- 1 🗀
- <sup>2</sup> Friday's Meeting
  - ≥ 13 Members from 13 Associations present
  - - ∠ Old: Nebraska & Iowa west of Hwy 71
    - ∠ New: Nebraska & Iowa
  - No New Associations
    ✓
    - Z Alabama, New England, Upstate New York, Brazil, and Australia
  - ∠ One Bylaw Change MEM-01

#### <sup>3</sup> New Member Associations

- ≈ 6 years from 2002 2007
- ∠ Seated 10 New Associations
  - Sooner State, High Sierra, Red River, Smoky Mountain, Gateway, Florida, Liberty, Central Canada, Louisiana, and Sacramento
- ∠ Lost 2 Associations
  - ≥ PONY and Utah

### <sup>4</sup> ■ Membership 101

- ∠ Association Acronym
- ∠ Association Name

## 5 🗆 Acronym

- ▼ Term from Bell Laboratories in 1943
- Abbreviation from Letters
- $\mathbb{Z}$  Examples
  - ∠ AAA
  - ∠ IBM
  - ∠ OPEC
  - ∠ SCUBA
  - ∠ IGRA

#### 6 ☐ Association Name

- "IGRA is an association of Associations"
- ∠ All use 4–5 Words
- ∠ All use "Association"
- ≥ 5 do not use "Gay"

### <sup>7</sup> ☐ Incorporation Name

- ∠ Examples
  - Z Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, Inc.
  - ∠ New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association

  - ∠ IL.G.R.A., Inc.
  - ≤ S.M.R.A. Inc.
  - ∠ LGRA, Inc.
  - ∠ FGRA, Inc.

## 8□ Secretary of State

- ∠ Certification of Good Standing
- ✓ Not–for–Profit Documentation
- ∠ Google search for "Your State" SOS
- ∠ http://www.sos.state.co.us/
- **Business Entity search**

#### <sup>9</sup> □ Secretary of State

# 10 ☐ Geographical Area

- - ∠ High Sierra 1

  - ∠ Gateway 5
  - $\angle$  Red River 7
  - ∠ Liberty 12
  - ≤ Sooner State 25
  - ∠ Oklahoma 45

# 11 Geographical Area

- Multi-State / Province
  - ∠ Heartland 2
  - $\angle$  North Star -2

  - ∠ Pacific Northwest 3
  - ∠ Alberta 4
  - ∠ Atlantic States
    - ∠ 4 states, district, city, and an island

# 12 Membership 101

- Elections for 2009

  ■
- ⊭ First Meeting in January
- ∠ Discuss