

The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)

Executive Board Meeting

Oct. 23, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** The board meeting was called to order on October 23, 2025 at 10 a.m. by the President Richard Steiner.

II Welcome and announcements

Members attending were Martha Vye, Mel Vye, Tom Nichols, Dan Sheffer, Richard Milford, George Haritos, Ali Hajiafar, Doug Hausknecht, Dick Steiner, Bob Huff, Tom Vukovich, Diane Vukovich, Rita Klein , Harvey Sterns, and Linda Sugarman

President Richard Steiner announced that our last luncheon was a success with 35 attending and a presentation by the provost

III Approval of minutes.

The minutes from September 25, 2025 were presented and approved.

IV Treasurer's report Dan Sheffer presented the treasurer's report

UA Account Income:	Membership dues	\$ 870.
	Luncheon Proceeds	529.
	50/50 Raffle	<u>47.</u>
	Total Income	\$1446.00
UA Account expenses	Aramark	680.75
	PACS (Newsletter)	692.31
	Postage (1 st class)	<u>219.72</u>
	Total Expenses	\$1592.78

Petty Cash Expense D.B. Sheffer (Gift Card for J. Newhall) \$50.

	<u>UA Account</u>	<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Initial Balance	\$13000.00	\$294.68	\$13295.24
Income	\$1446.00	\$0.00	\$1446.00
Expenses	\$1592.78	\$50.00	\$1642.78
Final Balance	<u>\$12853.78</u>	<u>\$244.68</u>	<u>\$13098.46</u>
Final Balance			
Sept 2024	<u>\$13217.36</u>	<u>\$316.68</u>	<u>\$13534.04</u>

2025 vs. 2024 -435.58

0an mentioned that there are now 175 people on the list to receive the newsletter.

At 200 we get a postal break. It was calculated that it would be more expensive to print and send 200 than the 175 we sent out.

Martha Vye moved to accept the Treasure's report, Rita Klein seconded the motion, and the board all voted to accept.

IV Corresponding Secretary – No report

V Committee Reports

A. Program

Soup and Chilli will be November 6, 2025 at 5:30

The entertainment for the December Holiday lunch will be Bud Coutts who is a singer. His fee is \$100

Mary Verstraete will be the speaker at the November 19, 2025 luncheon.

We still need speakers for the Spring luncheons.

Tom and Diane Vukovich are resigning from organizing the lunches as of June 2026.

They have done so for 25 years. They will continue to do the Soup and Chilli Super and the Lobster and Suds dinner

B. Membership

Mel Vye gave the membership report

We have a new coordinator from Development who is very good.

There are 160 paid members of whom 59 are life members

We had 14 members who did not renew and this is less non renewals than in previous years.

C. Political Action

Next meeting of Ocher will be November 18, 2025

There will be a special meeting of stakeholder groups of STRS on November 20, 2025 of which OCHER is a stakeholder. The new director of STRS will speak.

D. Benefits—no report

E Faculty Senate- Doug Hausknect—Summarized the Senate report which had been circulated

F. University and Community Service Website is up to date. Recent approved minutes now on website

Scholarship-Rita Klein sent emails to scholarship winners inviting them to a

Luncheon. No response yet. Rita will send out one more email inviting them to the November or December luncheon

G. Newsletter - Martha Vye has begin to send information about the newsletter to Tony. The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is December 15, 2025 Martha has contacted the person who will be the conversation piece for the next newsletter.

VI Old Business

A. Ad-Hoc Reference Committee on the AUAR Constitution

The committee Held their third zoom meeting. Will probably only need one more meeting. Then the changes will have to be voted on by the executive committee and at two General meetings

- B. A thank you was received from the Campus Cupboard for our contributions.
- C. We have invited the 9 remaining campus helpers to a luncheon and will invite them again to our November or December luncheons
- D. Harvey Sterns said he would co-chair the Luncheons, if another member will Co-chair with him

New Business

- A. The Ad-Hoc Reference committee on the constitution has realized that there needs to be a procedural manual. Once the revisions of the constitution are done, AUAR can work on the Procedural manual.
- B. A discussion was held on inviting Pat Roberts (VP for advancement) and Willy Kollman (VP of University Engagement and Executive director, Alumni Association) to a AUAR board meeting.
Among the issues discussed were parking permits expiring June of 2027 for retired members, relationship of AUAR with the University , what retirees contributed and continue to contribute to the University. Richard Steiner, the president of the AUAR board will send out an email to members to see how often they use their parking. We need to put together a list of what we want to talk to Willy K and Pat Roberts and perhaps meet with them in January.
- C. We can have our luncheons at Quaker Square until June 2026, perhaps until December 2026.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Milford and seconded by Rita Klein.

Motion to adjourn was approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20.

Next meeting will be December 4, 2025