



***International Gay Rodeo Association  
Annual Convention Minutes  
November 18-19, 2023  
Reno, Nevada***

**NOTE: No minutes were submitted by the 2023 Secretary. The following were compiled by 2024 Secretary Gene Fraikes from available information.**

- CALL TO ORDER:** President Brian Helander called the 2023 Annual Convention to order at 08:41 am PST.
- CONVENTION RULES:** Benjamin Avant advised the convention of the convention rules.
- CONVENTION WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jeffrey Neal gave welcome and announcements.
- ROLL CALL & SEATING OF DELEGATES:** Secretary Michael Norman conducted the roll call of delegates and alternates. President Helander recessed the convention at 0901am for a break and Reconvened at 0907am Final delegate count was determined to be 75 delegates and 19 alternates. That makes a majority vote require 38 votes and 2/3 vote is 50.
- Credentials Report:** Michael Norman advised all current associations renewed with 3 associations late completing the process. Illinois Gay Rodeo Association completed their application and the membership committee recommends they be seated at this convention. This recommendation comes as a motion and was seconded by Chris Tobin(NSGRA). Motion passed and ILGRA was seated as a new member association. There were no Delegates present for ILGRA so the delegate counts remained unchanged.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the 2022 Annual Convention in Denton, Texas were approved. Copy attached. Motion to approve the minutes with identified corrections was made by (unknown) and second by Paul Boyd(GPRA) After limited discussion the motion was tabled by the chair and will return to this at a later time.
- Executive Board Reports:** President's verbal report given by Brian Helander no documentation or context available.  
Vice President's verbal report given by Michael Butts no documentation or context available.  
Secretary's verbal report given by Michael Norman no documentation or context available.  
Treasurer's report given by David Hill
- Administrative Reports:** Corporate Auditor's report given by David Hill. Written report attached.  
Executive Director's report given by Tommy Channel. Tommy does need association plan for rodeo's and rodeo schools to use for getting insurance quotes. Tommy advised that we are working on an IGRA non inventory store.



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**Committee Reports:**

Convention report presented by Jeffrey Neal, written report attached

Archives report presented by Roger Bergmann, written report attached

Association Presidents report presented by Tim Smith, written report attached

Membership report presented by Michael Norman, written report attached

- Report included one proposal for consideration
  1. BSR-02 Passed on convention floor

Community Outreach report presented by Michael Butts, written report attached

- Report included 3 proposals for consideration
  1. COFR-02 Passed on convention floor
  2. COFR-05 Passed on convention floor
  3. COFR-06 Passed on convention floor

Budget report presented by David Hill, written report attached

Animal Advocacy report presented by Stefanie Garber, written report attached

Health & Safety report presented by Mark Christensen, written report attached

Public Relations report presented by Mary Honeycutt, written report attached

Contestant Liaison report presented by David Lawson, written report attached

Social Media report presented by Anthony Lumpkin-Hood, written report attached

Information Technology report presented by David Hill, no written report submitted. Audio not available to record content.

The convention was recessed at 5:00pm to reconvene at 9:00am Sunday November 19, 2024

The convention was called back to order at 9:00am Sunday November 19, 2024 by chair Brian Helander.



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The Secretary requested a verbal delegate count from each member association. This count resulted in 73 voting delegates present.

Committee reports continued

Bylaws/Standing Rules report presented by Benjamin Avant, written report attached

- Report included 13 proposals for consideration
  1. BSR-01 Failed on convention floor
  2. BSR-03 Failed on convention floor
  3. BSR-04 Failed on convention floor
  4. BSR-06 Failed on convention floor
  5. BSR-07 Passed on convention floor
  6. BSR-08 Passed on convention floor
  7. BSR-09 Passed on convention floor
  8. BSR-10 Passed on convention floor
  9. BSR-11 Passed on convention floor
  10. BSR-12 Passed on convention floor
  11. BSR-13 Passed on convention floor
  12. BSR-14 Passed on convention floor
  13. BSR-15 Passed on convention floor

