

**The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting, August 22, 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 Hank Nettling, Ed Lasher, Linda Sugarman, Loren Hoch, Dan Sheffer, Velma Pomrenke, Hans Zbinden, Neal Raber, Barbara Banks, Pam Rupert, Diane and Tom Vukovich, and Frank Thomas. Absent with notice were Carl Lieberman and Bob Blankenship.

2. Treasurer Bob Blankenship was not present to give his report. We were informed that Bob has been admitted to Akron General Medical Center earlier this week. In an unrelated matter, President Burton distributed a summary of Benefits and Activities which benefit the faculties at universities which are OCHER members.

3. Committee Reports.

A. Programs. Tom Vukovich reported that for our luncheons and related social activities we will meet in the so-called Pre-Function room in Quaker Square. Our new space begins September 11. Tom provided the luncheon schedule for Fall, 2013 as follows;

September 11. Don Baker, Publisher of *Akronlife Magazine*

October 9. Tom and Diane Vukovich present their Travelogue: Whale Watching in the Sea of Cortez.

November 13. Lisa Abraham, Food Columnist with the Akron Beacon Journal.

December 13. Holiday Party and Entertainment with Al Leyerle and Darleen Cirino and their Ballroom Dancing Exhibition.

Diane Vukovich pointed out that after the October 9 luncheon and travelogue presentation, we hold our brief semi-annual General Meeting. Looking ahead, Diane called attention to February 16, 2014, when we will enjoy Sunday Brunch at the Akron Woman's City Club and then enjoy another Agatha Christie mystery at the Coach House Theater.

B. Membership. Frank Thomas reported that we have 170 active members (i.e., have paid dues). He was happy to note that this includes 20 new retirees who join us gratis their first year. The member listing also includes 173 inactive names who, to date, have not yet paid.

C. Political Action. No report.

D. Benefits. No report.

E. Faculty Senate. No report.

F. University and Community Service. No report.

G. Scholarship. Hank Nettling reports that the total contribution to date from our AUAR members to our AUAR Scholarship Fund now stands at \$60,810.

H. Newsletter. In preparing material for our next AUAR Newsletter, Pam Rupert reports that she has received an unexpected increase in text and pictures.

4. Unfinished Business.

A. At the General Meeting of the Membership on October 9, 2013, the principal order of business is to vote on raising our annual dues from \$10 to \$12.

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5. New Business. The Board has received a flier which was prepared by Vice President for Student Success Dr. Stacey Moore. The flier presented an opportunity for retired faculty to volunteer to guide incoming freshmen. After much discussion from the floor it became clear that we received this request to volunteer our time too late to act upon it, but we would consider such an opportunity next year.

For our next Board Meeting on September 26, our meeting location may or may not be at the Stitzlein Center. Vice President Diane Vukovich will be presiding. Unless we are informed where we will meet, we need to call Diane Vukovich.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary.

Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, September 26, 2013.

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