

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

<i>Board Members</i>		<i>Officer/Committee</i>		<i>Adjunct Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>
John Gunning	x	President		Bob Hightower	x	
Ellen Smith	x	Vice President, Troika, Facebook		Katy Brown		ORNL Liaison
Dave Mullins		Secretary, Membership		Jim Rome	x	Webmaster
Chuck Coutant	x	Treasurer		Dave McVicker	x	ORNL History Room, arrangements
Kent Williams	x	Immed Past President, Community Lectures		Connor Matthews		
<i>At Large</i>				Kathy Gant	x	
Syd Ball	x	Visitor Badges		Gloria Caton	x	
Bob Compton	x	Troika		<i>Guests</i>		
Dave Fields		Professional Development Certs				
Carolyn Krause	x	Publicity				
Fred Peretz	x	MPNHP				
Janet Swift	x	ORNL Tours				

x indicates present at the meeting.

Zoom link for Board Meeting –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88132938254?pwd=YzhjK0hzUnBGZUV3ZUxPbUk5a05WUT09>

Opening

President John called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM

Secretary – Dave Mullins

The Minutes from the meeting of prior meeting were previously distributed.

The minutes were approved.

Dave was not available to attend the Board meeting this week. Thus, John took Meeting Notes.

Treasurer – Chuck Coutant

All funds are with the ORNL Federal Credit Union. Our accounts are given as of December 12, 2021.

Checking account: \$10,615.26

Business Membership Account: \$178.53

CD 1000 (new 14 month Certificate of Deposit): \$10,184.80

CD 1003 (17 month Certificate of Deposit): \$4,678.21

Total assets: \$25,656.80

Activity since last meeting:

Income

- UTBattelle 2020 check (\$3,000) discovered by Kent Williams
- UTBattelle 2021 check (\$3,000) sent to PO Box
- Dues (1 life \$200, 2 annual \$40)
- Benevity matching (\$37.50)
- The unexplained \$22.35 last month was added by ORNLFCU to our Business

Membership Account as a dividend.

Expenses

- Southern Appalachian Science Fair (\$500)
- TN Science Bowl (\$1,500)
- Two membership dues for 2022 received (\$40.00) yet to be deposited.

Committee Reports:

Lab Liaison - Katy Brown

Katy was to introduce herself and provides an update on the status of ORNL
However, Katy did not attend the meeting today.

Luncheon Lectures - Ellen Smith, Carolyn Krause

Last month's talk -

November 9

ORNL's Technology Commercialization Successes - The Top Ten

Dr. Michael J. Paulus

Upcoming speakers are below.

The announcement for the upcoming Technical Monthly Meeting was previously distributed.

December 14

No membership meeting

January 11

Rick Raines - Director, Electrification and Energy Infrastructures Division, ORNL

Enhanced EV Charging - including wireless charging on roadways

Protecting the Future Electric Grid from Cyberthreats.

February 8

Cymbeline Culiati

Future Applications in Regenerative Medicine

The Science and Technology of the Company NellOne

Community Lectures (Kent Williams, Chuck Coutant)

These are mostly in abeyance.

It was suggested that we work to reestablish these after our first membership hybrid meeting.

Bob Hightower volunteered to check on the Pollard Center status and possible venue site.

The possibility of using the AMSE auditorium was discussed. John mentioned that this site was previously successfully used as the venue for our talk by the Director of the Space Station. There was discussion of space to congregate prior to the meeting. John relayed he had talked to the AMSE staff during the Space Station talk and they indicated that the area outside the auditorium could be used for a reception. Fred added that this might depend on the exhibits on display at the time.

John suggested Francis Gary Powers Jr as a possible speaker. Gary's father piloted the U2 that was shot down over Russia in May 1st, 1960. Gary is also author of two recent books related to the Cold War, as well as founder of the Cold War Museum. F

Fred suggested Greg LeMond on the subject of carbon fibers.

History Room (Dave McVicker)

Treasures from the Archives

These will resume when Dave obtains access to the ORNL History Room.

Membership (Dave Mullins)

No report

Visitor Badges (Syd Ball)

Access to ORNL is currently limited. Therefore, visitor badges are not currently being obtained for ORNL members.

Syd indicated that he would check on the status of when these might be available for FORNL members.

Tours

Bus Tours -Janet Swift

AMSE and the K-25 History Center are open and need volunteers.

Visitors to the museums are typically not local. 21 on Sunday at the K-25 Museum.

Observed that the signage should be improved.

There are yet no AMSE bus tours.

Virtual Tours of the Graphite Reactor and other facilities at ORNL are available at the link below.

<https://www.ornl.gov/news/take-virtual-field-trip-through-tours-ornl-facilities>

Janet indicated that she did not have anything to add to this.

Manhattan Project (Fred Peretz, Chuck Coutant, Connor Matthews, Bob Hightower, Dave McVicker, Jim Rushton, John Gunning)

The Children's Museum and the Manhattan Project National Historic Park reception desk are open.

Fred provided an update. The number of visitors increased over Thanksgiving Holiday, with 66 visiting the Park desk during this period.

As relayed earlier, the MPNHP now has a 2 Ranger team, and they are working well together.

Fred also relayed that the Park still needs more volunteers.

Webmaster – Jim Rome

Jim relayed that the site had approximately 1800 visitors since inception.
John relayed that Conner communicated that he continues to convert tapes of the Technical Meeting for transfer to the FORNL website.

New Member Outreach – Syd Ball, Fred Peretz

Fred provided an update on the FORNL recruitment brochure.
He created a map showing the location of our planned in person meetings at the UT Outreach Center, which he distributed to the Board via email.

Alternate Media – Facebook - Ellen Smith

The FORNL Facebook page has 144 likers or followers, and 57 reaches.
Ellen plans to recognition of ORNL as a sponsor of FORNL on the Facebook page.
[Ellen to research organizational Zoom account that FORNL might obtain. – action item from previous meeting.]

PDH Certificates – David Fields

David to provide update.
John encouraged Board Members to check that David is ok as John has not seen him at him at Board Meetings recently.

Nominating Committee – John Gunning – convenor

The Nominating Committee consists of John Gunning – Convenor, Chuck Coutant, Carolyn Krause, Kathy Gant, and Jim Rushton.
John indicated that the Nominating Committee is working hard, but has no additional information to provide that Board at this time

Old Business

It was moved, seconded, and approved that we proceed with the hybrid meeting as was approved at an earlier meeting. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and reserve the possibility or returning to Zoom only meetings.

John recognized that Jim provided his camera for use during our earlier test of hybrid meetings. John suggested we eventually buy a similar camera for FORNL. Jim suggested that we buy it at this time. It was agreed that Jim will order such a camera. Jim will be reimbursed by FORNL.

[A meeting occurred September 16th at 10 am among Teresa, John, Ellen, and Janet Swift. Teresa subsequently provided appropriate ORNL contacts with whom to have additional discussions on these issues. John to follow up communicating with Teresa's suggestions.

John plans to focus first on ORNL providing a response email from retired employees on how to contact them, should they so choose. – Action item from previous Board meeting.]

New Business

Kent volunteered to submit our FORNL yearly registration to the State of Tennessee. John expressed his thanks!
There were about 60 attendees at the November membership meeting. Excellent participation!

The next regular board meeting will be: 9:30 AM, Monday, January 10, 2022.
Recall there is no Membership Meeting in December.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Gunning

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President, FORNL

for

Dave Mullins

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Secretary, Friends of ORNL