

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting June 20, 2019
Alumni Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium**

I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on June 20, 2019 by President Neal Raber at 9:45 am.

II. Others present included Bob Blankenship, Jo Ann Collier, Bob Gandee, John Heminger, Loren Hoch, Rita Klein, Ed Lasher, Carl Lieberman, Laura Moss-Spitler, Tom Nichols, Pam Rupert, Dan Sheffer, Linda Sugarman, Frank Thomas, Diane Vukovich, Tom Vukovich, and Mel Vye.

III. Excused: Cathy Edwards, Ali Hajjafar

IV. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the May 23, 2019 were approved as mailed.

V. Treasurer's Report. John Heminger reported a June 10th balance of \$8,685.26 in our account. Our income last month totaled \$1,203, with most of that coming from the Road Trip proceeds. We had an expense of \$22.30 for postage. There was no activity in the Petty Cash; the balance continues at \$292.04. The account balance for this time last year was \$9,116.69.

VI. Corresponding Secretary: Linda Sugarman reported that no mailings were sent this past month.

VII. Committee Reports.

A. Programs. Tom Vukovich reported that the luncheons for next academic year still have two openings, November and February. He noted that he had a possible candidate for November.

Special Events: Tom and Diane Vukovich presented their final report on Lobster and Suds. AUAR made \$254.40 on the event. This profit, along with the proceeds from the Road Trip this year have helped to make up for the events that did not pay for themselves. The Lobster and Suds for next year is set for May 15, 2020; Zwisler Hall is already reserved.

Tom and Diane Vukovich thanked everyone for all the help putting this large event on. They particularly noted their thanks to Neal Raber for writing the article for the Newsletter, and Loren Hoch for passing along the Rupert's cooking equipment.

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B. Membership. Frank Thomas reported that the announcements are out for dues renewal for the coming year. As of the end of this year, we have 297 paid members. He has dropped 77 people off the membership list. Sixty-six from 2017-2018 had not renewed their dues along with 11 retirees from 2016-2017. He will have updated numbers on the current membership drive at the next meeting.

Total collected for our scholarship fund through our dues renewal process this past year was \$4,304.

C. Political Action. Bob Gandee – No report.

D. Benefits. Linda Sugarman – No report.

E. Faculty Senate. Bob Gandee and Ali Hajjafar – No report.

F. University & Community Service/Website. Dan Sheffer noted that he would add the most recent approved minutes to the AUAR website immediately.

G. Scholarship. Carl Leiberman reported that the Scholarship Committee has identified two recipients for next year's scholarship awards. The first awardee is Ava Jakab, a senior majoring in Biology. She currently has a 3.649 GPA, comes from a large family, and is actively involved in research on campus.

The second awardee is Carl Bates. He is a senior in Mechanical Engineering with a 3.943 GPA. He has established his own small business and has served as a Peer Mentor on campus.

Ed Lasher moved that AUAR accept these nominations for the scholarship awards (\$2,500 each student) as presented by the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

A short discussion followed concerning on how to be sure we are varying colleges for these awards. No procedure was decided upon.

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H. Newsletter. Pam Rupert set August 1st as the deadline for submitting information for the fall newsletter.

VIII. Unfinished Business. None.

IX. New Business. Changing of the Guard. Neal Raber passed the AUAR “gavel” on to incoming president, Dan Sheffer. AUAR presented Neal Raber with a framed certificate and a gift card for his two years of service as President. Neal Raber presented Dan Sheffer with a large tote bag full of things he now needs to keep track of. A picture of the board was taken.

X. Adjournment at 10:24 am.

**Respectfully submitted:
Rita Klein, Recording Secretary**

**Next Executive Board Meeting:
August 22, 2019.
Alumni Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium**