

The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting, June 25, 2015
Alumni Office Conference Room, Infocision Stadium

1. **Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order by President June Burton at 10 a.m. Others: Present were Bob Blankenship, Stu Terrass, Frank Thomas, Dan Sheffer, Neal Raber, Laura Moss, Carl Lieberman, Linda Sugarman, Ed Lasher, Loren Hoch, Pam Rupert, Rita Klein, Diane and Tom Vukovich, Cathy Edwards and Hans Zbinden. Absent with notice were Velma Pomrenke and Bob Gandee. The minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting were approved as written.
2. **Treasurer** Bob Blankenship reports a balance of \$7,589.48 for May 31, 2015. This compares with a balance of \$7,650.52 as of May 31, 2014. It was moved to accept the report, subject to audit.
3. **Committee reports.**
 - A. **Programs.** Tom Vukovich reported that all programs through to December 2015 are booked. For our monthly luncheons we will have a similar menu rotation; luncheons will now cost \$13. Tom noted that for the first time, Food Service was pleased to tell him that they were very happy to receive our patronage.
 - B. **Fund Raiser:** Neal Raber distributed a detailed flier for our Second Annual AUAR Scholarship Fundraiser. This will be a Wine Tasting and Dinner at the Little City Grill in Kent on Wednesday, July 15, beginning at 6 p.m.
 - C. **Membership.** Frank Thomas reported the membership counts as of June 24th were 138 Active Members, 210 Inactive, 4 new members for a total of 348 members on the file. Another e-mail to all Inactive members will be run in later July’
 - D. **Political Action.** No report.
 - E. **Benefits.** Linda Sugarman reported to us that STRS has released their Medical Plan premiums for the year 2016. She gave us several examples.

<u>Medical Mutual without Medicare</u>	
Benefit Recipient with 30 Years Service	\$309
Spouse	\$834
<u>Aetna with Medicare</u>	
Benefit Recipient with 30 Years Service	\$127
Spouse	\$342
<u>Medical Mutual with Medicare</u>	
Benefit Recipient with 30 Years Service	\$104
Spouse	\$281

Retirees with 30 years of service receive a premium subsidy of 63% and pay 37% of the premium costs out of pocket. More information can be found on the STRS Website.
 - F. **Faculty Senate.** No report.
 - G. **Website.** Dan Sheffer is preparing the list of Special Events for the July to December 2015 period for use on the AUAR Website.
 - H. **AUAR Scholarships.** Carl Lieberman brought us current on our Scholarship program for the coming academic year.
 - 1) Current value of our fund is \$65,740. \$1,046 was added to the fund from May 1, 2015 to June 15, 2015. \$5,500 was added in the period July 2014 to June 2015.

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H. AUAR Scholarships. (cont.)

- 2) Carl identified the two students who are recommended to receive our scholarship. Abigail Callahan, A College of Education, majoring in Integrate Language Arts. Kimberlee Trowbridge, College of Fine Arts, majoring in Fine Art Printmaking.
- 3) A motion was made to approve Abigail Callahan and Kimberlee Trowbridge as recipients of our scholarships. The motion was approved.
- 4) A motion was made that these be two scholarships, each in the amount of \$1200. This motion was approved.

I. Newsletter. Pam Rupert reported that our next Newsletter is planned for mid August. Gerhard Kunze is recommended as the next "interview subject" for the August edition.

4. **Unfinished Business.** Diane Vukovich, as incoming new President, appointed Carl Lieberman as Chair of the Scholarship Committee, with additional members being Bill Beyer, Velma Pomrenke and June Burton.
Neal Raber is now President Elect. Stu Terrass was appointed as Member at Large for 1 year; Stu continues to assist Bob Blakenship as Treasurer
5. **New Business.** The AUAR Presidential Gavel was passed on from June Burton to President Diane Vukovich.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes (60)

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary

The Next Executive Board Meeting is August 27, 2015.

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