

BREA Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026 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, Anita Cohen, Betty Elder, Les Fishbone, Louise Hanson, Mark Israel, Jim Lemley, Bill Leonhardt, Yousef Makdisi, Sean McCorkle, Laura Miller, Hue Anh Pham, Mona Rowe, Don Sievers, Barry Siskind, Martin VanLith

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

At the pre-meeting, the BREA Board reviewed the January 13, 2026 minutes. Mark noticed the incorrect last name for Ronnie Evans (it had said her name was Clark). Laura made the correction after which the Board approved the January 13, 2026 minutes. Laura will send them to be posted on the BREA website.

BREA President Arnie Moodenbaugh called the meeting called to order at 1:07 pm.

1. Treasurer's Report. Louise Hanson.
 - a. Louise shared the January report. She deposited dues from 3 people.
 - b. Arnie needs to send a quarterly report at the end of this month.
 - i. **Action:** Louise will send Arnie the official TFU statements from Nov, Dec and January as soon as she receives the January statement.
 - c. Louise has received the 1099-INT (interest for the year) form from TFCU.
 - i. **Action:** Arnie will inquire with Adam and Elliott as to where it should be sent, and Louise will forward it.
 - d. Mark motioned to accept, Laura seconded, passed unopposed.
2. Membership Report. Betty Elder.
 - a. Six members sent in their dues. Total current members:187, those with email: 172; members in arrears 459; dues received since last meeting: 6.
 - b. Don motioned to approve, seconded by Laura, passed unopposed.

3. Newsletter. Mona Rowe. Plans for the March/April newsletter
 - a. RHIC's final run. She will use the STAR detector burst image.
 - b. Piece on EIC, which appears to still be funded.
 - c. Derek Lowenstein and Elaine are retired and living in Houston. He might be a source of information. Mona has repeatedly reached out to both of them, with no response. Maybe through Yousef
Action: Yousef will see if he can get a response from Derek. Mark suggested she try "friending" him via Facebook, since he's on it.
Action: Mona will reach out to John Hauser.
Action: Mona will send questions to Yousef.

4. Spring Activities. Betty Elder. Planning for trip to Plum Island.
 - a. **Action:** Laura will contact John Searing about arranging the first tour, with the intention of holding it in the late spring.
 - i. A smaller group will go through the process first. Betty, Sean, Laura indicated interest
 - b. Spring Hybrid (in-person/ZOOM meetings originating at BNL. Arnie Moodenbaugh.
 - i. Arnie will try for April meeting. He will speak to Adam about his availability. There are still problems with holding it on-site or in the new building. Emeritus can get access, Arnie will look into contacting BERA emeritus members.
ii. Action: Yusuf has a guest appointment that he is renewing tomorrow. He will check to see if he would be able to head an in-person meeting, combined with a Zoom meeting.
 - c. Planning for potential information BREA lunch (possibly at Pastaria or BNL cafeteria). Arnie.
 - i. Try a less formal lunch, maybe ask the person who runs the medicals for the Worker Health Program to talk at some location, perhaps at Berkner or offsite.
 - ii. Start with the Long Island-based active retirees and try to get interest.
 - iii. Any ideas for a place that doesn't have a required minimum would be welcomed by Arnie.

5. Community Advisory Council. Mark Israel.
 - a. A special meeting was held Jan. 22nd because issues came up at the prior meeting (in December).
 - b. Mark had slides, which he will share with Laura. ROD=record of decision

- c. Complex challenges: when and how, record of decisions, what's being done to speed things up. BNL remains committed to the aquifer.
 - d. Possible speaker: Adrian Esposito. Mona is interested in the topic of environmental cleanup for a future newsletter.
 - e. **OLD Action:** Mark will check to see if he has John Hill's CAC presentation since it isn't posted on the CAC site yet. If he does, he will send it.
6. Future Talks and Presentations. Arnie.
- a. Priority: Arnie will reach out to John Hill to try to bring him in ASAP.
 - i. BREA members are beginning to feel like outsiders. We are good ambassadors for BNL, maybe he could change the HR culture. BREA medical stipend hasn't been increased in several years. We must do more work to increase our own membership.
 - b. **Action:** Arnie will send an email before the next meeting.
7. New business.
- a. Jim Lemley: 2026 HRA payments – he hasn't received anything to date this year. He changed his address and received 2 payments last year, none this year. He has direct deposit. He was told it was a problem between Select Quote and Navia.

A motion to adjourn was made by Laura and seconded by Mark. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

The next meeting will be March 10th at 1:00 pm via Zoom.