

Friends of ORNL  
Board of Directors Meeting  
2018-12-12  
Minutes

<i>Officers</i>					
Jim Ruston	x	President			
Kent Williams	x	Vice President	Lunch Programs		
Philip Sklad		Secretary			
Vinod Sikka	x	Treasurer			
<i>At Large Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>	<i>Adjunct Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>
Gloria Canton	x	Membership	Bob Compton	x	
Herb Krause	x		Leigha Humphries		ORNL Liaison
Chuck Coutant	x		Bob Hightower	x	Community Lectures, Visitor Badges
Kathy Gant			Shafik Isicander		
John Gunning	x		Connor Matthews	x	Weinberg Papers
Bob Olson	x		Dave McVicker	x	ORNL History Room
			Al Ekkebus	x	Tours
			Steve Stow		History and Manhattan NP
			Vic Tennery	x	

x indicates present at the meeting.

### Opening

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:33.

### Announcements

Jim reminded folks of the next WDVX Secret City Radio Show at AMSE on Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm. Music will be by Scott Miller, Civil War aficionado and singer song writer. (<https://wdvx.com/event/secret-city-radio-show-featuring-scott-miller/>)

Jim observed that the earlier shows have been excellent and have had science subjects interjected into the show.

Secretary Phil Sklad could not attend the meeting, and thus nominated Secretary for the coming year, John Gunning, filled in for Phil and took notes.

### Secretary (Philip Sklad)

The minutes of the November 12, 2018 Board Meeting were previously distributed. Review of The minutes were approved.

### Treasurer (Vinod Sikka)

FORNL has three accounts. The balances in these accounts is tabulated below.

Checking	\$ 522
14 month CD	\$ 9,790
Savings	\$ 4,518
Total	\$15,030

The annual letter to ORNL requesting a contribution of \$2000 will be issued soon.

## Committee Reports:

### *Luncheon Lectures* (Kent Williams)

There will be no program on December 11.

The next three planned programs are listed below. Kent's term as Luncheon Lecture Chair ends when new officers are inducted in March 2018. Thus, the lectures listed below are the last ones Kent plans to organize, at which time the incoming committee takes over responsibility. The incoming coming committee has big shoes to fill. Thank you, Kent,!!

Jan UT Professor in Microbiology - Deep Sea Microbes.

Feb Brian Eagle – Isotope Programs.

March Don Spawns – Magnetic Confinement Fusion

There was also a discussion about having a Monthly Meeting or Community Lecture by/about ORHS and perhaps some associated recognition. Retired teach Benita Albert was suggested. It was observed she recently gave a talk at ORICL.

### *Community Lectures* (Bob Hightower, Chuck Coutant)

John has arranged for Mark Uhran to present a Smyser Lecture titled *An Achievable Vision for Space Exportation* on Thursday, May 2, 2019. Mark is the Former Director of the International Space Station Division at NASA Headquarters. However, he conveniently works at ORNL, on the ITER Project.

There was a discussion on the venue to use for this talk. John earlier contacted the AMSE about using their Lecture Hall. After a discussion, it was agreed that we would try the AMSE Lecture Hall for this event.

The positives for AMSE are that there is plenty of flat parking, as well as a flat lecture hall. Thus, some folks will find walking to and in the lecture hall more easily managed than the Pollard Center which has been previously used on occasion.

The negatives are that AMSE charges-

Room use fee: \$250

Projector: \$55

Microphone: \$50.

In addition, if the meeting is in the evening after 5:00 and not on a Friday, two staff members must be paid \$29/hour each.

If an application is made to the AMSE Foundation, of whom D. Ray Smith is a director, the room fee of \$250 might be waived.

It was agreed that we use the AMSE Lecture Hall for this event, and in the process evaluate this venue for future use.

There was also discussion of additional Smyser lecture possibly for February or March. Bicyclist and carbon fiber expert Greg Lemond was suggested. Bob Hightower offered to explore this possibility.

It was also observed that AMSE is initiating a series of science talks targeted to a general audience. This sounds similar to FORNL's monthly meetings/lectures.

### *History Room* (Dave McVicker)

Dave posted 5 new Highlights to the Treasurers from the Archives of the ORNL News. These are available on the FORNL website. These highlights include a 1943 Nobel Prize

winner, the birthday of Thomas Edison, Alvin Winberg gave the Senator Kennedy and his wife a tour of ORNL, the AMSE celebrated its 10 anniversary in 1949, and a significant number of radio isotopes had been shipped out worldwide.

**Membership** (Kathy Gant, Gloria Caton)

Gloria's request for Jim Campbell's email was resolved by picking up his card on the table in the room. ☺ There are currently 72 members for 2019. FORNL had ~120 in 2018. Many new members pay in January. Therefore, our membership is about where it has been at this time of the year.

**Visitor Badges** (Bob Hightower)

There were 22 badges requested for 2019, and these were mailed out Thursday.

**Tours** (Al Ekkebus)

Al distributed an excellent summary of tours and participants by month, along with accompany excellent graphics. The short summary is below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Participants</u>
2017	3239
2018	3636

The small decline is because in the movement of the AMSE location. The tours were at about 90% capacity for most of the year.

Al continues to need additional tour guides and docents.

There was a discussion of Y13 tour, which is embedded in the tour that originates from the AMSE museum. Participants leave the bus at New Hope Center to view a 10-minute video about Y12 and then return to the bus for the remainder of the tour.

**Manhattan Project** (Chuck Coutant, Connor Matthews, Steve Stow, Bob Hightower, Dave McVicker, Jim Rushton, John Gunning)

John observed that the AMSE Director told him that the Manhattan NP (MNP) had some offices in the AMSE, and that AMSE representatives were regularly talking to MNP representatives. In addition, while John was at the Children's Museum Gala, he had a brief conversation with Dr. Nicholas, the Superintendent of the MNP.

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

D. Ray Smith wrote up a summary of progress on the Weinberg Papers Project that was previously distributed. The project is still working on archiving the boxes. Chuck encouraged that anecdotes about Alvin be provided to him, as the project is looking for ways to include these anecdotes in their research. No estimate of completion percentage was provided.

**Lab Liaison** (Leigha Humphries) No report.

**Old Business: Nominations Committee Report**

We have a slate!

Renewing Board Members Gloria Caton, Kathy Grant, John Gunning Kent Williams, and new Board Member Janet Swift.

President – Kent Williams, Vice President – Phil Sikad, Secretary - John Gunning, Treasurer – Vinod Sikka.

The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee was seconded and approved.

These nominations will be voted on at the February Annual Meeting. Officers will be elected during the March meeting.

**New Business**

Kent mentioned that Lee Redinger is writing a book on the *Relationship Between UT and ORNL*.

The next regular board meeting will be 9:30 AM, Monday, January 8, 2019 UT Center.  
(Always the Monday preceding the second Tuesday luncheon lecture meeting)

**There will be no Luncheon Lecture in December, as per our usual practice**