

Friends of ORNL  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 9, 2021  
Minutes

<i>Board Members</i>		<i>Officer/Committee</i>		<i>Adjunct Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>
John Gunning	X	President		Bob Hightower		Community Lectures, Visitor Badges
Ellen Smith	X	Vice-President		Wade Creswell	X	ORNL Liaison
Chuck Coutant		Treasurer, MNP		James Rome	X	Website
David Mullins	X	Secretary		Connor Matthews		MNP, Weinberg Papers
<i>At Large</i>				Dave McVicker	X	ORNL History Room, arrangements
Sydney Ball	X	New member outreach		Kent Williams	X	Past President
Bob Compton		Monthly Speakers Troika		<i>Guests</i>		
David Fields	X			Gloria Caton	X	
Carolyn Krause		Publicity & Com., Troika		Kathy Gant	X	
Fred Peretz	X	MPNHP				
Janet Swift		ORNL Tours				

x indicates present at the meeting.

**Opening**

John called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the CV separation issues.

**Secretary – David Mullins**

The Minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurer – Chuck Coutant (absent, submitted by email)**

All funds are with the ORNL Federal Credit Union

Account balances as of August 4, 2021:

Savings account	\$ 156
Checking account	\$ 4,707
CD 1001	\$10,174
CD 1003	\$ 4,670

**Lab Liaison (Wade Creswell)**

The Lab is following CDC guidelines regarding vaccinations and masking. Currently require masks indoors.

Now targeting full return of all staff on-site Oct. 1. DOE bus tours and traveling publicity events will not resume until spring at earliest.

Wade circulated FORNL's concern regarding engagement / relationship of ORNL to retirees through his upper management.

Wade indicated that his efforts to connect FORNL with the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce was an attempt provide opportunities for FORNL members to speak before the Chamber. He was not asking FORNL to recruit ORNL or other speakers for the Chamber.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### ***Luncheon Lectures*** - Bob Compton, John Gunning, Ellen Smith

Last month's talk

July 13

*Why Nuclear: Why Now*

Dr. Andrew Worrall

Upcoming speakers:

August 10

*Solid State Battery Research*

Dr. John Bates

September 14

*How Did the Big Bang Create Matter?*

Dr. Vince Cianciolo

***Community Lectures*** (Bob Hightower, Chuck Coutant)  
No report.

***History Room*** (Dave McVicker)

No activity this month due to suspension of visitor access to ORNL. Dave reported that he now has access.

***Membership*** (David Mullins)

At the end of July 2021, there are 51 life members and 34 annually paid members for a total of 85.

At the end of July 2020, there were 47 life members and 45 annually paid members for a total of 92.

Bob Clausing, Stephen Stow and Harold Schmitt were moved to Memorial status.

### ***Tours***

***Bus Tours*** (Janet Swift and Fred Peretz)

As noted, Bus Tours won't resume until spring.

Fred reported that AMSE and the Park Service are both in need of volunteers.

***Website*** (Jim Rome)

Jim encouraged board members to post to the website to keep it updated.

The primary difficulty in uploading recording of old meetings is obtaining the “metadata” (Who, What, When).

***New Member Outreach*** (Fred Peretz)

Board members were encouraged to provide Fred with ideas for what content to put in a brochure and where would it go.

***Alternate Media*** (Ellen Smith)

No report.

***Old Business***

A motion was made to continue luncheon meetings exclusively on Zoom until further notice. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

***New Business***

Bob Hightower asked to be relieved of his responsibilities with FORNL.

David Fields will issue Professional Development Hours.

Kent Williams will take on his responsibilities for Community Lectures.

Visitor Badges won't need to be covered until 2022 but Syd Ball was appointed to obtain ORNL contact information.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David R. Mullins  
Secretary, Friends of ORNL