



## Minutes for the October 10, 2022 FORNL Board Meeting

### *Opening – Herb Krause*

Herb Krause called the Zoom meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

### *Attendees:*

Officers present: Herb Krause, President; Ellen Smith, Vice President; Fred Peretz, Secretary; David Mullins, Treasurer.

Board Members Present: Syd Ball, Bob Compton, Al Ekkebus, David Fields, and Janet Swift.

Adjunct members in attendance: James Rome and Kent Williams.

### *Announcements – Herb Krause*

Herb proceeded directly to the agenda items.

### *Lab Liaison – Annette Bush or Katy Brown*

Katy Brown provided responses to questions by email. Responding to a question about potentially qualified applicants from Ukraine, Katy noted that applicants can view jobs at [jobs.ornl.gov](http://jobs.ornl.gov) and apply just as U.S. citizens.

In response to a question about speaking opportunities at local schools, Katy asked that we provide her with a list of names and contact information that she will share with the ORNL education and outreach coordinator.

Thomas Zacharia is willing to give a State of the Laboratory address. No dates were secured in October, so dates in November or early December now being considered. No Wigner Lectures have been scheduled yet.

### *Secretary – Fred Peretz*

Minutes for September 12 were not completed on time for the board meeting, and thus were not formally submitted. Minutes for both September and October will be submitted for approval next month.

### *Treasurer – David Mullins*

David submitted the treasurer's report to the board as a separate file. One lifetime membership was added, along with one annual membership. Funds continue to arrive from Benevity. The treasurer's report will be added to the FORNL website.

The certificate of deposit with the ORNL Credit Union maturing in September was reinvested at 2%. The same will be done with the certificate maturing in December.

### *Membership – David Mullins*

David Mullins reported one additional lifetime member, and one annual member. Membership next month will be credited to the 2023 operating year.



*Luncheon Lectures - Ellen Smith, Carolyn Krause, Bob Compton*

Last month's meeting:

September 13 – Hans M. Christen, ORNL Neutron Scattering Division, Director; “No Charge, Tremendous Value: How Neutrons Probe Hidden Behaviors of Matter”

Upcoming meetings:

The October meeting will be by Scott Brooks of the ORNL Environmental Sciences Division; Mercury Use in Oak Ridge: Environmental Legacy and Solutions. (Ellen Smith)

Ideas for future talks:

The November talk is yet to be confirmed. Bob Compton has made preliminary contact with Larry Allard, possibly speaking on developments involving in situ electron microscopy, electron holography, and digital imaging; Bob Compton and Herb Krause will continue to pursue this. A discussion on shifting the date to avoid interference with election day ensued. As a large portion of the electorate uses early voting it was decided to retain the usual date.

A potential talk by a member of the ORNL leadership team - Susan Hubbard, ORNL Deputy Director for Science and Technology – is tentatively scheduled for March. A similar possible speaker is Cynthia Jenks, Associate Laboratory Director for Physical Sciences; David Mullins will explore this contact further.

Other potential speakers from the Tennessee Valley Authority and other regional organizations are also being explored.

*Media reports*

*Newspapers – Carolyn Krause*

An article on Hans Christen's September talk on ORNL's neutron scattering research appeared on the front page of The Oak Ridger on Sept. 30. The article was also on The Oak Ridger website. An article promoting Scott Brooks' October talk on mercury appeared in The Oak Ridger. It was also sent to Bill Cabage at ORNL and other media outlets.

Carolyn also updated the FORNL website with the latest news releases on the [www.ornl.gov](http://www.ornl.gov) website.

*Facebook – Ellen Smith*

Ellen continues to face the usual challenges with the Facebook page and maintains current information such as meeting announcements. The page has a modest following.

*Hybrid Meeting – Herb Krause*

Arrangements for the October 11 hybrid meeting are complete.

*Webmaster – Jim Rome*

No report.



*AMSE and Bus Tours – Janet Swift and Al Ekkebus*

Bus tours are operating Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through November 11, and then will end until next year. The buses have been opened to full capacity. ORNL has reportedly resumed student group tours.

*Community Lectures – Kent Williams, and Bob Compton*

As noted under the Lab Liaison report, no date has been established for a public State of the Laboratory talk by Thomas Zacharia. Kent will continue to interact with potential speakers that might follow the laboratory director talk.

*New Member and Public Outreach – Fred Peretz, Syd Ball, Bob Compton, and Herb Krause*

The ORNL benefits fair is to be held on October 20. Friends of ORNL will have a table and display, including a laptop with recordings of recent luncheon meeting talks. Syd Ball will be present for the fair and is seeking other volunteers for additional support. The possibility of sharing a table with ORICLE was mentioned.

The FORNL participation in the Virtual Science Club, associated with the Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair, has been shifted to a panel discussion to be held on December 13. A similar opportunity for the Science Olympiad in April appears more suited to education professionals and will not be pursued further.

An introduction to volunteer opportunities with the National Park Service by Niki Nicholas is a possibility for the November meeting.

*History Room – Janet Swift and Al Ekkebus*

*Manhattan Project – Fred Peretz*

*PDH Certificates – David Fields*

*Visitor Badges – Syd Ball*

No significant reports were given on these topics.

*Old Business*

Nominations for Janet Swift, Al Ekkebus, Bob Compton as board members of the nominating committee were approved last month. A motion was made, and passed, to add Don Miller as a non-board member of the nominating committee. A request to another non-board person was made, but not confirmed at the time of the board meeting.

Looking ahead to board elections, several current members of the board have agreed to serve another term. Potential additional board candidates will be solicited from the general membership.

An email request for our annual contribution to the SASEF has arrived. Reviewing last year's contribution showed we gave \$500 in November 2021 and gave another \$500 in March 2022. FORNL gave \$1,500 to the Science Bowl in November 2021. A motion was made to give \$1,000 to SASEF this year was made and passed. A discussion on identifying credit to FORNL for this contribution ensued, but the majority of board members chose not to press the topic this year.

*New Business*

None.



*Closing*

The next board meeting will be held at 9:30 am on November 7, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Peretz  
Secretary, Friends of ORNL