Rodeo Rules report presented by Robert Thurtell, written report attached

- Report included 17 proposals for consideration
  1. RR-2301 Failed on convention floor
  2. RR-2302 Failed on convention floor
  3. RR-2303 Failed on convention floor
  4. RR-2304 Passed on convention floor
  5. RR-2305 Passed on convention floor
  6. RR-2306 Passed on convention floor
  7. RR-2307 Passed on convention floor
  8. RR-2308 Passed on convention floor
  9. RR-2309 Passed on convention floor
  10. RR-2310 Passed on convention floor
  11. RR-2311 Passed on convention floor
  12. RR-2312 Failed on convention floor
  13. RR-2314 Passed on convention floor
  14. RR-2315 Passed on convention floor
  15. RR-2316 Passed on convention floor
  16. RR-2317 Passed on convention floor
  17. RR-2318 Passed on convention floor

Hall of Fame report presented by Amy Griffin, written report attached

- Report included 1 proposal for consideration
  1. HOF-01 Passed on convention floor



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Rodeo Officials Committee report presented by Guy Puglisi, written report attached

- Report included 2 proposals for consideration
  1. ROC-01 Passed on convention floor
  2. ROC-02 Passed on convention floor
- Judge's report presented by Rick Jones, written report attached
- Auditor-Secretary-Scorekeeper report presented by Ron Trusley, written report attached
- Arena Director-Chute Coordinator-Arena Crew Coordinator report presented by Tim Smith written, report attached

Nominating report presented by Paul Boyd, written report attached

WGRF 2023 – 2024 – 2025 report presented by Sammy Simpkin, written reports attached

Women's Outreach report presented by Kami Boles written, report attached

- Report included 1 proposal for consideration
  1. WO-01 Pass on convention floor

IGRA University report presented by Andrew Goodman, written report attached

Marketing report presented by Chuck Browning, written report attached

### **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

IGRA at 2025 World Gay Pride report, presented by Jack Morgan written report attached

Smithsonian Project report presented, by Jack Morgan written report attached

Fifty Year Reunion at WGRF 2025 report presented, by Judy Munson written report attached

GuideStar Gold Initiative report presented by Michael Lentz, written report attached

Grant Writing/Sponsorship report presented by Charlie Colella, written report attached

Alumni and Donor Development report presented by Mark Arnold, written report attached

Registration and RMS verbal report given by Brian Helander. Brian advised the project was started and in use during the last rodeo of 2023 season. RMS system planned for full use in early 2024 barring any unforeseen issues.



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**Old Business – NONE**

Election of Officers

- Elections Committee chair Paul Boyd announced the candidates for Secretary and Vice President.
  - Vice President - Michael Butts & Michael Vrooman
  - Secretary – Michael Norman, Gene Fraikes, and Ron Trusley

Ballots were distributed and collected. Results to be announced later in the day.

**New Business**

The Secretary made a verbal delegate count finding 72 voting delegates present.

Proposals presented for consideration – See attached

- NB – 01 Passed on convention floor
  - Motion to approve by Amy Griffin and second by Stefanie Garber
  
- NB – 02 Failed on convention floor
  - Motion to approve was made by Chuck Browning and second by Gene Fraikes. The chair declared the motion failed and division was called. A standing hand count was made and the motion failed 25 yea and 38 Nea.
  
- NB – 03 Failed on convention floor
  - Motion to approve was made by Andy Siekkinen and seconded by Jonathan Roman. The chair declared the motion passed and division was called. A standing hand count was made and the motion failed 36 yea and 29 nea. This failed due to requiring a 2/3 majority vote to change a Bylaw.
  
- NB – 04 Passed on convention floor
  - Motion to approve was made and seconded. Only audio was the chair recognizing both.
  
- NB – 05 Passed on convention floor
  - Motion to approve was made and seconded. Only audio was the chair recognizing both.

