

The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting, June 28, 2012
Alumni Conference Room, Stitzlein Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Bob Gandee. Others present were Mike and Linda Sugarman, Carl Lieberman, Bill Beyer, Loren Hoch, Marilyn Carrell, Barbara Banks, Neal Raber, Bob Blankenship, Diane Vukovich, Ed Lasher, Hank Nettling and Hans Zbinden. Absent with notice were June Burton, Jim Fee, Frank Thomas and Tom Vukovich. The minutes of the May 24 meeting were approved as written.

2. **Treasurer.** Bob Blankenship reported an available balance of \$7,485.49 as of May 31, 2012. This compares with a balance of \$7,399.84 on May 31, 2011. It was moved to accept the report, subject to audit. See attached financial summary.

3. Committee Reports.

A. Programs. Diane Vukovich distributed the listing of Buffet Menu suggestions Provided by University Catering; specific menus for our luncheons are now decided through March 13, 2013. Cost will be \$10. Goodyear Metropark is reserved for our Soup and Chili party on November 2. The speaker for the November 14 luncheon will be Dr. Stephen Brooks, Associate Director of the Ray Bliss Institute. Diane reports that she has reserved a block of tickets for our yearly luncheon and play at Woman's City Club and Coach House Theater for February 10, 2013. On stage will be Agatha Christie's play Black Coffee.

B. Membership. Jim Fee provided AUAR membership numbers as of June 27, 2012: 239 renewals and 14 complimentary-new members, for a total of 253 members.

C. Political Action / Affiliates. Hank Nettling reported on new accounting rules approved by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to replace reporting options currently in use by public pension funds. Under the changes, state and local governments will have to post their net pension liability up front on financial statements. The new accounting rules may show that public pension funds are in a weaker financial position than previously thought.

D. Benefits. No report.

E. Faculty Senate. No report.

F. University and Community Service. Bill Beyer made note of the following Community Activities and presented the Scholarship Committee Report.

- a) July 21, Soap Box Derby.
- b) July 26 - 29, Akron Arts Exposition at Hardesty Park.
- c) August 18, University Park Art Fair at Grace Park.
- d) September 29, Akron Marathon.

The Scholarship Committee (Beyer, Knepper, Lieberman, Nettling, Reade and Thomas) has selected Kenneth Smith and Melonie Estes as the recipients of the AUAR Scholarships for the 2012 - 2013 academic year. Kenneth is a student in the College of Engineering, majoring in Aerospace Systems Engineering. He has a GPA of 4.0 (he transferred from Kent State where he had a 3.75 GPA).

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3.Committee Reports(cont.)

F. University and Community Service.(cont.)

Melonie is a student in the College of Nursing with a GPA of 3.86. The Committee recommends that Kenneth and Melonie each receive \$1250.00 Scholarships. As of June 15, 2012, the contributions to our AUAR Scholarship Fund come to a total of \$49,053.67 with \$4,820.44 available for awards.

It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee that Kenneth Smith and Melonie Estes each receive AUAR \$1250.00 Scholarships. The motion passed unanimously.

G.Newsletter. Pam Rupert is pleased to be receiving news of meetings, activities, luncheons and obituaries. She reports that the planned publication of the next **AUAR NEWSLETTER** is mid-August.

4.Unfinished Business.

A.Bob Gandee distributed a summary of the June 20 planning group meeting for the October 24 Successful Aging Symposium. Next meeting will be on July 19.

B. Website and Listserve. No report.

C. Membership Survey. Not enough response to be meaningful.

D. Tutor / Mentor Program. No report.

5.New Business. No new business to report.

Adjournment was at 11:05 a.m.

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary.
Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, August 23, 2012.