

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)  
Executive Board Meeting, August 23, 2018  
Alumni Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium**

**I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on August 23rd by President Neal Raber at 10:00am.**

**II. Others present included Bob Blankenship, Bob Gandee, Ali Hajjafar, John Heminger, Loren Hoch, Rita Klein, Ed Lasher, Carl Lieberman, Laura Moss-Spitler, Pam Rupert, Dan Sheffer, Linda Sugarman, Frank Thomas, Diane Vukovich, Tom Vukovich, and Mel Vye,.**

**III. Excused: Jo Ann Collier, Cathy Edwards.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as mailed.**

**V. Treasurer's Report. John Heminger reported that at the end of June our balance was \$9,224.69 and at the end of July our balance was \$10,088.17. We brought in \$108 in dues during June and \$864.00 In July with expenses of \$.52.**

**VI. Corresponding Secretary: Linda Sugarman reported that a card had been sent to Jo Ann Collier.**

**VII. Committee Reports.**

**A. Programs. Tom Vukovich reported that the cost of our luncheons for the coming year has increased by only \$.29. The Board was in agreement to keep the luncheon cost at \$14.00, the same amount as last year. Nathan Mortimer will continue to share one-half of the room charge - \$75. AUAR will be responsible for the remainder.**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon will feature Randy Pelton sharing a travelogue on the Panama Canal and Columbia. Lunch will consist of beef stroganoff or mushroom stroganoff (vegetarian selection).**

**Neal will handle the October speaker. Due to a conflict our luncheon will be moved to Station B in October which is a room on the other side of the building.**

**The Board was reminded that the March and April speaker slots are still open.**

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**Special Events:** Diane Vukovich reported that they haven't had a lot of success finding another theme for the Soup and Chili Supper. However the usual site has been reserved (Goodyear Park) for November 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be available in the coming months.

Neal passed around two sign-up sheets for the luncheons, one to help at the sign-in table and one to handle the 50/50 raffle.

**B. Membership.** Frank Thomas reported that Janet Mealy has left the University and we will experience some delays as her replacement is trained on providing us support. Frank handled presenting her with a parting gift to express our appreciation for all she had done to help us.

As of the August meeting, we had 130 paid members with 5 of them being from last year's new retirees (17-18). Frank sent out a mailing in late June and in July as well.

Frank also reported a total income of \$1,424 for the AUAR Scholarship at the start of the new fiscal year (2019). Last year's total scholarship income amounted to \$5,891.

**C. Political Action.** Bob Gandee reported that there has been no OCHER meeting yet this academic year. It is scheduled for the last Tuesday in September and he will need a sub as he is unable to attend. The AUAR bill for dues of \$100 will be sent to HR for payment.

**D. Benefits.** Linda Sugarman reported the STRS reported a return of 9.7% for the fiscal year 2018. These returns may not be achieved in future years. There is a group circulating a petition urging the return of the COLA to STRS retiree pensions. There also seems to be several groups or individuals advocating the return of the STRS COLA, pointing out that certain STRS employees received large bonuses.

**E. Faculty Senate.** No report. The first meeting will take place September 6<sup>th</sup>. A discussion followed concerning the academic programs that had recently been cut.

**F. University & Community Service/Website.** Dan Sheffer will up-date the June minutes and the new Executive Board Members list on the web.

**G. Scholarship.** Carl Lieberman reported a May 31<sup>st</sup> balance of \$115,420 in the endowment account. Gifts totaling \$1,800 were received during the months of June, July, and August.

Carl also reported that the scholarship recipients have accepted their awards and he will invite them to attend one of our luncheons.

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**H. Newsletter.** Pam Rupert reported that the fall newsletter was almost complete. It will be going out soon.

**VIII. Unfinished Business.** Neal announced that John Heminger has agreed to serve in two positions, as Treasurer and as Member At Large unless someone expresses interest in the Member At Large position.

**IX. New Business.** Diane Vukovich reported that the University is already involved in the planning of the University's Sesquicentennial celebration for 2020. Anne Hanson has requested permission to attend a future AUAR Board meeting in order to include the retirees in this celebration. Diane will follow up with Anne to make arrangements to have her join us.

**X. Adjournment at 11:00am**

**Respectfully submitted:  
Rita Klein, Recording Secretary**

**Next Executive Board Meeting:  
September 27, 2018  
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