

The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting, June 27, 2013
Alumni Conference Room, Stitzlein Center

1. **Opening Remarks:** Neal Raber began our meeting by introducing Dan Sheffer. Newly elected, Dan will serve as a Member at Large.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Bob Gandee. Others present were Carl Lieberman, Ed Lasher, Linda Sugarman, Neal Raber, Frank Thomas, Marilyn Carrell, Bob Blankenship, Diane and Tom Vukovich, June Burton, Velma Pomrenke, Pam Rupert, Dan Sheffer, Hank Nettling and Hans Zbinden. Barbara Banks was absent with notice. The minutes of the May 23 , 2013 meeting were approved as written.

2. **Treasurer** Bob Blankenship reported an available balance of \$6,726.35 as of May 31, 2013. This compares with a balance of \$7,485.49 as of May 31, 2012. It was moved To accept the report, subject to audit. See attached financial summary.
3. **Committee reports.**
 - A. **Programs.** Tom Vukovich reviewed our luncheon speakers for the coming season.
 - a) September 11, Don Baker.
 - b) October 9, Diane and Tom Vukovich, Whale Watching in the Sea of Cortez (also called the Gulf of California).
 - c) November 13, Lisa Abraham, Beacon Journal Food Writer.
 - d) December 11, Holiday Party with Al Leyerle and Carleen Cirino displaying ballroom dancing in the Quaker Square Ballroom.
 - B. **Membership.** Frank Thomas reports 107 member renewals to date and 9 new retirees signing up as new members.
 - C. **Political Action. No report.**
 - D. **Benefits.** Linda Sugarman made note that the open enrollment period for 2014 STRS coverage will be the first three weeks in November; we do not know at this time what the open enrollment period for the University will be.
 - E. **Faculty Senate.** No report.
 - F. **University and Community Service.** Frank Thomas is now serving in this position.
 - G. **Scholarship.** Hank Nettling reported that the current total contribution from our AUAR members to our AUAR Scholarship fund now stands at \$56,440.
 - H. **Newsletter.** Velma Pomrenke will prepare an article for the fall edition of our Newsletter. This past June, Velma and 16 other AUAR members and friends Embarked on a river boat cruise in Germany which encountered unexpected difficulties. Their travel area, mostly on the Elbe River, was inundated by flood producing rains.How did this affect the cruise? We shall read and find out.
- 4.**Unfinished Business.**
 - A. Frank Thomas reports that he now has access to the AUAR logo; he will use it in contacts and communication with our members.
 - B. Discussion from the floor clarified that at the October 2013 general meeting, we will vote to confirm the increase in our dues from \$10 to \$12.

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5. New Business.

- a. Marilyn Carrell received a retirement plaque for her years of service to AUAR.

- b. To symbolize the transfer of the office of AUAR president, Bob Gandee gave his gavel to June Burton.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary.

Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, August 22, 2013.