

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)  
Executive Board Meeting, January 26, 2017  
Alumni Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium**

**I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on January 26<sup>th</sup> by President Diane Vukovich at 10:03am.**

**A. Others present included Bob Blankenship, Cathy Edwards, Bob Gandee, John Heminger, Loren Hoch, Rita Klein, Ed Lasher, Carl Lieberman, Velma Pomrenke, Neal Raber, Pam Rupert, Linda Sugarman, Martha Vye, and Tom Vukovich.**

**B. Excused: Ali Hajjafar, Laura Moss-Spitler, Dan Sheffer, Stu Terrass, Frank Thomas**

**II. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting were approved as corrected.**

**III. Treasure's Report. Bob Blankenship reported a November 2016 balance of \$7,761.03 compared to last year's November balance of \$6,318.12. The December balance stands at \$6,569.85 compared to December 2015 balance of \$7,754.72. Bob noted that the December luncheon deposit had not yet been made which will account for some of the difference. The luncheon charges amounted to \$890.97 however, we collected \$1000 (which includes the 50/50 raffle). Bob also reported that we were charged \$142.56 by Printing Services for the handling of the latest newsletter.**

**IV. Corresponding Secretary: Martha Vye reported that no correspondence was sent last month. Members of the Board shared several names of retirees who should receive condolences this month. Martha will handle.**

**V. Committee Reports.**

**A. Programs. Tom Vukovich reported that the December meeting had one of the largest attendances ever. The open discussion with President Wilson appears to offer the prospects of a better relationship with the administration.**

**Tom reminded everyone that there would be no January luncheon. The next meeting will feature Claire Purdy (Controllers Office retiree) and her trip to Antarctica. Fliers are out with information on this luncheon.**

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**Special Events:** The Retirees Road Trip will take place on April 21<sup>st</sup> this year and will feature a tour of Wayne County. We will meet as usual at the J.C. Penney parking lot in Montrose. The trip will include a breakfast stop, shopping, a museum, lunch, Everything Rubbermaid, and a winery. The cost is \$65 per person due by the April 12<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Diane reported that the Brunch and Theater Event is almost sold out. She has 38 reservations for brunch and 50 reservations for the play.

**B. Membership.** Diane reporting for Frank Thomas noted that we currently have 334 active members which includes our 22 new members.

**C. Political Action.** No report.

**D. Benefits.** Linda Sugarman reported that UA has hired Chard Snyder to handle billing for Retiree Dependent insurance. Retiree Dependents have received a steady stream of mailings (mailings correcting mailings) in the last week. We can only hope that the cost of these mailings in not being passed on to the Retiree Dependents.

There are 3 ways to pay now: by check, by authorizing Char Snyder to withdraw monthly premiums amounts from the Retiree Dependent's bank account (which Linda did not do because of her unfamiliarity with Char Snyder) or monthly payment through the Retiree Dependent's bank.

If paying by mail, there needs to be 5 days allowed for your check to be received. Chard Snyder does not have the capacity to receive online payments so make sure that your bank will send a check at no charge and that you allow the 5 day time period.

**E. Faculty Senate.** No report. The Faculty Senate did not meet in January.

**F. University & Community Service/Website.** Diane reported that Dan Sheffer has everything up-to-date on the website.

**G. Scholarship.** Carl Lieberman reported that the new student selected for the AUAR scholarship, Kimberly Robe, has sent confirmation of her acceptance of the support. Carl has invited her to attend one of our luncheons but has not heard back from her yet.

A discussion followed concerning the management of our endowment account (and other endowments supported by Board members) through the University Foundation. It appears that \$3,509 had been added to the AUAR endowment between July 1, 2016 and January 13, 2017. Between

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November 2015 and November 2016 there was 5.4% return on investments but it appears that a total of 2.8% went to fees. It was decided to have Diane invite either Nathan Mortimer or Kim Cole to attend our April meeting to discuss. Diane asked that members e-mail her with possible questions for this discussion.

H. Newsletter. Pam Rupert reported that she was pleased with the most recent newsletter. It was a little tight at the end but all came together well. She is now collecting for the next newsletter and would like suggestions for the interview feature.

VI. Unfinished Business. Cathy Edwards, Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that the positions have been filled. Dan Sheffer has accepted the nomination of President Elect and At Large Member nominations for the Executive Board include Loren Hoch, Ed Lasher, and Laura Moss-Spitler.

Diane noted that someone will need to be appointed to finish out the last year of Dan's current office. She also has received a resignation for Stu Terrass who was serving as a Member-at-Large as well as assistant to the Treasurer.

VII. New Business. The HR contact for the Retirees organization has changed. Katie Selzer has taken a new position with the College of Business. Our new person is Janet Mealy, Assistant Director, Human Resources and Information Services. Her e-mail is [jmealy@uakron.edu](mailto:jmealy@uakron.edu) and her phone number is 330-972-2590.

VIII. Adjournment at 10:54.

Respectfully submitted:  
Rita Klein, Recording Secretary

**Next Executive Board Meeting:  
February 23, 2017.  
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