

Friends of ORNL
Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2021
Minutes

<i>Board Members</i>		<i>Officer/Committee</i>		<i>Adjunct Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>
John Gunning	X	President		Bob Hightower		Community Lectures, Visitor Badges
Ellen Smith	X	Vice-President		Wade Creswell	X	ORNL Liaison
Chuck Coutant	X	Treasurer, MNP		Shafik Iskander		Webmaster
David Mullins	X	Secretary		James Rome	X	Website
<i>At Large</i>	X			Connor Matthews		MNP, Weinberg Papers
Sydney Ball	X			Dave McVicker	X	ORNL History Room, arrangements
Bob Compton	X	Monthly Speakers Troika		Steve Stow		History, MNP, Weinberg Papers
David Fields	X			Gloria Caton	X	Membership
Carolyn Krause	X			Kent Williams	X	Past President
Fred Peretz				<i>Guests</i>		
Janet Swift	X	ORNL Tours				

x indicates present at the meeting.

Opening

John called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the CV separation issues.

Secretary – David Mullins

The Minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting were approved with a minor wording correction.

Lab Liaison (Wade Creswell)

Wade reported that frontline management are returning to work onsite at ORNL. Return of remaining staff appears to be no longer tied to the area achieving COVID Phase III. Guest badging and access may soon follow.

He also reported that the FORNL grant application had not been reviewed in the last cycle and was not in the system. It should be resubmitted by July 2021.

Treasurer – Chuck Coutant

All funds are with the ORNL Federal Credit Union

Account balances as of April 11, 2021:

Savings account	\$ 156
Checking account	\$ 4,339
CD 1	\$10,165 up \$2.26
CD 2	\$ 4,662 up \$2.90

CD #2 matured on April 11, 2021. The Board approved reinvesting in a seventeen-month CD at 0.5% at ORNL Federal Credit Union.

Committee Reports:

Luncheon Lectures - Bob Compton, John Gunning, Ellen Smith

Last month's talk – March 9, 2021

Linda Kah
Planetary Geologist
Water on Mars, Findings of the Recent Mars Lander, the Helicopter Ingenuity.

Upcoming speakers:

April 13th
Mark Littmann
Science Journalist at UTK
Isaac Newton and Edmond Halley

May 11
Climatic and Humanitarian Impacts of Nuclear War
Even a Pakistan-India nuclear war could produce a global catastrophe

Dr. Alan Robock
Distinguished Professor
Chair-Elect, AGU College of Fellows, Associate Editor, *Reviews of Geophysics*
Department of Environmental Sciences, Rutgers University

Proposed

June 8
Ms. Theodore,
Director of ORNLs Carbon Fiber Technology Facility

Community Lectures (Bob Hightower, Chuck Coutant)
No report.

History Room (Dave McVicker)
No activity this month due to suspension of visitor access to ORNL.

Membership (Kathy Gant, Gloria Caton)
For 2021, there are 49 life members and 21 annually paid members for a total of 70.

Tours

Bus Tours (Al Ekkebus)
AMSE and the K-25 History Center are not open, and there are no AMSE tours.
Virtual Tours of the Graphite Reactor and other facilities at ORNL are available at the link below.

<https://www.ornl.gov/news/take-virtual-field-trip-through-tours-ornl-facilities>

Manhattan Project (Chuck Coutant, Connor Matthews, Steve Stow, Bob Hightower, Dave McVicker, Jim Rushton, John Gunning)
The Children's Museum and the Manhattan Project National Historic Park reception desk are open. Newsletters are being distributed.

Weinberg Papers Project (Steve Stow, Connor Matthews, Jim Rushton)
The Weinberg Papers are available online via the link below.

<https://childrensmuseumofOakRidge.org/weinberg/>

The *Tribute to Alvin Weinberg*, an online roll-out / celebration of the Weinberg Papers, will be held on Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm. A flier will be posted on our website.

Website (Jim Rome)

A brief tour of the new website was presented.

Alternate Media - Ellen Smith reported that she had established a Friends of ORNL Facebook page. Janet Swift and Carolyn Krause agreed to also have administrative privileges on the page.

Old Business

Friends of ORNL now has a mailbox at the UPS Store.

The mailing address is:

Friends of ORNL (or FORNL, or Friends of Oak Ridge National Lab)
1143 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Suite 107A
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Kent Williams submitted our charitable organization registration with the State of TN. He will serve as the registered agent.

Kent discussed with Jim Campbell the possibility of live streaming our luncheon meetings from ETTEC when we return to in-person meetings. Discussions are ongoing.

Kent distributed a draft copy of the 2020 Annual Report to the Board via email.

David Mullins agreed to take over record keeping aspects of the Membership committee. It was suggested that Syd Ball and Fred Peretz could assume the membership promotion duties of the committee.

New Business

The Board approved a request from the May speaker, Alan Robock, to have APS staffer Charlotte Selton explain the goals of the Physicists Coalition for Nuclear Threat Reduction, <https://www.aps.org/policy/nuclear/> and invite meeting attendees to join the organization.

The next regular board meeting: 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 10, 2021

The Board and Technical Meetings will be conducted via Zoom until further notice.
(The Technical Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month, and the Board meeting is the day immediately preceding.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Mullins
Secretary, Friends of ORNL