

## BREA Zoom Meeting Minutes 03/12/2024

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, J. Axe, D. Cox, R. Evans, A. Feldman, L. Fishbone, A. Ghosh, V. Ghosh, R. Hackenburg, L. Hanson, R. Howe, M. Israel, B. Lin, Y. Makdisi, L. Miller, S. Musolino, M. Rowe, S. Shapiro, B. Siskind, E. Sperry, G. Williams

Guests: Laura Buscemi-Robles, J. Exley, T. Martin

**Officers 2024-2026:** President: Arnold Moodenbaugh, Vice President: Andy Feldman, Secretary: Laura Miller, Treasurer: Louise Hanson

1. Call to Order. Arnie Moodenbaugh at 1:03 pm
2. Minutes of February Meeting. Laura Miller
  - a. The December, January and February minutes were approved at the Board's premeeting earlier today.

**Action:** Laura will send the January and February 2024 BREA minutes to be posted on BREA's website.
3. Treasurer's Report. Louise Hanson. (*Les Fishbone is handling the books until we can arrange to update the banking records at TFCU.*)
  - a. Les shared the screen, giving details of the month's expenditures and income for BREA's account. The total as of today is \$26,386.84.
  - b. We are working on finding a way/time to transfer treasurer's materials to L. Hanson.
  - c. M. Israel made a motion to approve the report, A. Feldman seconded, approved unanimously by voice vote.
4. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin
  - a. Current membership: 219 paid members, 202 with email. Beth collected four checks totaling \$100 since the February meeting. Yesterday she received two more, so today's total is six checks, for \$150, and she will send them to Les. She is now using MS Office 365.

Mark made a motion to approve the Membership Report. Seconded by Laura, approved unanimously by voice vote.

5. Membership Secretary Position Open.

- a. Beth Yu Lin has indicated that after 7 years, she plans to step down as Membership Secretary. We are indebted to Beth for her dedication to this work.
- b. She has encountered problems with the Microsoft Access Data Base program that we need to resolve before handing this responsibility over to another person. We would like to identify members who are familiar with MS Access and interested in taking on this role.

Note that whoever takes over Beth's position should receive a new computer and Beth will show the person what she does on MS Access. Refurbished computers were discussed to replace Beth's computer, as well as laptops. We use Access instead of Excel because it is easier to pull out data from the Access database than it is from Excel. The discussion was tabled and will be discussed by a subgroup later.

6. Newsletter. Mona Rowe. The Mar/Apr newsletter, along with past issues, is posted online on the BREA part of the BERA website: <https://bera.bnl.gov/brea/newsletter/>.

- a. Mona is planning to do a piece on compensation in the newsletter; the last time she did an article on this topic was in 2022. She will start with information about new testing for lung cancer by first announcing the lung cancer screening in this issue and then following up in the next issue with a description of the full program and medical screenings. For those who live off-island, we need to explore/explain more where and how to find other locations. Laura Buscemi-Robles has a phone number people can call to find a facility near them. If someone is diagnosed with one of these cancers, what is the next step? Once you have an evaluation and results, Dr. Haloo can help, but Laura B.-R. will help the individual.
- b. Mona is also looking to capture memories of this past winter of what retirees have been doing, and she will provide an update on Discovery Park. Also, the BREA donation to Tesla will be explained.

**Action:** if anyone has ideas/photos, send Mona an email.

7. BREA contributions. Steve Shapiro. Intention is to "purchase" three tiles at the Tesla Center with a BREA message inscribed on them for \$1050. Designs for the inscription are being considered.

- a. Steve S. looked on the website. Arnie said he would pay for the bricks with his credit card. Bricks are not standard size. Steve could not find out much about them.

**Action:** Arnie will look at the Tesla website to see how to order bricks, find the size, etc. He will contact them when he has confirmed sizes, etc.

**Action:** S. Shapiro will also try to contact them. Is it possible to pay by check?

8. CAC Meeting Upcoming Meeting. Mark Israel.

Nothing to report yet, the next meeting is Thursday, March 14. Mark will report on it at our April meeting. It is open to the public and will be a hybrid meeting. Any person who plans to attend should come to Bldg. 490 (the former Medical Dept. building), not Berkner B.

9. New Business

- a. There is a meeting with HR tomorrow at 2:30 to discuss issues with BNL retiree health benefits that have been identified by BREa members. BREa representatives are: S. Shapiro, Arnie, G. Cisco, D. Cox.

**Action:** Arnie will send Steve, Gretchen and Dave the letter that will be discussed with HR and was drafted for HR to send to future retirees.

**Action:** Steve will forward Arnie the invitation to the meeting (Wednesday, March 13 at 2:30).

- b. Talks: Andy Feldman has put together a PowerPoint presentation for use at our April meeting to discuss bringing in more guest speakers.

**Action:** Arnie will add this to the April agenda. It will follow the business part of the meeting.

- c. L. Hanson: Last Friday BWIS had a hybrid interview with JoAnne Hewett, the BNL director. Joanna came across as personable and approachable. Louise suggested we ask her to be a guest speaker.

- d. Luncheon: Easiest location: BNL. They have menus on-line. Mostly cold sandwiches, salads and soups. This will be discussed again in April.

- e. G. Williams: Will there be any restaurants at Discovery Park? Maybe in the longer-term plans, but not in the near term. There is a development across from the Lab that includes apartments and a few restaurants.

Motion to adjourn made by Laura, seconded by Andy, passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

The next meeting will be held April 9.