

Friends of ORNL
Board of Directors Meeting
June 7, 2021
Minutes

<i>Board Members</i>		<i>Officer/Committee</i>		<i>Adjunct Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>
John Gunning	X	President		Bob Hightower	X	Community Lectures, Visitor Badges
Ellen Smith	X	Vice-President		Wade Creswell		ORNL Liaison
Chuck Coutant	X	Treasurer, MNP		James Rome	X	Website
David Mullins	X	Secretary		Connor Matthews		MNP, Weinberg Papers
<i>At Large</i>				Dave McVicker	X	ORNL History Room, arrangements
Sydney Ball	X			Steve Stow		History, MNP, Weinberg Papers
Bob Compton	X	Monthly Speakers Troika		Kent Williams	X	Past President
David Fields				<i>Guests</i>		
Carolyn Krause	X			Gloria Caton	X	
Fred Peretz	X			Kathy Gant	X	
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 May 10, 2021 meeting were approved.

Lab Liaison (Wade Creswell)

Wade was unable to attend.

Treasurer – Chuck Coutant

All funds are with the ORNL Federal Credit Union

Account balances as of June 7, 2021:

Savings account	\$ 156
Checking account	\$ 4,189
CD 1001	\$10,169
CD 1003	\$ 4,665

Committee Reports:

Luncheon Lectures - Bob Compton, John Gunning, Ellen Smith

Last month's talk

May 18, 2021.

*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
(JEG note – 80% of this talk as well as all slides are available at FORNL.gov)

Upcoming speakers:

June 8
*Carbon Composites, Additive Manufacturing, Benefits, Projected Uses,
and Potential Impact on Current Industries*
Dr. Craig Blue, ORNL

July 13
Why Nuclear: Why Now
Dr. Andrew Worrall

August 10
Battery Research
Dr. John Bates

Community Lectures (Bob Hightower, Chuck Coutant)

A motion was made to have a Community Lecture via Zoom presented by Krishna Niyogi from UC Berkeley on June 23. His specialty is plant and microbial biology and he's an Oak Ridge native. The motion passed.

History Room (Dave McVicker)

No activity this month due to suspension of visitor access to ORNL.

Membership (David Mullins)

At the end of May 2021, there are 49 life members and 28 annually paid members for a total of 77.

At the end of April 2020, there were 45 life members and 42 annually paid members for a total of 87

Discussion was held regarding resolving our active and inactive membership lists as well as our member email list and our broader general mailing lists. It was suggested that we send out an email that requests recipients update their name and email information and whether they want to continue to receive FORNL emails. Dave will work with Jim Rome on this.

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Tours

Bus Tours (Janet Swift and Fred Peretz)

AMSE and the K-25 History Center are open. The bus tours will probably not resume this year. 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 Manhattan Project National Historic Park reception desk is open. Volunteers are needed as well as at the K25 and AMSE museums.

Weinberg Papers Project (Steve Stow, Connor Matthews, Jim Rushton)

The Weinberg Papers are available online via the link below. It's getting lots of hits.

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

Webside (Jim Rome)

Jim reported that he is having difficulty getting administrator access to the old web site. John Gunning and Bob Compton will try to contact Shafik to facilitate this.

Alternate Media (Ellen Smith)

FORNL information is being posted on Facebook.

Old Business

Our 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

DO NOT use a box number.

A motion was made to hold our August 10 Technical Meeting in person at ETEC. This motion passed with one vote opposed. Jim Rome will provide the video for remote participants and record the meeting. It will be determined whether lunch will be available or just the presentation.

Kent Williams reported that he would like to move some FORNL equipment in his possession to ETEC for storage.

There was consensus that Board meetings will continue via Zoom even after we return to in-person technical meetings.

The next regular board meeting: 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 12, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Mullins

Secretary, Friends of ORNL