BREA Minutes (approved final at March 12, 2019, meeting after minor revision)

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Meeting Date and Place:  Tuesday Jan. 8, 2019; 1:00 PM, BNL Bldg. 400 Rms. 1 and 2, Upton, NY. Minutes recorded by Arnold Moodenbaugh.


Officers 2018-2020:  President:  Steve Shapiro  shapiro@bnl.gov; Vice President:  Bob Kinsey;  Secretary:  Arnold Moodenbaugh;  Treasurer:   Lillian Kouchinsky;  Membership Secretary:   Beth Lin;  Newsletter Editor:   Mona Rowe.

1. Call to order. President Steve Shapiro opened the meeting at about 1:00 PM. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above. Call-in phone was ready for use, but no calls were received.

2. Minutes. Draft minutes of the December meeting were circulated. Approval of the minutes was deferred to later in the meeting, allowing members present to review the minutes.

3. Treasurer’s Report. Steve Shapiro reported information for the absent Treasurer Lillian Kouchinsky. He reported balances of the various BREA accounts. Report approved by voice vote.

4. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin reported two additional members since the previous report. There are 491 names on the master list (current and some lapsed memberships). Paid membership fell to 294 as some have not done annual renewal as yet. Report approved by voice vote.

5. Community Affairs Council CAC. Eena-Mai Franz reported on the December CAC meeting. Tim Green spoke on Cultural and Natural resources. He described the program to monitor and control the deer population and the monitoring of the Peconic River contamination. Paul Cowell reported on the efforts to improve prediction of Solar Farm power generation using weather forecast data. CAC transmitted to BNL management its recommendation that wells be tested for contamination from fire-fighting foam (an article covering this has been published in Newsday: https://www.newsday.com/long-island/broohaven-lab-contamination-1.25118134).


7. BREA Logo Committee. Liz Seubert is working with some design professionals to help finalize the Logo ideas suggested to the committee.

8. Annual (June) BREA Luncheon. Liz Seubert has agreed to chair the committee to plan the upcoming luncheon. She anticipates arranging it to be held again at the Bellport Country Club.

9. Les Fishbone to talk on Einstein at a joint Long Island ASM/ANS meeting. The Amer Soc. for Metals/ Amer. Nuclear Society meeting is scheduled for the evening of Jan. 8. For information about ANS, see
https://sites.google.com/site/longislandans/, or contact Ed Sierra at BNL. ASM Long Island Chapter has a website http://dol1.eng.sunysb.edu/asm/.

10. Marty Fallier, BNL Director of Campus Development, describes the development of "Discovery Park". Discovery Park (DP) is part of a four part plan to meet the budgeting challenge of maintaining BNL infrastructure. The plan is to 1) improve core buildings, 2) remove obsolete buildings, 3) improve and maintain utilities, and 4) develop DP. DP will provide BNL with an interface to visitors that will not require passing through the gate into the BNL core. BNL intends to build space for badging and other services in DP. DP will also provide an opportunity for related, but non-BNL, entities to establish a footprint near BNL. Housing for BNL visitors and facilities for scientific and technical enterprises are examples. See additional information at https://discoverypark.bnl.gov/

2. Minutes. A comment on the minutes pointed out a mis-spelled word. Also the Secretary noted that he had received, but had not yet incorporated into the minutes, comments by Peter Bond on his presentation at the December meeting. With the understanding that those two revisions would be made before publication, the minutes of the December, 2018, meeting were then approved by voice vote.

15. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at about 2:00

[Ed. Note: The BREA meeting scheduled for Feb. 12, 2019, was canceled due to snow.]