

The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting, June 26, 2014
Alumni Conference Room, Infocision Stadium

1. **Opening Comments:** The meeting was called to order by President June Burton at 10 A.M. Others present were Robert Blankenship, Stu Terrass, Ed Lasher, Frank Thomas, Neal Raber, Bob Gandee, Carl Lieberman. Pam Rupert, Dan Sheffer, Loren Hoch, Linda Sugarman, Velma Pomrenke, Rita Klein, Diane and Tom Vukovich. Absent with notice were Hank Nettling and Cathy Edwards. We were pleased to welcome Stu Terrass and Rita Klein as a new Board members, with Stu as Member at Large and Rita as corresponding Secretary. The minutes of the May 22, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

2. **Treasurer** Bob Blankenship reported an available balance of \$7,650.52 as of May 31, 2014. This compares with a balance of \$6,726.35 as of May 31, 2013. It was moved to accept the report, subject to audit.

3. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Programs.** Tom Vukovich noted that the speakers and related programs for the fall luncheons have been scheduled. Reminder: There will be no luncheon meeting on January, 2015. Dan Sheffer is planning a Wine Tasting event in early fall.
 - B. **Membership.** Frank Thomas reports that our Association has 371 listed members, 133 active members and 238 inactive members who have not paid the membership fee. He then went into the breakdown of members by year of last payment

2011-2012	20
2012-2013	39
2013-2014	179
2014-2015	<u>133</u>
Total	371

The group of 2011-2012 (20) members have been notified they will be dropped on July 31 if they have not renewed their membership
 - C. **Political Action.** No report as there is no Senate Meeting until fall
 - D. **Benefits.** Linda Sugarman gave the following report. An STRS change will significantly affect a small number of our retiree dependents. Those retiree dependents who are also STRS members will lose their monthly Medicare reimbursements on January 1, 2015.
(It is assumed that retiree dependents who receive their medical insurance through the University do not also have STRS medical insurance).The Medicare reimbursement amounts lost can be a significant amount of money for some retiree dependents who are STRS members. They should look at their insurance options during the open enrollment periods and figure out which health insurance option is better for them. Everyone's situation is different so there is no one answer to this problem. Retiree dependents should carefully check their Apex EOB's and their billing from doctors. There seems to be some problems relating to billings especially for those retiree dependents over 65 on Medicare.
 - E. **Faculty Senate.** No report because there was no Senate meeting.

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F. University and Community Service. Dan Sheffer reported that he has prepared the special events schedule which covers the July thru December 2014 period. This schedule is posted on our AUAR web site.

G. Scholarship. No report.

H. Newsletter. Pam Rupert reported that the Newsletter is nearing completion, distribution is planned for the end of August.

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary

**Our Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, August 28, 2014
Alumni Office Conference Room, Infocision Stadium
REMINDER: There is no Board meeting in July.**