



Minutes for the March 7, 2022, Board Meeting

Opening – John Gunning

President John called the Zoom meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. A quorum was present. John thanked the board members for their support this past year.

Attendees present:

Outgoing officers present: John Gunning, President; Ellen Smith, Vice President; David Mullins, Secretary; Chuck Coutant, Treasurer.

Incoming officers present: Herb Krause, President; Ellen Smith, Vice-President; Fred Peretz, Secretary; David Mullins, Treasurer.

Other board members present: Bob Compton, David Fields, Carolyn Krause, Janet Swift.

Also in attendance: Bob Hightower, James Rome, Kent Williams.

Announcements – John Gunning

Welcome to new board members, Al Ekkebus and Herb Krause; and to our reelected board members: Bob Compton, David Mullins, and Ellen Smith.

2022 Election of FORNL Officers

The Nomination Committee (led by John Edmund Gunning, convener), presented a motion to elect their recommended slate of FORNL officers who begin their duties on March 7, 2022. No alternative names for the four offices were proposed from the floor. The board voted unanimously to elect the following officers:

President – Herbert Francis Krause to replace outgoing President - John Edmund Gunning

Vice-President - Ellen Doris Smith to continue as Vice-President

Secretary - Frederick James Peretz to replace outgoing Secretary - David Roy Mullins

Treasurer – David Roy Mullins to replace outgoing Treasurer - Charles Coe Coutant

The President's gavel was transferred to Herb Krause,

The incoming officers assumed their duties immediately and Herb Krause conducted the rest of the board meeting.

The board thanked the outgoing officers.

Announcements continued – Herb Krause

Incorporation and Federal IRS 990 forms are in order.

TN Registration documents will continue to be maintained by Kent Williams.

The process for updating officers with ORNL Federal Credit Union is underway.

Chuck Coutant needs to transfer PayPal access to David Mullins.

Transfer of the written duties of each officer is occurring.

No FORNL banquet representatives are needed for the TN Science Bowl or Science Fair (SASEF).

Committees should send motions for board meetings one week in advance.

Lab Liaison – Katy Brown

Katy did not attend. Janet gave an informal assessment of visitor status at ORNL.

Secretary – David Mullins (prior term); Fred Peretz

Minutes for the February 7, 2022 board meeting were previously distributed. Typographical comments have been incorporated; the minutes were approved.

Minutes for the 2022 Annual Meeting were previously distributed. No changes were proposed; the minutes were approved.



Membership – David Mullins

Lifetime 53 (49 prior February)
Annual 13 (18 prior February)

Treasurer – Chuck Coutant (prior term); David Mullins

All funds are with the ORNL Federal Credit Union. Our accounts are given as of March 6, 2022.

Checking account:	\$ 9,342.38
Business Membership Account:	\$ 178.53
CD 1000 (new 14-month Certificate of Deposit):	\$ 10,195.31
CD 1003 (17-month Certificate of Deposit):	\$ 4,684.58
Total assets:	\$24,400.80

Activity since last meeting:

Income:

Six \$20 annual membership dues were paid via PayPal.
Two \$20 annual memberships were paid by check.
The Benevity direct deposit was \$75.

Expenses:

Second \$500 check to Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair (SASEF)

Luncheon Lectures - Ellen Smith, Carolyn Krause

Last month's meeting:

February 8: Cymbeline Culiati, The Science and Technology of the Company NellOne;
“Future Applications in Regenerative Medicine”

March 8: Bronson Messer – ORNL, Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility
“Computational Science at the Dawn of the Exascale Era”

April 19: A Motion to approve moving this lecture to the 3rd Tuesday in April was presented and approved.
Colleen Iversen – ORNL, Environmental Sciences Division;
“Environmental Field Studies related to Climate Change”

May 10: Bonnie Carroll, Retired founder and CEO of Information International Associates;
“Formation and experience of Information International Associates”

The possibility of a June or July meeting led by TVA Leadership is being investigated.

Media reports

Newspapers – Carolyn Krause (meeting announcements and published Lunch Meeting talks)
Facebook – Ellen Smith

Webmaster – Jim Rome

Site maintenance continues. Herb Krause contacted Connor Matthews to encourage continuing work to transfer meeting videos to the web.

Community Lectures – Kent Williams, Chuck Coutant: No report.

History Room – Dave McVicker: No report.

Visitor Badges – Syd Ball: No report



Bus Tours – Janet Swift and Al Ekkebus

Restart of tours in June is possible, but options are still in flux. Possibilities include requirements to wear face coverings and limit attendees to 17 persons on a bus. Training updates are also under consideration.

Bus tour report emailed by Al:

Representatives of AMSE, Y-12, ORNL and DOE-EM are meeting about the 2022 bus tour season. Complying with the changing CDC guidelines involve uncertainties in bus capacity, masking requirements, and other related topics. The K-25 Museum has an introductory video of the Manhattan Project. The sites are also discussing tour contents and times. There have been many improvements in the Y-12 Museum since the last tours.

Manhattan Project – Fred Peretz

Volunteer needs continue. Ensure Ian Wilder’s name is on communications, replacing Darryl Long.

Weinberg papers – likely to be removed from the agenda

New Member Outreach – Syd Ball, Fred Peretz

Moved to *New Business*

PDH Certificates – David Fields: No report

Old Business

Draft of the 2021 annual report; John Gunning is working on it.

Ad-Hoc Committee report for donation to SASEF approved on 2/7/2022 (Coutant, Smith, Peretz, Fields); motion to form a standing STEM Outreach Committee (Ad-hoc recommendation 4.)

Chuck Coutant discussed the motivation. The motion carried.

Secretary records, treasurer records, and mailbox keys are being transferred to the new officers.

Discussion on initiating hybrid meeting (in-person & Zoom) moved to the future. This is a recommended topic for the April board meeting with possible implementation for the May lecture meeting.

New Business

Defer the following due to time...

New Member Outreach – new life is needed (Fred Peretz, Syd Ball); potential motion to hold a Zoom meeting to discuss ideas for new and old directions.

Closing

The next board meeting will be held on April 11, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Peretz
Secretary, Friends of ORNL