

## **BREA Zoom Meeting Minutes 02/08/2022**

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. Backofen, T. Diaz, P. Caligary, D. Cox, A. J. Feldman, L. Fishbone, A. Ghosh, V. Ghosh, B. Hackenburg, M. Israel, L. Kouchinsky, J. Lemley, B. Leonhardt, B. Lin, L. Miller, M. Rowe, S. Shapiro, S. Sievers, B. Siskind, E. Sperry, L. Weigzner, 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 1:03 pm

**2. Minutes of January 2022 Meeting. Laura Miller.**

Board received minutes prior to today's meeting for approval at today's meeting. Les Fishbone had additional suggestions, which he sent to the board prior to today's meeting. The Board agreed with these changes.

**Action:** Laura will update the January minutes and post them on our website.

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

Les presented a detailed Treasurer's Report as a screen share within Zoom. The grand total for the checking and savings accounts and the three certificates of deposit (CD) is \$26883.43.

Treasurer's functions: Les recommends that BREA financial papers he has that are older than 6 years be shredded. Motion to approve by Steve Shapiro, seconded by Don Sievers. Approved unanimously.

Mona Rowe asked if Les has any financial records that date back to when BREA was first founded and if Beth Lin has any membership records back to the beginning of BREA.

**Action:** Les will look for BREA financial records dating back to BREA's beginnings.

**Action:** Beth will check membership records to see how far back they go. There are over 548 members in the database.

Q: Arup Ghosh: Are BREA records mostly electronic archives or paper? Will BERA archive our records? (Do we want that?) Can BREA access our records if maintained by BREA at BNL? What are BREA's requirements for maintaining/archiving records? 2003 is the first entry of minutes. Newsletter archive goes to 1997.

**Action:** Les will check on Arup's questions.

**Action:** BREA officers will think about archiving requirements and discuss at a future meeting.

**Action:** Arnie will talk to Christine about possible BERA requirements.

Arnie's Zoom monthly payment schedule averages \$14.99 / month. He took advantage of an offer Zoom made for 30% off the annual fee and paid \$105 for an annual Zoom subscription. He also applied for the class action refund, which will be \$25-30. Arnie recommends anyone who has a Zoom subscription that goes through the last day of the class action period fill out and submit the form with their Zoom account. In addition, users of Zoom can also file for a small refund if they have evidence of participating during the time period.

**4. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin.**

Current paid members are 261. Number of current members with email 237. Seven more people have paid their annual dues. Les motioned to accept the report, Vinita Ghosh seconded, approved unanimously.

Beth tried to get to BREA website, couldn't get access. Previous links no longer work. Instead, go to BNL's home page, search for BREA and when the BREA home page comes up, save that new link.

Recently, Beth received an email, supposedly from Arnie, asking her to buy gift cards. She checked with Arnie and he told her it was a scam. Les suggested these types of emails should be sent to junk, not put in trash because if they are put in a junk file, the computer's security system will learn to send those types of emails to junk before putting them in a person's Inbox.

**5. 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 and will follow up.

**6. Newsletter Report. Mona Rowe.**

March-April newsletter. Article about living with COVID life. She includes piece about French horn player Leonard Mausner, with photos of Leonard playing. He talks about spit in the article, because it's something 'wind' players have to cope with. Strings, percussionists and conductors have masks, but not wind players.

**Action:** Arnie will forward Mona his piece within the next few weeks.

**Action:** Arnie will talk to Leonard Mausner about Cathy Cutler's presentation from her CAC talk on radioisotopes

**7. Charitable Contributions.** At the January meeting, donations of \$1000 each were approved for Long Island Cares and United Way of Long Island. The checks were mailed in mid-January. The United Way contribution is part of the Brookhaven National Lab. annual effort for United Way.

Les included the contributions in his Treasurer's Report. Arnie shared the letter he wrote to LI Cares. He got an email response from United Way acknowledging our donation and a form letter from LI Cares. LI Cares sends their acknowledgment to BNL. Les said in the last few years we've contributed a third of our assets to these two organizations. We had over \$30k in our Treasury, accumulated via our dues and interest on our accounts and donations received at our annual luncheons. Members have never been assessed any other dues.

**Action:** Mona will reach out to P. Genzer. We are coming up on our 25 anniversary and this could be good publicity for us.

**Action:** Arnie and Les will review our assets to see what a sustainable contribution might be.

9. **Website update needed.** Update listing for Vice-president. Make membership list more prominent. Other suggestions?
- o Change Vice President to V. Ghosh.
  - o Membership List should be more prominent
  - o Website discussion:

**Action:** Arnie will contact Renee Warno to have her update the Vice President's name and to move the Membership List to a more prominent location.

- 10: New Business  
Speaker search:

**Action:** Laura will contact Jean Jordan Sweet and tell her that we have monthly Zoom meetings and ask her to give a 30-minute talk on her career.

**Computer security:** Arnie will talk to someone in IT.

Possible promotional talk about the worker health program based in Queens.

**Action:** Arnie will contact.

Motion to adjourn by A. J. Feldman, seconded by Gwyn Williams. Passed unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

The next meeting will be March 8 at 1:00 pm via Zoom.