2025 Convention Proposal – Denver CGRA

- Tommy Channel presented the proposal for Convention 2025 to be in Denver Co. Prior to finishing the report a 10 min caucus was called for by the Executive Board of Directors. The convention came back to order with the chair announcing that the Executive Board of Directors had set the minimum Delegate fee for the 2025 convention would be \$135.00. Tommy Channel finished his presentation and answered questions. The Delegates vote to approve Convention 2025 to be in Denver Colorado.



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**2026 Convention Proposals**

- There were no proposals to present for Convention 2026 at this time.

**2024 & 2025 Proposed Rodeo Dates**

- The chair announced that Michael Lentz had all the rodeo dates and would compile and distribute them as soon as possible.

**Election of Executive Officers**

- Frank Mazzo representing Nominations chair Paul Boyd announced the results of the earlier election of officers.
  - Vice President 2024-2025 will be Michael Vrooman.
  - Secretary 2024-2025 will be Gene Fraikes. A majority vote was received by this candidate so no run off was necessary.

**Announcements**

CGRA - TGRA - GSGRA - AGRA - GPRA - MGRA - NMGRA - NSGRA - DSRA  
ASGRA - NGRA - MIGRA - RRRRA - UGRA - CRGRA ILGRA

Adjournment – The 2023 Annual Convention adjourned at 4:09pm November 19, 2024

36th Annual Convention Embassy Suites Denton, Tx 2100 Town Center Trail Arabian &  
Palomino rooms  
November 19-20th, 2022 - 9:00 am Central Time

### Minutes

President Candy Pratt called convention to order at 9:15 am.

President Candy Pratt has the parliamentarian, Benjamin Avant read our convention rules.

Secretary, Michael Norman did roll call of officers, delegates and alternates. Officers, Member Associations are present. (Roll call attached). Vote count numbers also announced.

Secretary, Michael Norman, presented Credentials Report - All Member Associations have met renewal requirements and no associations owe any funds to IGRA. Michael included ILGRA had submitted paperwork this morning to be seated. However the documents are incomplete so ILGRA cannot be recommended yet to be seated as a member association. This is expected to be complete for our Q1 BOD meeting where we can approve them being a recognized member association at a BOD meeting this year and seated at the 2023 as a member association.

President Candy referred all proposals to committee.. IGRA officers gave verbal reports.  
Referral of All Proposals to Committee

Approval of minutes tabled due to having to be recreated due to file corruption. These will be sent out to the BOD and can be discussed with their members where needed

#### Executive Board Reports

President Candy Pratt  
Vice President Mipsy Mikels  
Secretary Michael Norman  
Treasurer David Hill

Treasurer David Hill read the corporate auditor report from Ed Barry. No concerns were noted from the corporate auditor.

IGRA Admin, Tommy Channel gave a brief verbal report. Committee Reports

Convention Robin Cagle presented no action items  
Archives Roger Bergmann presented update  
Association Presidents Tim Smith  
Membership Michael Norman presented no action items  
Community Outreach Mipsy Mikels Proposals COFR1-4 presented (attachment 2 passed)  
Budget David Hill presented financial update,

Motion to approve 2023 budget from Michael Norman, Send by John Lowe, passed Animal Issues & concerns Carl Sch  
Health & Safety Philip Blakesley  
Public Relations Markus Hood presented  
Contestant Liaison David Lawson /Janet Stange  
Social Media Chicken Nugget  
Information Technology  
Bylaws/Standing Rules Benjamin Avant presented report (attachment 4, BSR 3-9 all passed  
Rodeo Rules Chuck Browning presented report, RR proposals 1-9(attachment 5)RR  
[proposals all passed  
Hall of Fame Roger Bergmann presented report and the following were inducted to the HOF –  
Frank Elam, Dee Zuspahn, Trena Monahan, James Jenkins, Michael Vrooman  
Rodeo Officials Guy Puglisi. Presented report and announced new officials – Travis James,  
Greg Tinsley, and updates on who retired.  
Nominating Frank Mazzo presented the nominees for President and Treasure and closed  
nominations.  
Finals Rodeo Sammy Simpkin presented report, 2023 WGRF will be in Reno, OK again for  
2023  
Women's Outreach Mipsy Mikels  
IGRA University  
Membership Standing Committee Candy Pratt  
Marketing Jonathan Roman presented committee report

