

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)**  
**General Membership Meeting April 20, 2022 Minutes**  
**Quaker Square**

- I. **Call to order.** The semi-annual General Membership meeting was called to order on April 20, 2022 at 1:05 pm by President Rita Klein.
- II. **Attendance.** In addition to invited luncheon guests 34 AUAR members were present.
- III. **Minutes.** A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the April 2021 minutes. Motion passed without dissent.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report.** John Heminger reported there is a total of \$8,634 dollars in the AUAR Treasury.
- V. **Committee Reports.**

**A. Membership:** Rita reported on behalf of Mel Vye that there are no new membership numbers to report. The revised database has been completed so it will be much easier to track membership status including dues payment. The renewal of membership forms will be mailed soon and will contain information about payment options.

**B. Scholarship.** Rita Kline reported there is \$1895 of carryover funds. We should be able to fund three scholarships in the coming year.

**C. Programs.** Diane Vukovich presented a recap of the programs of the Spring 2022 semester.

Jan no luncheon scheduled

Feb 16 Tania Nemer, Melanie Hart, and Avery the therapy dog from the Summit County Prosecutors Office: Tania, the Community Outreach Prosecutor explained the topic: Senior Scams and How to Avoid Them. Melanie explained how the golden lab Avery is used to provide a "calming presence" for anxious and traumatized victims during meetings and trials.

Mar 16 Dave Lieberth gave an interesting presentation about Akron Beacon Journal Publisher John S. Knight and his wife Katherine. He titled it "A Romance on Perkins Hill: the Gatsby Era in Akron".

Apr 20 Today ends the Spring Semester Luncheon Series. Thank you to Dr. Newsome for sharing Observations of STRS

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Fall 2021 saw the return of the Soup and Chili Supper on Friday, Nov 5 at Goodyear Metro Park. Forty members and guests attended.

Tom Vukovich spoke about Spring 2022 Special Events:

Apr 22 Road Trip: The itinerary includes Canton city history, public art visits to the McKinley Monument, the National First Ladies Library, the Saxton House, McKinley's historic church, an art gallery, and the Canton Palace Theatre. Lunch will served at the renowned Bender's Tavern. 24 have registered for this activity.

May 20: 20<sup>th</sup> Lobster & Suds Party. The event will be held at Zwisler Hall, St. Sebastian Church on Mull Ave, from 5:30-8:00 pm. Lobster prices have increased but we have been able to keep it at a reasonable price.

Recommendations for future speakers and programs are always welcome.

**D. Nominating Committee.** Tom Nichols presented the ballot. No additional nominations have been forwarded from the membership following the distribution of the proposed slate of nominees. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

The Association of The University of Akron Retirees Nomination Committee recommends the following slate of candidates to serve as officers or representatives of the Association beginning July 1, 2022, for the term lengths indicated:

Vice President:	Cathy Edwards	2 Years
Treasurer:	John Heminger	2 Years
Recording Secretary:	Mary C. Verstraete	2 Years
Corresponding Secretary:	Linda Sugarman	2 Years
Public Relations Officer:	Martha Vye	2 Years

Members-at-Large of the Executive Board:

Dick Steiner	2 Years
Mary Schadle	2 Years
Connie Heldenfels	2 Years

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Faculty Senate Representatives:

Harvey Sterns 2 Years

Ali Hajjafar 2 Years

A hand vote for Faculty Senate representatives was obtained to comply with the rules of Faculty Senate. There were 24 eligible voting members present who voted by hand. 24 votes were cast in favor of the candidates.

**VI. Questions/Announcements.**

On April 8, 2022 a \$250 book scholarship was awarded to a student attending the Black, Brown and Beyond Male Summit.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held April 28, 2022 in the Infocision boardroom at the University.

**VII. Adjournment** Tom Vukovich moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.

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