Summary of the UMRA Executive Meeting
September 26, 2019

- Ken Mount has resigned from the UMRA Executive, and from the Benefits and Pensions Committee.
- UMRA may not have enough resources to host the annual CURAC meeting. Daniel Sitar will write to CURAC to say that we are not in a position to do so, but that we would support any Manitoba Organization willing to take it on. We could also raise the possibility of hosting the event in another year.
- Work on our AGM is well underway. Notice of the meeting has awaited the Executive’s decision about amendments to our Constitution. Jay Goldstein and Janet Sealey prepared a report outlining the history and the issues as they affect our members’ eligibility for benefits with CURAC. Amendments will be presented for consideration at the AGM in October. If passed, the amended Constitution will be posted to the UMRA website, and members will be informed electronically of changes by the President.
- We are faced with a challenge to find new members and to maintain membership in the committees. Ed Unrau is reviewing the list of current UMRA members, and is exploring the possibilities of extending executive appointments as well as adding new nominees.
- Our bursary capital is $23,118.74, our spending allocation $821.87 and our scholarship capital $8,332.05. UMRA should in the future consider adding some of its annual surplus to the funds.
- The summer event, a visit to the 1919 Strike exhibit at the Manitoba Museum, was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.
- Janet Sealey raised the possibility of a speakers’ series as an additional service to our members.