

BREA Zoom Meeting Minutes 11/08/2022

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, K. Asselta, P. Bond, R. Casey, R. Casten, G. Cisco, C. Conrad, R. Clark, R. Crease, D. Diamond, J. Dietz, J. Falco, N. Fallon, A. Feldman, J. Fowler, L. Fishbone, E. Fujita, A. Ghosh, V. Ghosh, R. Hackenburg, L. Hanson, P. Haustein, M. Israel, A. Kohen, J. Lemley, B. Leonhardt, G. Leskody, B. Lin, S. McCorkle, L. Miller, P. Olness, H.-A. Pham, L. Rogers, M. Rowe, D. Schneider, J. Shanklin, S. Shapiro, D. Sievers, P. Takacs, M. Tannenbaum, M. Vanlith, J. Woods, J. Zarcone

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

1. Call to Order at 1:04 pm Arnie Moodenbaugh
2. Presentation by Peter Bond with Robert Crease based on the book "The Leak".
3. Minutes of the October 2022 meeting. Laura Miller.
Action: After one additional change, Laura will resend and wait one week, then post.
4. Treasurer's Report. Les Fishbone.
Les presented a 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 \$25,778.41 (revised to \$25,7799.45 upon receipt of the October TFCU statement). Mark Israel motioned to approve, all accepted, motion passed unanimously.
5. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin.
Number of current paid members is 278. The number currently providing their email address is 253. Since the October meeting, Beth has received 7 members' dues. Motion to approve by Cheryl Conrad, seconded by M. Israel, none opposed.

6. CAC Meeting Report. Mark Israel.

D. Manning kicked off the meeting on 10/13. Steve Coleman will be moving to LANL. He will be in the same capacity but with more responsibility. R. Crease will be at the Vanderbilt planetarium on 10/27 for a book signing of the book discussed in today's presentation. The CAC meeting for November may be a hybrid, both in person and via Zoom. D. Gibbs said the lab is at a medium level Covid situation. The DOE SEC visited recently and he is expecting other DOE dignitaries over the next few months. Recent Inflation Reduction Act was very positive for BNL. BNL's projects received more than \$200M. The CHIPS bill is an authorization bill right now, it looks promising and would be significant for BNL if passed. Mark asked if R. Tribble said the lab is looking into the potential for hybrid energy as opposed to natural gas. J. Anderson said J. Misewich is spearheading that effort, but it is currently in talks only. Next came a presentation by J. Ramien who said the demolition of the research reactor is complete, waste is on rail cars but hadn't shipped out as of that CAC meeting. He then talked about the 2021 Site Environmental Report covering the chapters in detail. Groundwater will be discussed in detail in November CAC meeting. Much detail and measurements. Should be posted online, maybe under CAC website.

Hyan Gao, Associate Lab Dir for Nuclear and Particle Physics Directorate, gave a presentation introducing the Directorate, the various research areas and machines including the building of the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC). The 5-year renewal of CAC members is coming up. Mark told them BREA wants to continue to be on it and agreed to be the primary, but Mark hasn't heard anything from E. May. If Mark may need to provide a name for an alternate.

Action: Arnie will put this on the agenda for next month.

Action: Mark will reach out to E. May and S. Shapiro to see if they will commit.

Next CAC meeting is Thursday, Nov. 10.

Action: Arnie said to put himself as the second alternate if Eena doesn't agree to continue.

Vote: Leave the CAC representative and alternates to M. Israel to CAC. C. Conrad motioned to approve, L. Fishbone seconded, none opposed.
7. Newsletter report. Mona Rowe.

Mona left for another meeting, but she told Arnie about an article she is putting together with Vinita Ghosh about dancing. This will be for the January newsletter.

8. Discuss planning for in-person BREa meetings at BNL.
If we have an in-person meeting, it will need to be set up differently from other meetings, to allow people not in the local area to participate. We will need BNL support for this. This may happen at the meeting in January.

9. New Business.
Les has a suggestion about charitable contributions. Thanks to a suggestion from Linda Feierabend at last month's meeting, he talked to Ketevi Assamagan, who was very helpful. Les will give him some scientific books to donate to students in Africa, which K. Assamagan will take when he goes to Africa. Les suggested we reimburse K. Assamagan for additional costs he may incur for the additional weight.

Les proposed authorizing \$500 for shipping of these books. A motion was made by M. Israel, seconded by C. Conrad to authorize this expense.

Motion passed unanimously.

K. Assamagan will need books toward late November. Les will try to get them to him by the end of next week, possibly by Nov. 14.

If others would like to donate their books, it would be useful to send a list of books to Les. Les will forward a complete list to K. Assamagan to see which ones, if any, he might prefer to have.

Action: If you have books to donate and you are west of BNL, send titles, etc. to Les at lgfishbonenn@gmail.com.

Les recommends Aptdeco website if you are moving/downsizing.

Action: Arnie will write a letter to P. Bond and R. Crease thanking them for the presentation they gave today.

Action: Arnie will ask Peter to send him the presentation and will work with Christine Carter to get it posted on BREa's website.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.

The next meeting will be December 13th as a Zoom meeting.