

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)  
Executive Board Meeting, June 21, 2018  
Alumni Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium**

- I. **Call to order.** The Board meeting was called to order on June 21st by President Neal Raber at 9:36 am.
  
- II. **Others present included Bob Blankenship, JoAnn Collier, Cathy Edwards, Bob Gandee, Ali Hajjafar, Loren Hoch, Rita Klein, Ed Lasher, Carl Lieberman, Laura Moss-Spitler, Pam Rupert, Dan Sheffer, Frank Thomas, and Mel Vye.**
  
- III. **Excused: John Heminger, Linda Sugarman, Diane Vukovich, Tom Vukovich, and Martha Vye.**
  
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the May 24th meeting were approved as mailed.
  
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** Bob Blankenship gave his last Treasurer's Report after serving this organization for 18 years! The May 2018 balance was \$9,116.69 and compared favorably to the May 2017 balance of \$8,475.46.
  
- VI. **Corresponding Secretary: No report.** Neal presented Mel Vye with a thank you gift for Martha as she leaves the Board.
  
- VII. **Committee Reports.**
  - A. **Programs.** There was no official Program/Special Event Committee report. Bob Gandee reported that he was handling the February 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon speaker.
  - B. **Membership.** Frank Thomas reported that the membership letters were out and he was "taking money."
  - C. **Political Action.** No report. Bob Gandee noted that there will be no OCHER meeting until September. He will need help in the fall to cover all the meetings. Bob also offered a side note that the Post Office pension was in serious shape and may be forced into some less than desirable investments. This is something to watch in the future.
  - D. **Benefits.** No report.
  - E. **Faculty Senate.** No report.
  - F. **University & Community Service/Website.** Dan Sheffer reported that he will upload the revised AUAR brochure to the web site.

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**G. Scholarship.** Carl Lieberman reported that the Scholarship Committee has selected two students to receive the AUAR Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year, Lucas Bloom and Cierra Simmons.

Lucas is a senior majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a 3.7 GPA. He is involved with the UA Rocket Design team and had done a great deal of volunteerism.

Cierra Simmons is also a senior majoring in Pre-Physical Therapy with a GPA of 3.695. She has had much leadership experience and is active in many UA organizations. She is minoring in Child Development and Manual Communications.

Frank Thomas moved that AUAR award each of the two students presented by the Scholarship Committee a \$2,500 scholarship for the academic year 2018-2019. The motion passed unanimously.

**H. Newsletter.** Pam Rupert set an August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the submission of information for the fall newsletter.

**VIII. Unfinished Business. None.**

**IX. New Business. Vacancy in the office of Treasurer.** Neal reported that he has been discussing the possibility of appointing John Heminger to fill the position. No agreement had been reached at the time of the meeting.

Recognition of Bob Blankenship for his 18 years of service. Neal presented Bob with a certificate and parting gift for his dedicated service.

**X. Adjournment at 10:07.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Rita Klein, Recording Secretary

**Next Executive Board Meeting:  
August 23, 2018.  
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