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

IRS 990 filings all IRS returns have been filed and acknowledged by the IRS.  
2023 Convention - no proposals were received for 2023. IGRA BOD selected Reno NV for  
2023 convention.  
2024 Convention Proposals & Site Selection

2024 WGRF proposals so far. The BOD will select 2024 2023 Rodeo dates (attachment 6

#### Election of Executive Officers

President for Two-Year Term Brian Helander was voted in as President. Questions were  
asked of Brian Helander and Marcus Hood. Rick Jones withdrew his nomination.  
Treasurer for Two-Year Term David Hill was reelected treasurer.

#### Announcements

CGRA - TGRA - GSGRA - AGRA - GPRA - MGRA - NMGRA - NSGRA - DSRA ASGRA -  
NGRA - MIGRA - RRRRA - UGRA - CRGRA

Board of Directors & Trustees meet 15 minutes following close of convention Motion made to  
adjourn convention at 4:15 pm , motion passed



ILGRA Annual Convention  
Reno, NV  
November 18-19, 2023—8:30 am

## A G E N D A

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Opening Ceremonies  | MCs Michael Vroomans/<br>Andrew Goodman |
| Call to Order   | Brian Helander                          |
| Convention Rules  | Benjamin Avant                          |
| Roll Call and Seating of Delegates  | Michael Norman                          |
| Credentials Report<br>- Recognition/Seating of New member association : ILGRA | Michael Norman                          |
| Convention Welcome/Announcements  | Jeffrey Neal                            |
| Approval of Minutes from Previous Convention<br>November 19-20 2022Denton, TX |   |
| <u>Executive Board Reports</u>  |   |
| President   | Brian Helander                          |
| Vice President  | Michael Butts                           |
| Secretary   | Michael Norman                          |
| Treasurer   | David Hill                              |
| <u>Administrative Reports</u>   |   |
| Corporate Auditor   | Tom Truitt                              |
| Executive Director  | Tommy Channel                           |
| <u>Committee Reports</u>  |   |
| Convention  | Patrick Terry                           |
| Archives  | Roger Bergmann                          |
| Association Presidents  | Jorge Sanchez                           |
| Membership  | Michael Norman                          |
| <b>Community Outreach</b>   | Michael Butts                           |
| <b>Budget</b>   | David Hill                              |
| Animal Advocacy   | Stefani Garber                          |
| Health & Safety   | Mark Christensen                        |
| Public Relations  | Mary Honeycutt                          |
| <b>Contestant Liaison</b>   | David Lawson                            |
| Social Media  | Anthony Lumpkin-Hood                    |
| Information Technology  | David Hill                              |
| <b>Bylaws/Standing Rules</b>  | Benjamin Avant                          |
| <b>Rodeo Rules</b>  | Robert Thurtell                         |

Hall of Fame  
Rodeo Officials  
**Nominating**  
**WGRF 2023**  
Women's Outreach  
IGRA University  
Marketing

AmyGriffin  
Guy Puglisi  
Paul Boyd  
Sammy Simpkin  
Kami Boles  
Andrew Goodman  
Chuck Browning

**Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

IGRA at 2025 World Gay Pride  
Smithsonian Project  
Fifty Year Reunion at WGRF 2025  
GuideStar Gold Initiative  
Registration and RMS Update

Jack Morgan/ Roger Bergmann  
Roger Bergmann/Jack Morgan  
Judy Munson  
Michael Lentz  
Brian Helander

