

BREA Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024 at 1:00 pm
Via Zoom

Minutes recorded by Laura Miller

Contact Information:

Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA

BNL Bldg. 400A

BERA Recreation/ Attention BREA Meeting

Upton, NY 11973

Present: Arnie Moodenbaugh, David Cox, Andy Feldman, Vinita Ghosh, A. Ghosh, Louise Hanson, Mark Israel, Jim Lemley, Bill Leonhardt, Beth Lin, Yousef Makdisi, Laura Miller, Steve Musolino, Mona Rowe, Stephen Shapiro, Donald Sievers, Barry Siskind, Gwyn Williams

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

1. Call to Order. Arnie Moodenbaugh
 - a. Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm.
2. Minutes of the November meeting. Laura Miller
 - a. Revised November minutes were sent to the Board for approval at BREA board meeting. Revised minutes were approved.
 - b. **Action:** Laura will request to have the November minutes posted on the BREA website.
3. November CAC Report. Mark Israel
 - a. **Action:** Mark will provide Laura with notes from the November CAC meeting prior to the January BREA meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report. Louise Hanson
 - a. Louise provided an update on the account activities for November and the CDs in BREA's account. Vote to approve report passed with no objections.
5. Membership Report. Betty Elder
 - a. Currently there are 205 members, 188 have provided their email addresses. The number of members in arrears is 431. The number who sent in dues after the November meeting is 3.
 - b. We need a subcommittee to go through names to see who's alive, etc.
 - i. **Action:** Arnie, Laura, Andrew, **Betty**, Louise and Mona volunteered

to be on the subcommittee.

- c. Membership in BREA is open to current employees. Proposal to reach out monthly to current employees who have upcoming large service anniversary dates (perhaps 35+ years).
 - d. Tim Green and Ken White are retiring. Mark reached out to Tim with the form.
 - i. **Action:** Mark will see Ken at the CAC meetings and will encourage him to join.
 - ii. **Action:** Mona will reach out to Tim and encourage him to join.
6. Newsletter. Mona Rowe. Plans for the January/February 2025 Newsletter
- a. Articles on Discovery Park and on the Grand Canyon (Don Sievers). It will include information about the Science and User Support Center, which is the first facility at Discovery Park. Mona needs Arnie's message by Dec. 16th.
7. BREA Contributions. Tesla Foundation
- a. Arnie still hasn't heard from anyone at Tesla about our donation. Steve said they haven't yet stabilized the building. His suggestion is to give Tesla \$1k for their use, not attach it specifically to brick(s).
 - i. **Action:** Arnie will look into providing Tesla the \$1k directly.
 - b. Possibility of giving a BREA scholarship. Louise suggested we create a subcommittee to work out who/what/how much/why, recurring or one time and present it at a general meeting.
 - i. **Action:** volunteers for subcommittee: Louise, Andy, Arnie, Mark, Vinita
8. Future Talks/Presentations
- a. **Action:** Arnie will contact Joanna Hewlett to see if she will have time to speak at one of our 2025 meetings.
9. New Business
- a. Shapiro: what is the purpose of BREA? Each month it's the same people, talking about the same things. How many other BNL employees/retirees are interested? We need to go back to an in-person meeting. We should have speakers quarterly.
 - i. **Action:** This discussion will be continued at the January 2025 meeting.

The next meeting will be held January 14, 2025, via Zoom.

Andy adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm.