

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting June 24, 2021 Minutes
Held in-person and via Zoom**

I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on June 24, 2021 at 10:00 am by President Dan Sheffer.

II. Welcome & Announcements: Incoming board members were introduced: Harvey Sterns, incoming President Elect (attending remotely) and Mary Verstraete Member at Large (attending remotely). John Bee incoming Member at Large was unable to attend. Terms of office for new board members begin July 2021.

Members attending: Jo Ann Collier, Cathy Edwards, Bob Gandee, Ali Hajjafar, John Heminger, Rita Klein, Tom Nichols, Neal Raber, Dan Sheffer, Linda Sugarman, Mel Vye, and Diane Vukovich

Excused: Laura Moss Spitler, Tim Lillie, Richard Steiner, Tom Vukovich, and Martha Vye

Dan announced a reordering of the agenda, indicating the Scholarship Committee report would be presented after the Newsletter report.

III. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

IV. Treasurer's Report. John Heminger reported:

May 2021

UA Account income: dues \$12.00 - \$12.00 - \$12.00 = -\$12.00

UA Account expenses: \$0.00

Petty Cash income: \$0.00

Petty Cash expenses: \$0.00

	UA Account	Petty Cash	Totals
Initial balance	\$8,450.57	\$79.40	\$8,529.97
Income	-\$12.00	\$0.00	-\$12.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Final balance	\$8,438.57	\$79.40	\$8,517.97
May 2020			
Final balance	\$9,018.78	\$254.40	\$9,273.18

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	July 2020 – May 2021	
INCOME		
	Dues (184)	\$2,208.00
	Lobster & Suds	
	Luncheons	
	Soup & Chili	
	Road Trip	
	Total Income	\$2,208.00
EXPENSES		
	Duplicating	\$126.82
	Events	
	Luncheon meals	
	Luncheon room rental	
	Luncheon speaker	\$155.61
	Newsletter printing	\$2,314.75
	Newsletter postage	
	Postage	\$43.01
	Recognition	
	Zoom	\$160.02
	Total expenses	\$2,800.21
NET GAIN/LOSS		-\$592.21

The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. The negative \$12 entry for income is probably due to double entry of dues and will be clarified.

V. Corresponding Secretary. Linda Sugarman reported a card was sent to John Muhlhauser expressing condolences on the death of his wife.

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VI. Committee Reports.

A. Programs: Diane Vukovich reported: It is assumed that programs will be presented in-person at Quaker Depot but speakers will be asked to present in a remote format if necessary.

September 15 Dr. Sheldon Wrice, Vice President for Inclusion and Equity

October 13 Pending

November 17 Dr. Gary Miller, President

December 15 Tuba Christmas with Mel Vye and group of 8 tuba players

The annual Soup and Chili Supper event is scheduled at Goodyear Park, Friday, November 5.

B. Membership: Mel Vye reported member totals as: 68 new members; 244 active members; and 312 members on the books. Forms for renewal of memberships with dues payment and requests for scholarship donations were snail mailed to all members.

C. Political Action. Bob Gandee said there is nothing new to report. Dan hosted the May Zoom meeting of OCHER. It is anticipated that two of the four upcoming meetings for next year will be held virtually and two will be in-person. The audit of STRS asked for by ORTA is in process. Bob Stein, a newly elected retired teacher board member, has resigned.

D. Benefits. Linda Sugarman reported there is no local news to report. It is anticipated that health care premiums will be lower next year for approximately 80% of members.

E. Faculty Senate. Ali Hajjafar had no report. Meetings will resume in September. A summary of Faculty Senate actions was submitted to Martha Vye for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.

F. University & Community Service/Website. Dan reported the website is up to date.

G. Newsletter. Editor Martha Vye submitted a written report indicating the conversations feature of the newsletter had been completed. She will be meeting with Jo Ann Collier to review photos offered to us by Judy Lasher. Photos will be delivered to the archives after they have been reviewed.

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H. Scholarship. Dan Sheffer reported on behalf of Acting Chair June Burton: Names of six eligible applicants were forwarded to the Scholarship Committee by the Office for Student Financial Aid. The committee rank-ordered the applications and recommends the awarding of equal amounts to the top three for the Fall semester. Dollars in the present account are available to fund \$1200 each for a total of \$3600. When the dollar amount available for Spring semester becomes known, assuming it is equivalent or nearly, the committee recommends that the same three students receive equal amounts.

Motion: Part 1) The three top ranked applicants for AUAR scholarships each be awarded \$1200 for the Fall semester.

Part 2) The same three students be awarded equal amount scholarships for the Spring semester when funding dollar data are released.

Approved without dissent.

The president and treasurer will oversee the transfer of appropriate information about award decisions and monies from the AUAR scholarship account.

VII. Old Business. Changes in Executive Board membership and leadership of the Scholarship Committee: Tim Lillie has moved out of state and is unable to remain as chair of the Scholarship Committee. He is willing to continue as a member-at-large of the Executive Board and attend meetings virtually. The term expires June 2022. June Burton, a member of the Scholarship Committee, agreed to be Acting Chair until a board member is named to the position.

VIII. New Business. Transfer of the AUAR presidency to Dr. Rita Klein. Dan Sheffer formally introduced Rita as the incoming president. Dan was recognized for yeoman service in a year of virtual meetings with numerous unpredictable changes in operations and difficulties faced by students, faculty, administration, families, and community. Rita expressed her eagerness to serve the organization and its constituents over the next two years. She presented Dan with a gift of appreciation from the members of the board.

IX. Adjournment There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

**Respectfully submitted:
JoAnn Collier, Recording Secretary**

Next meeting will be August 26, 2021 at 10:00am at Infocision Board Room

- Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022 :to be circulated at next meeting