

UVRA AGM 2022

OFFICE REPORT

The UVRA office will be closed during July and August, but phone calls, mail, and emails will be retrieved and handled weekly.

In January 2022, Sanjit Roy, UVRA's part-time employee and a UVic's PhD student, took over most of the work done by the UVRA office. By all accounts his work is exemplary and UVRA is most grateful to have him "on board".

As mentioned in a previous AGM Report, Harry Kwok and Herbert Weil had approached UVRA in the Fall of 2020 to suggest making a place for members to meet to discuss topics of general interest and to, possibly, form new friendships. In the latter part of 2021, Margaret Klatt and Rebecca Warburton lent their help in recruiting speakers.

Throughout 2021 and until May 2022, UVRA's monthly Forum for members and their guests, offered us numerous interesting and timely topics with speakers taken from our membership and from UVic's Speakers Bureau. A special thank you goes to Dr. Rennie Warburton for his thoughtful and timely talk on Racism.

Thanks to Jane Birkbeck's willingness to wear two hats – event facilitator and reporter - members can find out what was discussed each month by looking at her excellent post-talk reports published in *Grey Matters!*

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