

MINUTES
UGRA AGM June 13, 2024
10 am to noon
In person and online

These minutes largely are a record of motions made and passed. They accompany the meeting slides available at www.UGRA.ca

The AGM was preceded by a presentation from Ryan Fraser: *Driven by purpose: Leaving a transformational legacy*. As well, Julie Hutchins, the UGRA United Way representative, spoke briefly and introduced a spokesperson for one of the United Way beneficiaries, Hope House. Jaya James, Director of Hope House, spoke about the objectives and kind of work Hope House engages in.

1. Approval of the 2024 UGRA AGM Agenda

Moved by Peter Krell, seconded by Grant Maxie; approved.
See slide 8.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the June 15, 2023 UGRA AGM

Moved by Clarence Swanton, seconded by Roz Stevenson; approved.
See slide 9.

3. Business arising is covered in the following reports from the Executive Committee

4.1 UGRA President's Report 2023-2024 (Alan Filewod)

See meeting slides 11-13.

4.2 Treasurer's Report (Larry Shuh)

See meeting slides 14 – 26. Larry's presentation generated several motions:

Approval of the Treasurer's report for 2023-2024 Budget as presented

Moved by Larry Shuh, seconded by Cathy Ralston; approved.

Motion to appoint John Mah as reviewer of the financial records for the 2024 fiscal year

Moved by Larry Shuh, seconded by Vikki Tremblay; approved.

Motion to approve an increase to the voluntary UGRA membership contribution from \$25 to \$30

Moved by Larry Shuh, seconded by Jane Alexander; approved.

4.3i UGRA Adventures (Vikki Tremblay)

See slide 27

4.3ii Newsletter Report (Cathy Ralston)

See slide 28

4.4 Membership/Communications (Jane Alexander, Teresa Crease)

See Slide 29.

4.5 UGRA Scholarship Drive (Peter Krell)

See slides 30-31.

4.6 Proposed changes to the UGRA Constitution (Clarence Swanton)

See Slides 32-37.

The previous update was 2013. Proposed constitution changes were circulated online to the membership prior to the AGM.

Proposed changes were identified and put to a motion for approval:

Article II: Purpose

EDI statement added: We value inclusiveness, fairness and collegiality.

Moved by Clarence Swanton, seconded by Joe Tindale; approved.

Article III: Regular membership

Add: Surviving partners/spouses of deceased members become regular members of the Association and have voting rights.

Moved by Clarence Swanton, seconded by Pat Shewen; approved.

Article V: Executive Committee

Add: New section entitled, Conflict of Interest, disclosure, recusal and transparency

Moved by Clarence Swanton, seconded by Vikki Tremblay; approved.

Article VII: Finances

Add: The business of the Association shall be carried on without pecuniary benefit to any elected Board member and any profits or other accretions to the Association shall be used to promote the Purpose of the Association, as stated above. The financial statements of the Association shall be externally reviewed annually.

Moved by Clarence Swanton, seconded by Jane Alexander; approved.

Add an article regarding dissolution and wind up of the organization

Dissolution requires approval by a 2/3 majority of the attending members at an AGM.

Any funds remaining after wind-up shall go to the UGRA Student Scholarship Fund.

Moved by Clarence Swanton, seconded by Cathy Ralston; approved.

5 UGRA Elections for 2024/2025 (Pat Shewen)

Slides 38-46.

2023-2024 retiring board members are:

Gerrit Bos, Pat Shewen and Joe Tindale

Continuing board members are:

Second year of their first 2-year term

Jane Alexander

Teresa Crease

Second year of their second 2-year term

Alan Filewod

Grant Maxie

Larry Shuh

Second year of their third 2-year term

Janet MacInnes

Cathy Ralston

Candidates standing for their second 2-year term

Clarence Swanton

Candidates standing for their third 2-year term

Peter Krell

Candidates running for their first 2-year term

Rich Moccia

Irene Thompson

Al Sullivan

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to close nominations.
Moved by Pat Shewen, seconded by Jan MacInnes, approved.

Because there were no nominations from the floor for first 2-year terms the three candidates were acclaimed.

Following the acclamation of new directors, the proposed slate of directors for 2024-2025:

Jane Alexander
Teresa Crease
Alan Filewod (Past-President)
Peter Krell
Jan MacInnes
Grant Maxie
Rich Moccia
Cathy Ralston
Larry Shuh (Treasurer)
Al Sullivan
Clarence Swanton (President)
Irene Thompson

Motion to approve the above slate of directors for 2024-2025
Moved by Pat Shewen, seconded by Frances Sharom; approved.

Officers for 2024-2025
President: Clarence Swanton

Vice President: TBD

Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Larry Shuh

Past-President: Alan Filewod

Any other business, questions or comments?

Slide 47

Transfer of Presidency & incoming President's remarks

Clarence began by thanking Alan for his leadership. He then listed the priorities that he expects will guide him:

- Collegiality
- Encouraging a culture where all retirees feel welcome and want to participate
- Noting only five percent of members are financial contributors, an active campaign mode will be in place.
- Aging well, focused on health and fitness will be a priority

Meeting adjourned (on schedule at noon!): Be well, be safe, be kind!