

BREA Minutes (approved at July 9 meeting by voice vote)

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Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA:

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation / Attention BREA

Upton, NY 11973

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday June 11, 2019; 1:00 PM, BNL Bldg. 400 Rms. 1 and 2, Upton, NY. Minutes recorded by Arnold Moodenbaugh.

Attendees: Victor Cassella, Anita Cohen, Linda Commander, Les Fishbone, Pat Flood, Eena-Mai Franz, Joseph Indusi, Georgia Irving, Robert Kinsey, Lillian Kouchinsky, Jim Lemley, Bill Leonhardt, Beth Yu Lin, Ken Mohring, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Mona Rowe, Liz Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Don Sievers, Barry Siskind, Ed Sperry. No call in attendees.

Officers 2018-2020: President: Steve Shapiro shapiro@bnl.gov; Vice President: Bob Kinsey; Secretary: Arnold Moodenbaugh; Treasurer: Lillian Kouchinsky; Membership Secretary: Beth Lin; Newsletter Editor: Mona Rowe.

1. Call to order. Vice-President Bob Kinsey opened the meeting at about 1:00 PM. S(teve Shapiro planned to arrive at the meeting later, about 1:30.) Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above.

2. Minutes. Draft minutes of the May meeting were circulated. Comments on and approval of the minutes were deferred to later in the meeting, allowing members present to review the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report. Steve Shapiro reported current treasury status.

4. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin reported that there are 331 members with paid-up dues. A few membership checks were received. A few membership dues were received in the previous monthly period.

5. Community Advisory Council CAC. Eena-mai Franz is resigning her post as BREA CAC representative. A replacement is sought. She did not attend the most recent CAC meeting.

6. July/August Newsletter. Mona Rowe was in town visiting and attended this meeting. She asked that BREA officials urge Joe Rubino of Stakeholders and Community Relations to provide her promptly with photos of the Annual Luncheon for inclusion in the upcoming BREA newsletter. It is understood that Renee Warno will also post photos from the lunch on the BREA website. The newsletter's President's Message will include information about the new BREA logo that has been adopted. The In Memoriam section will include news of the death of Bill Hempfling.

7. Annual Luncheon. Liz Seubert reported that the Luncheon is set for noon on Wednesday June 12 at the Bellport Country Club. Helpers are expected to show up around 11:30. There are expected to be about 71 paid attendees, plus a few guests whose lunch is provided by BREA. The speaker will be Steve Coleman, BNL Associate Laboratory Director for Environment, Safety & Health.

8. Senior Matters. Steve Shapiro described the problem with scam phone calls and emails, and some methods to avoid their traps. He also mentioned a presentation on Senior Wellness organized by Suffolk Legislator Sarah Anker that was to take place at St Marks Church in Shoreham on Friday, June 21.

9. Other issues. **a) Emeritus Policy.** The BNL policy governing Emeritus status is expected to change. **b) possible outings.** Suggested trips included a riverboat cruise on the Peconic and a tour of the NY City Federal Reserve Bank. **c) BSA benefit for retiree health.** Steve Shapiro met with Robert Lincoln, HR Associate Lab Director, about the future of the subsidy for retiree health. There appears to be a possible path forward to adjusting the current subsidy of \$170 monthly for eligible retiree and spouse. Any proposed change would have to be considered by the BNL Policy Committee and then the Dept. of Energy. A decision may be available after summer. **d) Logo.** The new Logo is in the process of being adopted and incorporated into webpages and publications.

2. Minutes. Two errors in the circulated May minutes (date of June meeting and description of the raffle) were pointed out. The minutes of the May meeting were approved by voice vote, with the condition that the errors be corrected before publication.

11. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at about 2:00.

Regular meetings are scheduled for 1:00 on the second Tuesday of the month, except no meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 Tuesday, July 9, 2019, in rooms 1 and 2 of Building 400 at BNL. There will be no August meeting. The following meetings are scheduled for September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10.