

**The Association of the University of Akron Retirees  
Executive Board Meeting, August 23, 2012  
Alumni Conference Room, Stitzlein Center**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Bob Gandee. Others present were Bob Blankenship, Pam Rupert, Ed Lasher, Loren Hoch, Neal Raber, June Burton, Velma Pomrenke, John Hirschbuhl, Marilyn Carrell, Barbara Banks, James Fee, Newt Engle, Diane Vukovich, Hank Nettling, Frank Thomas and Hans Zbinden. Absent with notice was Linda Sugarman. The minutes of the June 28 meeting were approved as written.
2. **Treasurer** Bob Blankenship submitted reports for June and July. Available balance on June 30, 2012 was \$7,222.84. This compares with a balance of \$7,052.69 on June 30, 2011. The financial summary as of July 31, 2012 shows a beginning balance plus revenue of \$10,487.85. This compares with a balance of \$7,812.36 on July 31, 2011. It was moved to accept the report, subject to audit. See attached financial summary.
3. **Committee Reports.**
  - A. **Programs.** Diane Vukovich noted that the Goodyear Metropark is reserved for our Soup and Chili party on November 2nd. She called attention to a date change for our yearly luncheon and play at Woman's City Club and Coach House Theater: the new reservation for this event will be February 17, 2013.
  - B. **Membership.** Jim Fee provided AUAR membership numbers as of August 23, made up of renewals, complimentary new members, then reduced slightly with the reports of two deaths. Renewals: 262; comp-new: 15; 2 deaths; resulting in a count of 275 members.
  - C. **Political Action / Affiliates.** Hank Nettling reported on the STRS Board meeting of August 16, 2012. It has been recommended that the State Teachers Retirement Board receive authority to make additional retirement benefit reductions, if necessary, to meet funding objectives. There is also the recommendation that STRS should keep defined benefits.

Bob Gandee reported on the Mandatory Social Security issue, noting that over the years, AARP has been an advocate for mandatory coverage..
  - D. **Benefits.** No report.
  - E. **Faculty Senate.** No Report.
  - F. **University and Community Service.** Hank Nettling reports that our AUAR Scholarship Endowment Account now has a market value of \$47,785.80; the book value now stands at \$43,473.39.

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**G. Newsletter.** Pam Rupert reports that the Newsletter is now being printed. Mailing procedures can be completed on Tuesday, August 28, distribution then follows.

**4.Unfinished Business.**

**A.** Preparation for the Symposium is continuing.

**B. Website.** Frank Thomas reported on the difficulty of identifying a "Home Page" on the AUAR Website. He suggests you type "The University of Akron AUAR" In your search window to bring up the AUAR Home Page Click on "About AUAR"

**5. New Business.**

**A.** There was discussion on the recent revision of our bylaws. Procedure will be to address the revisions at the next open General Business meeting which follows the October 2012 luncheon.

**B. Dignity Program.** Bob Gandee distributed a flier provided by Catavolos Funeral Home / Rose Hill Burial Park. Their representative, David Shriber, was interested in addressing our group. It was moved and seconded to have Mr. Shriber speak to us. The motion failed.

**C.** Our final speaker and guest was Dr. John Hirschbuhl, Professor Emeritus, Education. He addressed us on the subject of computer teaching and testing, particularly as it is growing in use on our campus. His view is that such a procedure could be a tool for teaching, but should not be the teaching itself. Its use is growing on our campus .Our main concern is that our own faculty, not an outside company, should be in complete control of academic content.

Adjournment was at 11:30 a.m.

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary.

**Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, September 27, 2012.**