

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting June 23, 2022 Minutes
Held in person and Zoom**

I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on June 23, 2022 by President Rita Klein at 10:07 am.

II. Welcome & Announcements: Rita asked in-person attendees to speak clearly toward the microphone and camera so Zoom attendees could participate. Michelle Banis of Alumni Relations provided her laptop for the Zoom broadcast of the meeting.

Members attending: Jo Ann Collier, Cathy Edwards, Bob Gandee, Ali Hajjifar, John Heminger, Rita Klein, Tom Nichols, Dan Sheffer, Laura Spitler, Dick Steiner, Harvey Sterns, Linda Sugarman, Mary Verstraete, Martha Vye, Mel Vye.

In-coming board members attending: Connie Heldenfels, Mary Schadle

Absent with notice: Diane and Tom Vukovich. Absent: Tim Lillie.

Rita asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 26, 2022 Executive Board meeting were corrected as follows: In the Political Action report given by Dan Sheffer, 1) the OCHER meeting in Columbus was virtual and not in-person and 2) Greg Nickell's name was misspelled. The board approved the minutes as corrected.

IV. Treasurer's Report. John Heminger reported:

May 2022

UA Account income: \$0.00
UA Account expenses: \$0.00
Petty Cash income: \$0.00
Petty Cash expenses: \$0.00

	UA Account	Petty Cash	Totals
Initial balance	\$8,310.91	\$277.04	\$8,587.95
Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Final balance	\$8,310.91	\$277.04	\$8,587.95
Final Balance			
May 2021	\$8,438.57	\$79.40	\$8,517.97

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The report was approved subject to audit.

V. Corresponding Secretary. Linda Sugarman said there was no report.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. Programs: Chairs Tom and Diane Vukovich are in Germany. Their report was read by Rita Klein. The dates, speakers, and topics for the Fall luncheon speakers series will be planned and confirmed for inclusion in the newsletter which will be printed in late August. Harvey Sterns has contacted Dr. McKinney, the Dean of Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences for the September 21st luncheon. Rita Klein has contacted Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan and his office has confirmed he will speak at the October 19th luncheon. The November 16th program is TBA at this point. Thanks to Rita and Harvey for their assistance. Suggestions for speakers are always welcome.

B. Membership: Mel Vye reported no new membership numbers are available today. There are 45 new retirees who will receive a copy of the new membership brochure.

C. Political Action. Bob Gandee reported there is no new action to discuss. Dan Sheffer reported he and Gerry Feezel are writing a letter to the Executive Director of STRS requesting more communication and transparency about investment strategies, earnings, bonus amounts for in-house advisors, and the conduct of audits. When the letter is approved by the retiree board, Dan will share it with AUAR members.

D. Benefits. Linda Sugarman said there are no new benefits to report. The emails distributed about parking permits have been helpful.

E. Faculty Senate. Ali Hajjifar and Harvey Sterns. Faculty Senate will resume meetings in September. Harvey commented that Matt Akers of the Provost's Office was very helpful with the email address migration situation.

F. University & Community Service/Website. Dan Sheffer is working on making sure that information currently on the AUAR website is up to date and correct. He adds content as he is able.

G. Scholarship. Rita Klein has requested a list of applicants be sent to her and the members of the Scholarship Committee: Kim Byer, June Burton, Carl Lieberman, Mary Schadle, and Velma Pomrenke. They will be meeting soon and will select a chairperson.

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H. Newsletter.Martha Vye. Martha forwards information when it is received. Tony Fawver is the publisher of the printed newsletter. Martha set the deadline of August 15th for materials to be sent to her. She will obtain the current per copy price for printing and mailing and share it with board members.

VII. Old Business. The thank you lunch for people on campus who assist AUAR board members in fulfilling the mission of the organization is being organized by Rita Klein and is set for July 13th at Spaghetti Warehouse. Please let Rita know if you will be attending as soon as possible.

VIII. New Business. None.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

**Respectfully submitted:
JoAnn Collier, Recording Secretary**

**The first meeting of the 2022-2023 year is scheduled for August 25th at
10:00 am in-person at the Infocision Board Room**

- Photos of the board were taken by Michelle Banis