

Friends of ORNL
Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2021
Minutes

<i>Board Members</i>		<i>Officer/Committee</i>		<i>Adjunct Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>
John Gunning	X	President				
Ellen Smith	X	Vice-President		Wade Creswell	X	ORNL Liaison
Chuck Coutant	X	Treasurer, MNP		James Rome	X	Website
David Mullins	X	Secretary		Connor Matthews	X	MNP, Weinberg Papers
<i>At Large</i>				Dave McVicker		ORNL History Room, arrangements
Sydney Ball	X	New member outreach		Kent Williams	X	Past President
Bob Compton	X			<i>Guests</i>		
David Fields				Gloria Caton	X	
Carolyn Krause	X	Publicity & Com., Troika		Kathy Gant	X	
Fred Peretz		MPNHP		Jim Rushton	X	
Janet Swift	X	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 August 9, 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 September 12, 2021:

Savings account	\$ 156
Checking account	\$ 5,038
CD 1001	\$10,176
CD 1003	\$ 4,672

The Treasurer reported that the checking balance was greater than what his records show. It was suggested that direct deposits were being made without him being notified. He'll check with the Credit Union.

CD #1001 will mature on Sept. 25, 2021. A motion was made, seconded and approved to roll this over to a 14 month CD at the prevailing promotional rate.

Lab Liaison (Wade Creswell)

John Gunning expressed thanks for Lab's approval of our \$3000 funding request.

All employees return to onsite work is still scheduled for October 1 but that may change.

All ORNL employees are required to be vaccinated by October 31, 2021.

A meeting to discuss concerns regarding ORNL engagement with retirees is scheduled for September 16 between John Gunning, Wade Creswell and Teresa Nichols.

Committee Reports:

Luncheon Lectures - John Gunning, Ellen Smith, Carolyn Krause

Last month's talk

August 10
Solid State Battery Research
Dr. John Bates

Upcoming speakers:

September 14
How Did the Big Bang Create Matter?
Dr. Vince Cianciolo

October 12
Molten Salt Reactors
Dr. Charles Forsberg

November 9
Licensing deals involving technologies that could potentially help our nation address the challenges of the pandemic and climate change.
Dr. Mike Paulus

Community Lectures (Chuck Coutant, Kent Williams)
A presentation from Kairos Power was suggested.

History Room (Dave McVicker)
No report

Membership (David Mullins)
At the end of August 2021, there are 50 life members and 34 annually paid members for a total of 84.
At the end of August 2020, there were 46 life members and 47 annually paid members for a total of 93.

Tours
Bus Tours (Janet Swift and Fred Peretz)

Bus Tours won't resume until March.

Operation of AMSE has transferred from DOE to the AMSE Foundation.

Website (Jim Rome)

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

The primary difficulty in uploaded 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)

Ellen reported that we have 107 followers on our Facebook page.

Next meeting will be on October 11 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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