

**Broome County Peace Action**  
and  
**Broome County Nuclear Weapons Reduction Campaign**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meetings, May 12, 2009**  
Unitarian-Universalist Church

1. The meeting of Broome County Peace Action was called to order with welcoming remarks by President Tarik Abdelazim at 7:04 p.m.
2. **Minutes** of the annual meeting of May 2008 were approved.
3. Sue McAnanama presented the **nominations**. On motion the following were elected:  
New Board Members for 2012: George Damasevitz, Jane HeHawkhurst, Joyce Donohue  
Renewing Board Members for 2012: Len Bjorkman, George Haeseler, Doris Reed
4. Tarik gave a brief **review of the past year's activities**, including the new and improved website (<http://bcpeaceaction.org>); closer relationship with Peace Action of New York State (PANYS), including more financial support; partnering with local groups, such as the social justice conference at BU in Oct.; the growth of the Southern Tier Peacemaker Fund, which now has a balance of over \$9000, and which gave grants for actions at the Nevada Test Site, and the International Monetary Fund; the establishment of the War Tax Resistance Fund with 9 or 10 groups currently supporting it; working with local artists at First Friday; a resolution that for the first-time went from us to PANYS and then on the national Peace Action, calling for reforming the United Nations and especially the Security Council; responding to the crisis in Gaza, largely by establishing on committee to focus on the Israel-Palestine conflict, which provided a speaker in April from Ithaca, Neal Wecker, who had been in Palestine with the Puppetistas, and Col. (Ret) Ann Wight on May 5, who had recently been in Gaza; concern about the urgent need for the peace movement to continue under President Obama and the Iraq and Afghanistan wars; continuing participation in the School of Americas Watch; the up-coming June 9 meeting with BU Professor James Petras, speaking on US-Latin America relations; the weekly vigil; and thanks to concluding and continuing Board members.  
Some emphases for the coming year include establishing at the Broome Co. Library a collection of peace and justice resources, and having dialogue on how to improve the local economy that is based so much on the defense/military industry.  
He also expressed special thanks to Wilton Vought and Stephen Schweitzer for their video-taping many events, such as the talk this evening.
5. On Motion, the meeting **adjourned**.
- 6.. President Tarik Abdelazim **called to order** the meeting of Broome County Peace Action.
7. Sue McAnanama presented the **nominations for officers** and on motion the following officers were elected for a one year term –  
President: Tarik Abdelazim;  
Vice-President: Ann Clune  
Treasurer: Pat Creighton  
Secretary: Alan Jones
8. On motion, the meeting adjourned
9. President Tarik Abdelazim **called to order** the Broome County Nuclear Weapons Reduction Campaign.
10. On motions the minutes were approved as read previously, the board members and officers were elected as previously listed.
11. On motion the meeting **adjourned** at 7:17 p.m.

For **the program**, Dr. Reinhard Bernbeck, Professor of Archeology at BU, spoke about “Countering Structural Violence,” based on his first-hand experiences in Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, Jordan, Turkey and the U.S.

Respectfully, Len Bjorkman, Secretary