

**Minutes BREA Meeting
September 10, 2024 at 1:00 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Minutes recorded by Mona Rowe

Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation/ Attention BREA Meeting

Upton, NY 11973

Attendees: Betty Elder, Les Fishbone, Etsuko Fujita, Robert Hackenburg, Louise Hanson, Peter Haustein, Bob Howe, Jim Lemley, Bill Leonhardt, Arnie Moodenbaugh, Swapna Mukerji, Steve Musolino, Mona Rowe, Steve Shapiro, Barry Siskind, Kathy Walker, Gwyn Williams

Guest: Laura Buscemi-Robles, Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP) at Queens College

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

Minutes of July 9, 2024, were approved for posting.

Treasurer's report: Louise Hanson summarized the July and August statements from Teachers Federal Credit Union. BREA did not meet in August.

Membership: Betty Elder reported that she has received four dues checks, as well as completed forms from new members.

Newsletter: The next issue will feature the Discovery Park, now under construction. After discussion with the group, including comments by Gwyn Williams and Steve Musolino about fenced DOE sites, Mona Rowe will look into "controlled access" for BNL because of classified materials and radiation protection. Others noted that Discovery Park is located outside the lab perimeter. In other words, no BNL ID is required to enter.

Update, Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe, Steve Shapiro: Shapiro had no news on the bricks, saying that the organization is still in the process of recovering from the fire at the site.

Upcoming Speakers: Arnie Moodenbaugh, president: Ian Ballantyne has not responded his query about speaking at a BREA meeting. JoAnne Hewett, named BNL director in 2023, would be a good candidate.

Action: Arnie to contact Hewitt's office.

General Discussion

- Hacking and scams – Many in attendance at the meeting are receiving emails from MyIDCare. They are legitimate and are the result of DOE getting hacked in 2013, compromising personally identifiable information such as your full name, Social Security number, driver's license, financial information and medical records. Always go online to identify a sender's legitimacy. Kathy Walker has lost health-care information.
- Medical screening – Gwyn Williams said he appreciated that a recent newsletter carried information on the worker screening program. In answer to a question, Steve Musolino said that the RAP Team members who responded at the request of the New York City Health Department after the 9/11 attack (himself included) are monitored by the World Trade Center Health Program, administered by the CDC. Andrew Feldman was also a first responder, at the request of the Air Force, and is included in the same program. Go to <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/index.html>.
- Letter to HR – Arnie said that HR hasn't responded to our meeting with them or BREA's follow-up letter asking for an increase in the medical benefit. He understands that they are revising documents. Also, they have had changes in staff at several levels. That, along with the general workload, is probably slowing things down.

Next meeting: October 8, 2024 at 1:00 pm. This will be a Zoom meeting.