

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
General Meeting October 7, 2020
Held via Zoom**

I. Call to order. The General meeting was called to order on October 7, 2020 at 12:52 pm by President Dan Sheffer.

II. Treasurer's report. John Heminger reported the following:

August 2020	AUAR Account	Petty Cash	Total Funds
Balance	\$10,626.78	\$79.40	\$10,706.18
August 2019 Final Balance	\$10,295.82	\$232.04	\$10,527.86

III. Committee Reports.

A. Programs: Tom & Diane Vukovich reported most events were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic including road trips, lobster & suds, and the soup and chili supper. Funds which had been paid toward room rental at Goodyear Metro Parks for the soup and chili supper Fall 2020 have been moved to November 2021. The event held in 2019 was attended by 43 guests.

B. Membership: Mel Vye reported the following membership numbers for the active membership category, defined as annual dues paid. Free membership is extended to new retirees for the first year after retirement. Inactive status indicates nonpayment of annual dues. The length of time for inactive status has been two years before being dropped from the list.

	New	Active	Inactive	Total
Current FY 2020 - 2021	67	201	0	268
Previous FY 2019 -2020	36	445	22	503

C. Benefits:

Linda Sugarman reported

For Retiree Dependents whose University health insurance is terminating on December 31, 2020, this is a reminder to get new insurance for January 1, 2021.

Those with Medicare coverage can get a supplement for original Medicare or a Medicare advantage plan. The open enrollment for Medicare is October 15 to December 7 in order to get insurance starting on January 1, 2021.

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The Medicare website listing different plans for Ohioans for 2021 is up and running.

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act is November 1 to December 15.

We do not know the status of those retiree dependents who were considered bargaining unit members, but if their retiree dependent insurance is terminated, they have 60 days to get new insurance.

D. Scholarship. Dan Sheffer reported for Carl Lieberman. As of June 30, 2020 the assets in the AUAR Scholarship fund totaled \$118,359.51. Scholarships were awarded to three students for the 2020-2021 year: Christina Berube \$2500 in Fall/Spring; Mikayla Brown \$1250 in Fall; and Emily Taylor \$1250 Fall. Carl has asked to be relieved of chair responsibilities but will happily continue to serve on the committee. Anyone interested in chairing the committee please contact Dan Sheffer

IV. Old Business. Chairman Dan Sheffer asked for names of anyone who might be interested in volunteering for the at-large position on the board.

V. New Business. There was no new business

A question was raised by AUAR member Cynthia Capers about the confusion related to retiree dependents health insurance and the recent reduction in force mandated by the Board of Trustees. Where is the most up to date information located? AUAR information that is posted on the university website reflects information currently available to us. It was suggested that other possible resources she might consult are the AAUP website under News and the Sunday October 4 issue of the Akron Beacon Journal.

VI. Adjournment Tom Vukovich moved the meeting be adjourned at 1:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Collier, Recording Secretary