1. CALL TO ORDER
UGRA president Janet Kaufman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOVED Robin Davidson-Arnott SECONDED Jamie Snell
To approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MOVED Robin Davidson-Arnott SECONDED Doug Badger
To approve the minutes of the June 2014 annual general meeting as presented. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2014 AGM

5. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS
Janet Kaufman briefly outlined a few highlights of her past year as president and thanked retirees for their continued support and for their contributions towards endowment of the UGRA Scholarship Fund which has now reached nearly $15,000. She also thanked members of the Executive for their work during the past year, particularly those who are now leaving the executive.

6. REPORTS a. Treasurer’s Report and Nomination of the Auditor
i. Cathy Ralston reported total revenues of $9,158 and expenditures of $9,594 for 2014/15, which resulted in a deficit of $436. This can be attributed primarily to a decrease in the number of members making a voluntary contribution. There are a number of initiatives planned for the coming year to address this issue

MOVED Cathy Ralston SECONDED Kent Percival
To approve the treasurer’s report as presented. CARRIED

ii. Cathy presented a motion brought forward by the Executive to recommend an increase in the suggested contribution by members from $20.00 to $25.00. It was noted that there had been no change in the suggested contribution for more than ten years. It was also noted that this is a voluntary contribution.

MOVED Cathy Ralston SECONDED Robin Davidson-Arnott
To approve an increase in suggested membership contribution to $25.00 CARRIED iii. Cathy presented the proposed budget for 2015-2016 which projects revenues of $8,750 and expenditures of $10,325 giving a deficit of $1,575. It was noted that projected revenues did not take into account the proposed increase in suggested member contributions and the steps being undertaken to increase the numbers of members actually contributing, such as online payment using PayPal.

iii. MOVED Cathy Ralston SECONDED Doug Badger To approve the budget for 2015-2016 as presented CARRIED iv. MOVED Cathy Ralston SECONDED John Van Esch To approve the appointment of Ken Steffler of SLK Accounting Service as UGRA auditor for 2015/16. CARRIED

7. Nominations

Motion: To elect Robin Davidson-Arnott to another term

MOVED David Swayne SECONDED Gary Frankie

Motion: To elect the slate of new executive members as presented

MOVED David Swayne SECONDED Gary Frankie CARRIED

Thom Herrmann, Peter Kevan, Frances Sharom, Judy O’Donnell, Jamie Snell and Janis RandallSimpson were elected.

8. Motion: To elect the slate of officers as presented

MOVED David Swayne SECONDED Gary Frankie CARRIED

President: Robin Davidson-Arnott
Vice-President: Kent Percival
Past President: Janet Kaufman
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Cathy Ralston

9. Motion: To express appreciation and thanks to Dave Swayne, Susan Evers, Dana Paramskas, Gauri Mittal, and Clive Southey for their service to the UGRA Executive and the UGRA.

MOVED Janet Kaufman SECONDED Robin Davidson-Arnott CARRIED

10. Motion: To receive the committee reports for information.

MOVED Robin Davidson-Arnott SECONDED Cathy Ralston CARRIED
11. 2015-16 President’s Remarks

Robin Davidson-Arnott thanked Janet Kaufman for her two year stint as President and looked forward to working with her as Past President, with Kent Percival as Vice-President and with the new and returning members of the executive, including Jamie Snell who is taking over as Editor of the Newsletter.

12. Motion to adjourn

MOVED Susan Evers SECONDED Cathy Ralston CARRIED

The business meeting adjourned at 10:45. It was followed at 11:00 by a panel discussion with representatives from the United Steelworkers and the UGFA.

Note: These are draft minutes pending their approval at the next AGM in June 2016.