

BREA Zoom Meeting Minutes 12/12/2023

Minutes recorded by Laura Miller

Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation/ Attention BREA Meeting

Upton, NY 11973

Present: A. Moodenbaugh, R. Backofen, D. Cox, AJ Feldman, L. Fishbone, A. Ghosh, V. Ghosh, L. Hanson, M. Israel, B. Lin, B. Leonhardt, S. McCorkle, L. Miller, S. Musolino, M. Rowe, S. Shapiro, B. Siskind, E. Sperry, G. Williams,

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, Arnie Moodenbaugh at 1:02 pm
2. Minutes of September, October, November meeting. Laura Miller
 - a. Mark Israel made a motion to approve the September, October and November minutes as revised and presented. Seconded by Les. Approved unanimously.
 - b. CAC notes
 - i. **Action:** Going forward, Laura will add a link to the CAC website at the beginning of each report.
 - c. Monday Memo signup instructions:
 - i. **Action:** Arnie or Mona will add signup instructions to the newsletter.
3. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin
 - a. Current paid members: 249. Those with email: 230. From November 11 to today she has received 11 dues from members. On Dec. 7 she mailed 11 checks to L. Fishbone. Les confirmed he received them.
 - b. Laura Miller made a motion to accept Beth's report, Mark seconded, all approved.
4. Election Results. Beth Yu Lin
 - a. As of today, the received ballots total is 43. Assumption is that most ballots have been received.

- b. All votes were in favor of the four nominated candidates (unanimous election).
 - c. Officers will be installed during the January meeting.
5. Treasurer Report. Les Fishbone
- a. December report: The account activities during December were as follows: interest credited for both regular accounts and for the CDs; a check to Adopt-a-Platoon for \$84.60 that was cashed; and a dues deposit of \$180. Contact A. Moodenbaugh if you need additional information. Mark motioned to accept report, seconded by AJ Feldman. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Action:** All new board members will send their email addresses to all the current board members.
6. BREa contributions. Les Fishbone
- a. A final check was issued to Adopt a Platoon for postage support, thereby fulfilling BREa's commitment of \$1200.
7. Tesla Science Ctr. status -- recent fire, Steve Shapiro
- a. A fire at the Science Center took place before Thanksgiving. Currently the origin is unknown. Lots of damage, the roof is destroyed and some of the walls. The building is over 120 years old, was well constructed. Starting a fundraising campaign (GoFundMe) of \$3 million.
 - b. The approved \$1000 donation to the Tesla Science Center at Wardencliffe was deferred to discuss the possible acknowledgement of BREa along with a \$50 upward adjustment of the donation. S. Shapiro proposed that BREa contribute \$500 toward the reconstruction. After discussion, amount was raised to \$1000. This will be in addition to the \$5k for the window that was discussed earlier this year.
 - c. Website for campaign: <https://teslasciencecenter.org/fire-at-wardencliffe/>
 - d. Andy made a motion to support the reconstruction effort \$1000. Mark seconded, passed unanimously.
 - e. **Action:** Les said he is willing to use his personal credit card to facilitate an internet donation. Then he would issue a BREa check to himself for reimbursement.
8. Newsletter. Mona Rowe
- a. January/February newsletter issue: Main topic is a report on the Electron Ion Collider (EIC). First draft is with Media and Communications Office.
 - b. Final version will go to copy services for printing ~Dec. 20.

9. CAC Meeting Report. Mark Israel
 - a. No meeting in December – January – February. The next meeting will be in March.
10. Plan for hybrid in-person/ZOOM BREa meeting.
 - a. We hope to arrange to have the January meeting to originate from BNL. Because retirees cannot access BNL internal networks, BREa will need the cooperation of BNL staff to set up the BNL meeting room as a ZOOM.gov meeting, and oversee audiovisual access to the web.
 - b. The conference room is small, only room for 12 people.
 - i. **Action:** Those planning to attend in person must notify Arnie beforehand to ensure there is enough space in the conference room.
11. Possible informal luncheon on Long Island for BREa members
 - a. Arnie is planning to go to the monthly retiree luncheon in Middle Island at the Medford Pastaria on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at noon.
12. New Business
 - a. S. Musolino (svpm@optonline.net): Arnie asked Steve to give a 10-minute presentation at a future meeting to describe what he did in Ukraine that led to his DOE award.

Mark motioned to adjourned, Louise seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

The next meeting will be January 9 at 1:00 pm.