

## **BREA Zoom Meeting Minutes 01/11/2022**

Minutes recorded by L. Miller

Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation/ Attention BREA Meeting

Upton, NY 11973

**Present:** A. Moodenbaugh, R. Clark, C. Conrad, D. Cox, A. J. Feldman, L. Feierabend, L. Fishbone, V. Ghosh, B. Hackenburg, L. Hanson, M. Hemley, M. Israel, T. Koetzle, L. Kouchinsky, J. Lemley, B. Lin, L. Miller, M. Rowe, S. Shapiro, B. Siskind, G. Williams

**Officers 2022-2024:** President: Arnold Moodenbaugh, Vice President: Vinita Ghosh, Secretary: Laura Miller, Treasurer: Les Fishbone, Membership Secretary: Beth Lin, Newsletter Editor: Mona Rowe

**1. Call to Order. Arnie Moodenbaugh.**

Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm

**2. BREA Elected Officers 2022-2023.**

President: Arnie Moodenbaugh; Vice President: Vinita Ghosh; Secretary: Laura Miller; Treasurer: Les Fishbone.

Thanks to Lillian Kouchinsky for her term, which just ended. Thanks to Vinita Ghosh, who is our first remote Board member. Vinita lives in the San Francisco Bay area. We also have a member in France, Suh-Urk Chung.

**3. Minutes of December 2021 Meeting. Laura Miller.**

Changes made. Motion to accept by Mark Israel, Lillian seconded. Approved unanimously. The December minutes will be posted on BREA's website.

**4. Treasurer's Report. Les Fishbone.**

Les presented the detailed Treasurer's Report as a screen share within Zoom. The estimated grand total for the checking and savings accounts and the three certificates of deposit (CD) is \$28,560.68 + 52.17. This is an estimate based on the November statement, December transactions, and interest estimates (the plus amount), because he hadn't received the December statement at the time of this meeting.

**Action:** let CD renew for another year.

Motion to accept report and action item by Mark, seconded by Gwyn Williams, passed unanimously.

**5. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin.**

Current paid members are 258. Members who have email is 235. Number of members who sent dues since Dec. 14 is 4. Move to accept by Louise Hanson, seconded by Les, all voted in favor.

**6. CAC Meeting Report. Mark Israel.**

The CAC won't meet again until March. They have adopted a 3-month on, 3-month off meeting arrangement. The first quarter of the year, December-January-February,

there is no meeting. If they call a special meeting, Mark will know about it.

**7. Newsletter Report. Mona Rowe.**

Mona is starting with the piece on Leonard Mausner playing the French horn with no mask on (wind instruments cannot play wearing masks). Mark mentioned the special presentation in a CAC meeting, about BLIP and asked if it could be a part of the article because Mausner led the BLIP program for many years. It might, depending on space. Mona has asked for a photo of Mausner's orchestra as an example of how orchestras follow COVID requirements. Depending on how much she carries over, the balance of p. 2 will be about computer scams. She will put examples that employees have provided of actual scams. She will also include suggestions from BNL's IT as well.

**Action:** Beth will check for Sur-Huk Chung's email address. [Later in meeting: Beth found it and forwarded it.]

**8. Potential Charitable Contributions.** In mid-2020 BREA contributed \$5000 to LI Cares food bank. At the end of 2020 BREA contributed an additional \$2500 to LI Cares and \$2500 to the BNL campaign for United Way of LI. Consider additional contributions from BREA.

Arnie suggested we not donate as much this year and that we contribute now and in approximately 6 months.

BREA bylaws suggest contributions should be local to BNL area. Charities in NYC – too far? Fresh Air Fund, for example. Mark thinks we could contribute to them.

Motion to give send \$1000 each to BNL's United Way campaign and to LI Cares made by Lil and seconded by Mark. Passed unanimously.

**Action:** Budget an amount for the first six months of 2022.

**Action:** Contribute to United Way during BNL's campaign to utilize BSA's matching grant.

**Action:** Les will contact Arnie separately on how to fill out forms and where to send them.

**Action:** Arnie will create a letter to send to LI Cares (not needed for BNL's United Way campaign).

**Action:** People should send suggestions of charitable organizations to consider to Arnie.

**Action:** Arnie will form a committee to consider submitted suggestions and create a short list of charitable organizations to consider.

**9. New Business**

There were 91 new cases of Covid-19 among BNL employees reported in the first week of January.

Bob Hackenburg: Beth sent him Dr. Chung's email address.

Try to update BREA website. We need to put the membership list into a more prominent location.

**Action:** Board members should review BREA's website and send Arnie their suggestions for changes.

Suggestions of guest speakers

- Request a speaker from the health evaluation program.
- Arnie will try again to get someone from lab to speak about computer security,

maybe James Fung.

- Possibly Jean Jordan Sweet?
- Discussion on radio isotopes – Mark will look up the name and send it to Arnie.

Motion to adjourn made by Barry Siskind, seconded by Lil. Approved unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.

**Next meeting: February 8 at 1:00 via Zoom.**