

UVRA 2021 AGM - OFFICE REPORT

The UVRA office will be moving to Room #125, still in R-Hut, on June 17, 2021. We are most grateful to Leah Potter for handling all the work associated with this kind of move.

In the Fall of 2020, Harry Kwok and Herbert Weil approached UVRA with the suggestion of having a place for members to meet to discuss topics of general interest – on Zoom now, in person later. It would also be a place where members with specific interest could find like-minded individuals to form sub-groups, if desired.

UVRA's Members Forum held its first meeting in January 2021, and it has been meeting monthly, on Zoom, the last Friday afternoon of each month, with great success. Members discussed *Health Care; Time in the Time of the Pandemic; Remembering & Forgetting (with two invited guests); and Memory Part 2: Matters we Missed or Barely Touched*. The May topic was "Covid-19: Vaccines and How They Work" with David Docherty as the presenter. In June Michael Best will join the Forum audience to speak about the "Climate Finance Project" – including climate change into one's decision-making for investments. UVRA members are warmly invited to attend these free meetings and to submit topics for issues they would like discussed. Guests are welcomed but asked to keep their mikes muted.

Sanjit Roy, UVRA's part time help, has taken over the responsibility for, and all the office work associated with, its educational events, which are open to the public and offered under the name "Elder Academy". He is also responsible for maintaining the UVRA website, and for handling the yearly payment of dues for our annual members.

The office has been busy this year, notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. We have been working online since March 2020 but were able to resume in-office Friday visits in the Fall of 2020.

A heartfelt thank you to every person who donates his/her time and expertise in ensuring that the office of UVRA and Elder Academy functions seamlessly.

Respectfully submitted,

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