



Minutes for the January 9, 2023 FORNL Board Meeting

Opening – Herb Krause

Herb Krause called the Zoom meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

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

Board Members Present: Syd Ball, Bob Compton, David Fields, Carolyn Krause, and Janet Swift.

Adjunct members in attendance: James Rome and Kent Williams.

Announcements – Herb Krause

The solicitation letter for ORNL financial support has been submitted and entered into the web process. A supplemental submission would be possible in July, if appropriate. The timeline for submissions (January and July) has been recorded for future years.

A link to biographies for board candidates has been attached to the announcement for the annual meeting issued via Mailchimp. Photographs of two board candidates have been added to the website; biographies from other board candidates have been requested.

Lab Liaison – Annette Bush or Katy Brown

As of the board meeting, no response to our request for information was provided by the ORNL liaison. Ellen Smith met with Katy Brown at an unrelated meeting and appraised the board of challenges she faces trying to do two jobs.

Secretary – Fred Peretz

Minutes for the December 12 board meeting were circulated to the board with the agenda. They were approved with minor changes and will be posted on the FORNL website.

Treasurer – David Mullins

The usual minor changes in accounts were noted; among these was a small membership dividend issued by the ORNL Federal Credit Union. With no ORNL contribution in 2022, the annual deficit was about \$900. An ORNLFCU certificate of deposit was renewed for 21 months at 4.25%. The treasurer's report was submitted to the board as a separate file and will be added to the FORNL website.

Membership – David Mullins

No membership changes were noted since the November board meeting.

Luncheon Lectures - Ellen Smith, Carolyn Krause, Bob Compton

There was no December meeting.

Upcoming meetings:



The January 10 talk will be from Adam M. Guss, ORNL Center for Bioenergy Innovation, on Synthetic Biology and a Sustainable Future.

Morgan McCorkle has previously organized a podcast on artificial intelligence and is helping us identify a speaker for the February 14 meeting.

Susan Hubbard, the ORNL Deputy Director for Science and Technology, is still lined up to speak on March 14.

An environmental research topic is preferred for April, recognizing Earth Day. David McCollum was mentioned as a possible Earth Day speaker since he attended the recent UN climate crisis conference in Egypt. Verity Salmon might be able to speak on a net-zero world initiative.

Ellen has contacted Jeremy Busby for a potential speaker on nuclear technology but has no suggestions at this time. Bob Compton has similarly been unable to arrange a talk with Brian Egle on stable isotope production. Bruce Moyer was identified as another possible speaker, addressing chemical separations and research in the Critical Materials Institute. Other potential speaker opportunities have been identified in prior months' minutes.

Media reports

Newspapers – Carolyn Krause

A news release on the Adam Guss talk appeared on page 3 of *The Oak Ridger*. Carolyn continues to identify interesting news releases on the ORNL website for use by the board as general information or as a source of ideas for potential speakers.

Facebook – Ellen Smith

Ellen continues to present meeting announcements as a Facebook event. This path disseminates the information to several other local groups.

Hybrid Meeting – Herb Krause

Arrangements for the January 10 hybrid meeting are complete. (Continued challenges to WiFi service were subsequently experienced at the ETEC conference room; a cell phone hotspot was used to bypass these challenges).

Webmaster – Jim Rome

An update to our web software version is underway. Biographies for Syd Ball, Ray Garrett, Steve Overbury, and Jim Rushton are needed for posting on the web.

AMSE and Bus Tours – Janet Swift and Al Ekkebus

The K-25 History Center began charging admission in January. Al Ekkebus is participating in planning for the 2023 bus tour program, and a status report should be provided soon.

Community Lectures – Kent Williams, and Bob Compton

With Thomas Zacharia's retirement, a State of the Lab talk is not a near-term possibility.

Hap McSween, Chancellor's Professor Emeritus of Planetary Geoscience at the University of Tennessee, was mentioned as a potential speaker for a community lecture, with possible topics including Mars or asteroid studies. Combining sponsorship with ORION was also discussed. David Fields and Bob Compton will explore this further.



Kent Williams will continue to explore the possibility of bringing Siegfried Hecker to Oak Ridge as a speaker.

New Member and Public Outreach –Fred Peretz, Syd Ball, Bob Compton, and Herb Krause

The December panel discussion for the SASEF Virtual Science Club proved somewhat challenging, with students not visible to speakers on Zoom. It was still felt that our participation was worthwhile.

Volunteer opportunities at the American Museum of Science and Energy and the National Park Service will be the focus for the January meeting, with new volunteer coordinators at both facilities.

History Room – Janet Swift and Al Ekkebus

Manhattan Project – Fred Peretz

PDH Certificates – David Fields

Visitor Badges – Syd Ball

No significant reports were given on these topics.

Old Business

The nominating committee report has been formatted for distribution along with the announcement for the February annual meeting.

New Business

Kent sent out the annual State of Tennessee incorporation registration form. Kent remains the official registered agent to avoid additional processing and cost and will distribute ~~to~~ copies to board members.

A draft of the 2023 FORNL annual report has been initiated.

Closing

The next board meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on February 13, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Peretz
Secretary, Friends of ORNL