richard Skelton, Myron Strongin

Graham Campbell chaired the meeting, opening at 12:05 p.m. The September minutes were accepted as distributed.

The treasurer reported the total BREA assets at \$10,217, consisting of a CD, savings account and checking account. Renee reported that the BREA mugs, replacing the unsatisfactory ones have arrived. They have been supplied at cost by the vendor.

Benno Schoenborn formerly at BNL and now at Los Alamos was welcomed as a visitor. Barney McAlary of the nominating committee reported a slate of nominees. They are Myron Strongin, President, Arnie Peskin, Vice President, Treasurer Ken Mohring and Secretary Kathy Einfeldt. The next newsletter will contain a brief biography of each of the nominees and a ballot to be mailed in, which will include room for write-in candidates.

A discussion of events to be sponsored during the following year ensued, with a proposal for another annual hospitality event in June and a committee will be formed to decide on a date and venue. In addition, it was proposed that Eric Forsyth might be asked to repeat the fascinating program on his sailing experiences.

Joyce Tichler reported on her meeting on Thursday, 15th September with Bill Hempfling of the benefits office. According to the latest Monday Memo, among the changes that will take place on 1st January 2006 will be the elimination of dual coverage. Co-pays will be increased and some concerns were voiced that this will impact retirees disproportionately. It was noted that at present, with the limited information available, the Medicare Plan D drug benefit was not attractive for BNL retirees.

Barney McAlary and Elliott Auerbach agreed to write an analysis of the proposed Plan D, comparing it with the current prescription plan available to BNL retirees through Cigna. It is hoped that the recommendations they make will be helpful to BREA members. It will be published in the next newsletter, due in November.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

The next meeting will be in Room 107, Building 475 Conference room on Tuesday 8th November 2005 at noon. All are welcome to attend.