



## Minutes for the May 9, 2022, Board Meeting

### *Opening – Herb Krause*

Herb Krause called the Zoom meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

### *Attendees:*

Officers present: Herb Krause, President; Ellen Smith, Vice President; Fred Peretz, Secretary; David Mullins, Treasurer; Bob Compton, Al Ekkebus, David Fields, Carolyn Krause, and Janet Swift, Board Members.

Adjunct members in attendance: Kent Williams and John Gunning.

### *Announcements – Herb Krause*

Announcements related to the May 10 hybrid meeting are reported later in these minutes. The topic of a continuing education credit form was raised but will be addressed on an as-needed basis.

### *Lab Liaison – Annette Bush or Katy Brown*

No lab liaison personnel in attendance; no report given.

### *Secretary – Fred Peretz*

Minutes for the April 11 board meeting were circulated to the board with the agenda. No comments were received, and the minutes will be posted as submitted.

### *Treasurer – David Mullins*

David briefly reviewed the treasurer's report, distributed to the board as a separate file. Only routine transactions were reported. The treasurer's report will be added to the FORNL website as a separate file from the meeting minutes. David has filed the IRS Form 990N.

### *Membership – David Mullins*

Lifetime	54 (49 prior April)
Annual	20 (22 prior April)

Tom Row has been moved to the memorial list.

### *Luncheon Lectures - Ellen Smith, Carolyn Krause, Bob Compton*

Last month's meeting:

April 19: Colleen Iversen – ORNL, Environmental Sciences Division;  
“Ecosystem responses to climate change depend on the hidden world beneath our feet”

Upcoming meetings:

May 10: Bonnie Carroll, Retired founder and CEO of Information International Associates;  
“Formation and experience of Information International Associates.” The meeting will be at 11 am.



June 14: Jack Dongarra, holding a joint appointment at the University of Tennessee and ORNL – Overview of programming developments for supercomputers and their international ranking.

The July talk remains open.

August 9: Gary van Berkel, Van Berkel Ventures, LLC

Ideas for later talks include Hans M. Christen, Neutron Scattering Division – Director; Overview of Center for Nanophase Material Sciences, HFIR, SNS, Advanced Photon Source (APS), and SLAC NAL research, a talk from Kairos Power, and a talk by Nancy Dudney. Bob Compton will check if the Hans Christen talk could be moved into July. (After the meeting, the Christen talk was in fact scheduled for July.)

#### *Media reports*

Newspapers – Carolyn Krause: An article on tomorrow’s talk is published in the Oak Ridger. A link to the meeting announcement is included. The article on Colleen Iversen’s talk appeared in the Earth Day edition of the Oak Ridger.

Facebook – Ellen Smith: Ellen continues to use Facebook to promote meetings, with occasional frustrations with Facebook algorithms.

#### *Hybrid Meeting – Herb Krause*

Ellen Smith, David Fields, and Herb Krause are trained to set up and run a hybrid Zoom meeting at ETEC using their current amenities and detailed written instructions. A portable (red-tagged) microphone can be used by the speaker or attendees. Tables and chairs in the double rooms, positioned for COVID distancing, will not be moved. Use of Wi-Fi and a UT guest login account to run Zoom avoids the need for establishing a UT account for ETEC’s wired network. Herb has the necessary HDMI and power cables and tripod, as well as FORNL’s Logitech Brio camera and cable. The speaker will use a wireless mouse to advance slides with the green-laser pointer. Volunteers were available to pass a microphone to in-house attendees should it prove necessary.

#### *Webmaster – Jim Rome*

Not present; no report given.

#### *History Room – Janet Swift and Al Ekkebus*

Janet and Al are checking into the status of the history room, and will consider future activities related to it. Scanning of historic Laboratory News and similar documents may be worthwhile.

#### *New Member and Public Outreach –Fred Peretz and Herb Krause*

A STEM Outreach Committee was approved at the March 7th board meeting. So far Herb Krause has received no response for volunteers or committee membership. Fred Peretz volunteered to serve on the committee.

Kent Williams observed that community lectures are a traditional form of public outreach. The possibility of a State of the Laboratory address was again raised. Improved contact with ORNL would be helpful.



*AMSE and Bus Tours – Janet Swift and Al Ekkebus*

Al reported that DOE has not yet approved public bus tours, including the ORNL Graphite Reactor, but may do so by fall. Another meeting on the tours is anticipated tomorrow. No fixed plan exists at present.

*Manhattan Project – Fred Peretz*

*PDH Certificates – David Fields*

*Community Lectures – Kent Williams, Chuck Coutant*

*Visitor Badges – Syd Ball*

No significant reports were given on these topics. Potential locations for community lectures were discussed. The Grove Theater and the public Y-12 auditorium at the New Hope Center were both mentioned as possibilities. A meeting room at Pellissippi State may also be available at modest cost for a nearby Knox County event location.

*Old Business*

John Gunning had started on a draft of the 2021 annual report but dropped it while cruising. John will complete and circulate an initial draft soon.

*New Business*

No significant new business was discussed.

*Closing*

The next board meeting will be held on June 13, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Peretz  
Secretary, Friends of ORNL