

BREA Minutes

(approved at meeting 14 Feb.; editor subsequently corrected March Meeting location to Room C, Berkner Hall Bldg. 488)

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday Jan. 10, 2017; 1:00 PM, BNL Berkner Hall, Room B, Upton, NY
Minutes recorded by Secretary Arnold Moodenbaugh.

Attendees: Arnie Aronson, Nate Carter, Victor Cassella, Anita Cohen (telephone call-in), Cheryl Conrad, Les Fishbone, Mark Israel, Terry Kneitel, Lillian Kouchinsky, Jim Lemley, Beth Yu Lin, Alfredo Luccio, Al Mallin, Lois Marascia, Robert L. Marascia, Ken Mohring, Lois Moller, Arnold Moodenbaugh, George Oldham, Tom Oversluizen, Mona Rowe (telephone call-in), Liz Seubert, Steve Shapiro, John Skalyo, Joan Skelton, Richard Skelton, Ed Sperry.

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President Liz Seubert opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above.

1. Minutes. Liz Seubert circulated the November minutes and a sign-up sheet. (Draft minutes had previously been posted on the BREA website.) A comment by the treasurer recommended that the full financial status of BREA not be recorded in the Minutes. It was moved and approved to make this change to policy [final December minutes were revised to remove full financial data]. Minutes were then approved by voice vote.

2. Treasurer's Report. Steve Shapiro gave an accounting of BREA's finances. Dues received total \$620. Expenses for the newsletter were \$425. Interest of \$1.00 was credited to BREA. BREA assets will no longer be recorded in the minutes. Members should inquire to the Treasurer or President for specific information as needed.

3. Membership Report. Beth Lin reported that BREA has 457 current members (unchanged since last month). Four members in arrears paid memberships, leaving 88 previous members not up-to-date. About 100 memberships are lapsed (unpaid). Details of member information was requested in the previous meeting. Beth Lin reported that 334 reside in New York state, and 123 live outside the state.

4. Community Advisory Committee (BNL CAC) changes (preceded item 3). Arnie Peskin is stepping down as BREA representative to the CAC. A. P. announced that Eena-mai Franz is appointed the new representative. Mark Israel is the new alternate representative. CAC meets on the second Thursday of each month. Agendas for 2017 meetings has been announced. All members of the public (including BREA members) are invited to attend.

5. Newsletter. Anita Cohen (phone) initially reported, later Mona Rowe (phone). A. C. resigned her newsletter editorship/chair effective the end of 2016. A future article might feature stories about those retirees who have moved to various locations. Retirees could consider whether they would be interested in contributing experiences. An attending member commented that the newsletter was enjoyable reading. A member noted that a draft newsletter obit. date should be 2017 rather than 2016. Liz Seubert voiced an appreciation of Anita Cohen's work on the newsletter with applause from the attendees. Mona Rowe (phone) will continue her work on the newsletter remotely. She has knowledge of the procedures, including layout, needed to efficiently publish the newsletter in cooperation with BERA/BNL.

6. Upcoming talk. Eric Forsyth will talk on sailing on the 1st or 2d Thursday of February in Berkner Hall [Ed. note: talk scheduled for 10 Feb. was postponed due to weather; it will be rescheduled for a future date].

7. Informal Socializing. A regular informal lunch (normally the first Tuesday of the month at noon) has been initiated for BREA members (and other retirees). The next informal lunch will be 7 February, probably at Phil's in Wading River. Please RSVP if you plan to go. Contact Jackie Mooney 631-928-3205. The lunch is fairly successful; 14 attended the December event. (There was no January gathering.)

8. BREA in the community. It was noted that Little Flower school had a desire to expose children to scientific topics. Liz Seubert will coordinate a meeting with Little Flower and, if possible, the BNL education office.

10. New Business. **a)** George Oldham and Bob Marascia organize a lunch quarterly among mostly tech and support personnel retirees. 43 attended the previous lunch. The next lunch will be Mar. 1 at Medford Pastaria (www.medfordpastaria.com) 3209 Horseblock Rd, Medford, NY 11763. **b)** The subject of replacing Anita Cohen as newsletter editor was brought up. Mona Rowe will cover some , and Liz Seubert agreed to help. Anita Cohen will help if needed. **c)** Possible talks for newsletter subjects: Mona Rowe heard from the retiree S. Chung in France (near LHC) and who visits BNL. Andy Feldman has aerial photos taken soon after 9/11. **c)** There was a discussion of retiree health benefits and the future of BNL/BSA contributions toward health-related costs. It was decided that the BREA committee on health care should meet with BNL HR manager Lincoln to inquire about future participation and argue for continuing, increasing BNL contributions.

Meeting was adjourned about 2:00.

Next BREA meetings are scheduled for:

February 14, 2017 - RSB Rooms 1&2 (Bldg 400)

March 14, 2017 - **South Room Brookhaven Center (note change of location)**

April 11, 2017 - RSB Rooms 1&2 (Bldg 400)

May 9, 2017 - RSB Rooms 1&2 (Bldg 400)

June 13, 2017 - South Room Brookhaven Center

July 11, 2017 - RSB Rooms 1&2 (Bldg 400)

(locations tentative; check location in Agenda posted on BREA website the week of the meeting)