

The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting, August 28, 2014
First Floor Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium

1. The meeting was called to order by President June Burton at 10:00 a.m. Others present were Tom and Diane Vukovich, Linda Sugarman, Loren Hoch. Velma Pomrenke, Carl Lieberman, Dan Sheffer, Neal Raber, Rita Klein, Cathy Edwards, Hank Nettling, Frank Thomas, Pam Rupert, Bob Blankenship, Ed Lasher, Stu Terrass and Hans Zbinden. The minutes of the June 26, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
2. **Treasurer** Bob Blankenship reported the balance beginning at the new fiscal year, July 1, 2014, as \$7,394.08. Available balance as of July 30, 2014 stands at \$8,768.60. This compares with a balance of \$7,798.14 on July, 2013. It was moved to accept the report, subject to audit.

3. Committee Reports.

A. Programs. Tom Vukovich listed the coming luncheon programs. September 10, 2014. Mark and Sandy Auburn present their Africa Travelogue. October 8 Dr. Jenny Stanley, Asst. Professor of Psychology, will speak on "Emotions and Aging Research." on November 12th. Kim David Kovesci, Executive Director of the MAPS Air Museum and Ralph Lynn, WW II veteran will describe MAPS Museum Collection and tales of WW II Aviation Missions. December 10. Holiday Party. (Program not firm)

B. Membership. Frank Thomas passed out two listings. One listing of Active Members and one listing for the Inactive. Along which he included letters, labels and envelopes for Board members to review and select Inactive members that they may know and want to add a note to the renewal letter and personally mail.

He also reported the Statistics of membership as follows

On January 1 of this year we had 271 paid members
On May 1 we had 289 paid members
As of August 25 we have 248 paid members 105 non paid members for a total of 353 members on the file. At the end of July 19 Inactive members for 2011-2012 were dropped

Frank, together with June Burton, hosted an Appreciation Luncheon for 8 University employees who support our endeavors. There were 6 from HR, one from Alumni, and one from Development.

- C. Political Action.** Hank Nettling indicated no report at this time. The first OCHER meeting is scheduled for September 19.
- D. Benefits.** Linda Sugarman reported that STRS healthcare information meetings registration will start shortly, we should watch announcements for sign-up times. Linda added that the information meetings in the Fairlawn area are on October 27 and 28. Linda also noted that retiree dependents who are also STRS benefit recipients will lose their Medicare Part B reimbursements starting January 1, 2015
- E. Faculty Senate.** Neal Raber indicated no report at this time. The first Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4.
- F. Website / University and Community Service.** Dan Sheffer made note that the articles on our list of special events and luncheon speakers are up to date on our AUAR Website.

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G. Scholarship. No report. (Previous scholarship holder has graduated.)

H. Newsletter. Pam Rupert made note that she has completed her interview with Dan Sheffer for the current Newsletter. Information of note for the current Newsletter can be sent to Pam in Word.

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary

**Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, September 25, 2014
Location: T B A, InfoCision Stadium.**

(Minutes 51)