

BREA Minutes (approved at december meeting)

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday Nov. 12, 2019; 1:00 PM, BNL Bldg. 400. Rms. 1 and 2, Upton, NY. Minutes recorded by Arnie Moodenbaugh.

Attendees: Louisa Barone, Robert Barone, Violet Bezler, Peter Boyle, Victor Cassella, Dave Cox, John Dabrowski, Ronny Evans, Patricia Flood, Robert Kinsey, Lillian Kouchinsky, Hyon-Joo Kohayias, Jim Lemley, Bill Leonhardt, Beth Lin, Ken Mohring, Arnold Moodenbaugh, Arnie Peskin, Barbara Royce, Lloyd Schairer, Louise Schairer, Barry Siskind, John Skalyo, Ed Sperry, Jackie Timko, Tom Timko. No call in attendees.

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

1. Call to order. Steve Shapiro called the meeting to order at about 1:00. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above.

2. Minutes. Draft minutes of the October meeting were circulated. Comments on and approval of the minutes were deferred to late in the meeting, allowing members present to review the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report. Current balances (little changed from the previous report) of Association funds were reported by Lillian Kouchinsky.

4.. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin reported membership statistics. One member paid for membership since last report. Current paid membership is 339. 301 members have provided email contact information.

5.. Community Advisory Council CAC. Steve Shapiro reported on the October, 2019, meeting of the CAC. Jack Anderson covered science developments at the lab. The Dept. of Energy DOE may fund the development of an electron/ion collider. It appears that a proposal may be made by BNL, with competition from Jefferson Lab. A cryogenic (cooled specimen) electron microscope is under development at NSLSII. The purpose of the instrument is the study of biological material structures. The CAC website states that meetings are monthly on the second Thursday, but individuals who plan to attend should confirm by checking the BNL calendar and/or contacting Stakeholder Relations .

6. Newsletter. Steve Shapiro reported information provided by Mona Rowe. The current Newsletter includes the ballot for election of BREA officers to a two-year term. Also included is a feature on the Pub/Sci event at Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill, designed to publicize BNL scientific work to the general public. Also included is an in memoriam article. Mona requests that BREA members provide her with their New Years Resolutions for inclusion in a Jan/Feb newsletter feature.

7. TIAA Lifetime Annuity Concern. A TIAA representative is scheduled to meet BREA members at the January, 2020 regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

8. Medicare Supplemental Part B, Part D Rx, and Advantage Part C plans. Medicare Part D plan offerers are changing features from year to year, prompting many retirees to move from one plan to another. Generally switching is fairly simple, requiring you to contact SelectQuote or the offerer directly.

9. Treasurer report. Treasury received \$10; expensed were approximately \$190.

10. Treasury spending. a) Support for ASAP (BREA club for students and post-docs). Steve Shapiro suggested that BREA provide \$800 to ASAP for expenses at their meeting. The expenditure was approved by voice vote. b) BNL asked BREA to contribute to the United Way BNL campaign. An expenditure of \$150 for a basket of gift items was approved by voice vote. The basket will be assembled by Barbara Royce.

11. Slate of nominated candidates for BREA offices. The nominating committee included Ken Mohring, Arnie Peskin, Liz Seubert, and Steve Shapiro. The nominees were Arnie Moodenbaugh (Pres.), Lillian Kouchinsky (VP), Pat Flood (secy.), and Les Fishbone (Treas.).

12. Other items. a) It is sometimes difficult to contact members. One way to improve data is to ask for information at the annual luncheon. b) Coffee and cookies will be served at the December meeting.

13. Minutes. October minutes were approved by voice vote.

14. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at about 2:00.

Regular meetings are scheduled for 1:00 on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 Tuesday, December 10. Meetings in early 2020 will take place on Jan. 14, Feb. 11, and Mar. 10.