

**The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)**  
**Executive Board Meeting, May 23, 2013**  
**Alumni Conference Room, Stitzlein Center**

1. **Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President June Burton. Others Present were Bob Blankenship, Ed Lasher, Loren Hoch, Neal Raber, Carl Lieberman, Frank Thomas, Pam Rupert, Barbara Banks, Marilyn Carrell, Hans Zbinden, Diana and Tom Vukovich. Absent with notice were Bob Gandee and Hank Nettling.
2. **Treasurer** Bob Blankenship reported an available balance of \$6,441.91 as of April 30, 2013. This compares with a balance of \$7,235.61 as of April 30, 2012. It was moved to accept the report, subject to audit. See attached financial summary.

**3. Committee Reports.**

**A. Programs.** Tom Vukovich reported in detail on the financial aspect of our last two social meetings. The Road Trip on April 26 had 25 participants and was \$240 short of meeting expenses. The Lobster and Suds Party on May 17, with 75 guests, produced a net income of \$460 more than our expenses. We are reserved at St. Sebastian for May 16, 2014. In planning the schedule of monthly luncheons for the 2013 – 2014 period, Julie Lough of Food Services pointed out that because of the University's long range re-building projects, our use of the Martin Center is not at all certain. Even so, our monthly luncheons are still on schedule at the Martin Center. Closing the discussion identified various off-campus locations for our luncheons.

As part of the renewal projects throughout the campus, Stitzlein Alumni Center will be demolished in August, 2013. It will have a suite in the Infocision Stadium. Our AUAR group, for Executive Board Meetings, will likely move to that new location as well.

**B. Membership.** Frank Thomas discussed the flier he prepared to maintain contact and communication with our established members. Serving as a "message letter," the flier covers current membership renewal, reminder of our luncheons, information that we have a web site and related information. Frank reported that his message letter will be distributed next week: 180 by e-mail and 140 by US Mail. This turned out to be 61 by US Mail

**C. Political Action.** June Burton reported on the OCHER meeting in Columbus on Tuesday, May 21. She highlighted the political issues, changes in health care coverage and changes in retirement coverage's, all of which go into directions not in favor financially to present and future retirees.

**D. Benefits.** No report.

**E. Faculty Senate.** Neal Raber reported on the meeting of May 2, 2013.

Chairman Rich began by reading a letter from Stephen Weeks, the president of AAUP, waiving the rights of AAUP to use anything stated by President Proenza or Provost Sherman at this meeting against the University in the grievance filed by the union over changes in faculty loads. Unfortunately, there still was no discussion of the issue, because President Proenza in his remarks said that under the advice of counsel, he would not be discussing it.

President Proenza reported to the senators that advice from the IRS was being sought as to dealing with part-time teaching hours as well as co-op and internship positions in order to not be required to pay for health benefits under the Affordable Care Act. The

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**E. Faculty Senate: Cont.**

upcoming budget was based on a projection of flat enrollment for the next school year. When Provost Sherman addressed the Senate, Chair Rich asked him how the figure of 4 million dollars was determined as the cost of insuring 400 part time faculty members. With the help of Chief Financial Officer David Cummins, he replied that the average cost of insuring an employee is \$10,000.

It was also reported by the Academic Policies Committee that the University was changing from a minimum of 128 credits for a degree to 120. The report of the Reference Committee resulted in the passing of a motion to add a representative of the Academic Advisors to the Faculty Senate.

**F. University and Community Service.** No report.

**G.Scholarship.** June Burton distributed a financial table which records our Retirees Scholarship Fund for the period June, 2008 to April, 2013.

**H. Newsletter.** Pam Rupert requests that all material for the Newsletter be in her hands by August 1.

**4.Unfinished Business.**

**A.** Neal Raber reported on the election results for Board members, terms beginning July 1, 2013.

President Elect: Diane Vukovich.

Faculty Senate Representative: Robert Gandee (term ending Sept. 2014)

Members at Large: Loren Hoch, Ed Lasher, Dan Sheffer.

**B.** The increase of our annual dues to \$12 will be voted upon at our next general meeting, October 9, 2013.

**C.** President June Burton's comments at the Founders Day observance were very well received.

**D.** In connection with Frank Thomas' renewal letter to our members, Tom Vukovich suggested that Frank include information on how to gain access to the University's e-mail digest; this becomes an added source of University information.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*Hans Zbinden*, recording secretary.

**Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, June 27, 2013.**