

UGRA Annual General Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, June 19, 2025, 10 a.m. to noon
Arboretum Centre – U of G Campus
Simultaneously by Zoom (will open at 9:30 a.m.)

Land Acknowledgement – Irene Thompson

10:00: **Keynote Address:** Chris Early, “The Importance of Preserving Biodiversity
Introduced by Clarence Swanton

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda
Moved by Rich Moccia
Seconded by Grant Maxie
Carried
2. Minutes from June 15, 2024 AGM
Motion to approve
Moved by Irene Thompson
Seconded by Ros Stevenson
There were no additions or corrections.
Carried
3. Business Arising from the Minutes of 2024 AGM
None
4. Reports
 - 4.1 President’s Report – Clarence Swanton
 - 4.2 Treasurer’s Report - Larry Shuh (attended via ZOOM)
The financial statements are available on the UGRA website and in the June Newsletter.
There was a deficit of \$862. for 2024 which is a liability for the organization. There has also been a 40% drop in contributions compared to 2022. Ad revenues are approaching 50% of the annual revenue of the Association. John Mah was thanked for reviewing the Associations financial records. He found everything in good order.

Motion to accept the 2024 Financial Statement.
Moved by Jane Alexander and seconded by Peter Krell.
Carried.

Motion to approve John Mah as Financial Reviewer for 2025.
Moved by Grant Maxie and seconded by Rich Moccia.
Carried.

Larry outlined the 2025 budget and provided details of projected revenue and expenses. There is expected to be an increase in fees associated with maintaining the website.

Motion to approve the 2025 Budget.

Moved by Valarie Allen and seconded by Marian Marrovchuk

Carried

4.3 Newsletter- Cathy Ralston

Cathy assembles the newsletter as a Word file then it is formatted by Marie. Although Cathy is retiring from the Executive she will stay on to help with the newsletter in the future.

4.4 Membership- Jane Alexander

Currently there are 2484 retirees and 250 survivors in our data base. We have email addresses for 1639 of those. There were 85 contributing members in 2025. (This impacts the budget as Larry Shuh discussed).

4.5 Scholarship Endowment – Jana Miller, Alumni Affairs and Development

Since 2004, \$120,000 has been collected and 16 students have received scholarships. In 2025, \$4000 has been added to the Endowment. The winner for 2025 will be announced in the fall.

Peter Krell indicated that the current balance in the scholarship account is \$112,683 (current as of April 30, 2025.) The scholarship is now self-funded through interest income.

4.6 Constitutional Report – Janet MacInnes

Janet gave a report on the latest issues with CURAC (Canadian University Retirees Associations of Canada).

4.7 United Way Campaign 2024 – Julie Hutchins, UGRA Representative for the United Way. UGRA raised \$109,915 which is \$25% of the U of G contribution. This is the most raised by any retirees association in Canada!

5. Election of Directors -Clarence Swanton

Clarence outlined the durations of terms for Directors. The outgoing Directors are Jane Alexander, Janet MacInnes and Cathy Ralston. They were thanked for their services and presented with a card and small gift.

Clarence listed the Executive members who will be continuing in their roles.

The New Director Nominees are Owen Roberts and Manny Sheehy. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion to accept the two nominees.

Moved by Irene Thompson

Seconded by Cathy Ralston

Carried

Clarence Swanton will remain as President for 2025/26.

6. Questions and Comments from Members

No major issues were raised.

7. President's Remarks

Clarence stressed the importance of paying dues and the need for renewal of executive members.

8. Other Business

No other business.

9. Adjournment at 12:03 pm.