

Friends of ORNL
Board of Directors Meeting
March 8, 2021
Minutes

| <i>Board Members</i> | | <i>Officer/Committee</i> | | <i>Adjunct Members</i> | | <i>Committee Chair</i> |
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| Kent Williams | X | President | | Bob Hightower | | Community Lectures, Visitor Badges |
| Chuck Coutant | X | Treasurer, MNP | | Wade Creswell | X | ORNL Liaison |
| John Gunning | X | Secretary | | Shafik Iskander | X | Webmaster |
| <i>At Large</i> | | | | James Rome | X | Website |
| Sydney Ball | X | | | Connor Matthews | X | MNP, Weinberg Papers |
| Bob Compton | X | Monthly Speakers Troika | | Dave McVicker | X | ORNL History Room, arrangements |
| David Fields | X | | | Steve Stow | | History, MNP, Weinberg Papers |
| Carolyn Krause | X | | | Gloria Caton | X | Membership |
| David Mullins | X | | | Jim Rushton | | Past President |
| Fred Peretz | X | | | <i>Guests</i> | | |
| Ellen Smith | X | | | Rhonda Bogard | X | |
| Janet Swift | X | ORNL Tours | | | | |

x indicates present at the meeting.

Opening

Kent called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the CV separation issues. It is noted that Zoom meetings also permit participation by members who are not physically present in Oak Ridge.

Secretary – John Gunning

The Minutes from the meeting of December 2020 were previously distributed and approved.

The Minutes of the February 9, 2021 Annual meeting were taken by Herb Krause and distributed by email to the Board. They were approved.

Treasurer – Chuck Coutant

Account status – no significant change.

All funds are with the ORNL Federal Credit Union

This month's balances are below.

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| Savings account | \$ 156 |
| Checking account | \$ 4,585 |
| CD 1 | \$10,162 up \$2.04 |
| CD 2 | \$ 4,659 up \$1.97 |

There is one \$20 membership check awaiting deposit.

Officer Elections

The following individuals were nominated:

John Gunning – President

Ellen Smith – Vice President

Charles Coutant – Treasurer

David Mullins – Secretary

No other nominations were made and the nominees were elected by acclamation.

John Gunning assumed chairmanship of the meeting from Kent Williams.

Website – Shafik Iskander discussed the transition from FORNL.info to FORNL.org. Shafik was thanked by the Board for his many years of service.

Committee Reports:

Luncheon Lectures - Bob Compton, John Gunning, Ellen Smith (Note: as John assumes the FORNL Presidency he is resigning from this committee. An additional member is being sought.)

Last month's talk – February 9, 2021

Dr. Robert Compton

Exotic Molecules, Ions and Vacuum of Interstellar Space.

Upcoming speakers are below.

March 9th

Linda Kah

Planetary Geologist

Water on Mars, Findings of the Recent Mars Lander, the Helicopter Ingenuity.

The Mars probe lands on February 19th.

April 13th

Mark Littman

Science Journalist at UTK

Issac Newton and Edmund Halley

Bob Compton suggested a speaker on the topic of *Nuclear Winter*.

Community Lectures (Bob Hightower, Chuck Coutant)

No report.

History Room (Dave McVicker)

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

Weinberg Papers Project / Manhattan Project

April 20 will be Weinberg's birth anniversary. Rhonda Bogard reported on events that will be held commemorating the day. She requested assistance from FORNL in publicizing the event.

Chuck Coutant reported that Manhattan Project newsletters are available for Board members.

Membership (Kathy Gant, Gloria Caton)

For 2021, there are 49 life members and 18 annually paid members for a total of 67. Three were added to the Memorial Roll.

Gloria and Kathy wish to relinquish their Membership duties. David Mullins tentatively agreed to take this over pending receipt of a Job Description from Kathy and Gloria.

Visitor Badges (Bob Hightower)

There were no additional requests for visitor badges due to CV.

Access to ORNL is currently limited, and thus an FORNL badge does not currently provide access to ORNL.

It was asked whether FORNL members / retirees could obtain login access to the ORNL library and especially publications. It was noted that there is limited public access to the ORNL library through the ORNL website, but that journal access is restricted to current ORNL employees via affiliate UTK appointments.

Tours

Bus Tours (Al Ekkebus)

Al will continue to be the Board liaison regarding the Bus Tours.

Due to CV, the AMSE and the K-25 History Center are not open, and there are no AMSE tours.

Lab Liaison (Wade Creswell)

Wade reported that access to ORNL is still very limited (Phase I) and will not be permitted until Phase III. There is no projected timeline for when this may occur.

Old Business

John Gunning has explored an opportunity to obtain a mailbox at the UPS Store in the plaza next to Firehouse Subs.

We discussed the possibility of conducting “hybrid” Lunch Meetings (in-person and streamed) when we are able to resume in-person meetings. We will explore obtaining assistance from ETEC for this.

The next regular board meeting: 9:30 AM, Monday, April 12th, 2021

The Board and Technical Meetings will be conducted via Zoom until further notice.

(The Technical Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month, and the Board meeting is the day immediately preceding.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Respectively submitted,

David R. Mullins

Secretary, Friends of ORNL