Old Business

New Business

2025 Convention Proposal – Denver CGRA  
2026 Convention Proposals, if any, if needed  
2024 Proposed Rodeo Dates  
2025 Proposed Rodeo Dates

Election of Executive Officers

Vice President  
Secretary

Announcements

CGRA - TGRA - GSGRA - AGRA - GPRA - MGRA - NMGRA - NSGRA - DSRA  
ASGRA - NGRA - MIGRA -RRRA - UGRA - CRGRA ILGRA

Adjournment

Break: 15 Minutes

To Follow: **Sunday BOD after Convention ( Mandalay 1)**

Appoint Rodeo Auditor 2024

Appointment of 2024 WGRF Rodeo Director and 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Rodeo Director

Information: 2024 Convention: Grand Rapids, MI

Action Item: Hotel Contract Convention 2024

Refund of Convention Registration, if any

Appointment of Membership Standing Members

Break: 5 Minutes

To Follow: **Sunday E-BOD after Convention**

Appointment of 2024 WGRF Rodeo Chair, Rodeo Director and 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Rodeo Director

## IGRA Corporate Auditor Report for November 2023 Board of Directors Meeting

Dates reviewed: July, August, and September 2023

I reviewed the Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet) reports, reconciliation reports, and Statement of Activity (profit and loss) reports from QuickBooks Online. Yearly comparisons for 2022 and 2023 were within reason. Finals income through September 30<sup>th</sup> is up a bit due to increase in sponsorships and IGRA Alumni WFRF donations. Expense comparisons were within reason except for the previously noted \$33,000 computer software payments.

I reviewed the reconciliation statements for the checking, savings, finals fund, and finals contestant fund. All were reconciled and balances match the month end closing date on the corresponding Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet) report. One note: The numbers on the Savings account balanced with the September 30, 2023 balance sheet, however; the reconcile date on the savings account showed September 28, 2030 and will need to be corrected before the next bank statement is reconciled.

I reviewed well over 50% of the checking account checks and deposits and all had scans of backup documentation attached.

Assets and Liabilities are in balance, and the Net Revenue (\$31,845.07) for year to date through September 30, 2023, match on both the Statement of Activity (Profit and Loss) and Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). Everything reviewed is in balance and I see nothing out of the ordinary on any of the financial statements provided.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an Internal Review/Audit, as prescribed by the By-Laws, and is not, nor is it intended to be, an external independent audit performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards; and accordingly, no opinion is expressed on the IGRA financial statements in that respect.

Report of the Annual Convention Committee  
To the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Convention Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 8:30 am until 9 am. A total of 8 persons attended the meeting, 4 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

There were no proposals presented and the committee discussed the upcoming years of Convention bids that were known and what information would be helpful for any association that would be looking to partner with IGRA to be the host city for a future IGRA Convention. We will be looking at ways to put the information in the resources link in the website.

Jeffrey Neal  
IGRA Convention 2023

Convention Committee Attendance List

| <u>Name</u>               | <u>Association</u> | <u>Voting</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Jeffrey Neal              | NGRA               | X             |
| Matthew Daprta            | TGRA               | X             |
| Michael Vrooman           | CGRA               | X             |
| Scott Korff               | MIGRA              | X             |
| “Charis” Michael Howerton | CGRA               |               |
| Brendan Sullivan          | CGRA               |               |
| Ron Clement               | MIGRA              |               |
| Tim Smith                 | TGRA               |               |

# IGRA Archives Committee Report

November 17, 2023 - 8:33 am

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There were 11 Delegates at the meeting representing 9 Member Associations.

The committee will not have any proposals for the convention floor,

Throughout the past year, as Committee Chair, I have made numerous trips to the "Autry Museum of the American West" (The Autry) in Los Angeles. I have usually had a small number of items to donate, such as rodeo programs or posters, but other times have been for special events at The Autry.

In June, The Autry offered a tour of its Resource Center limited to 8 people. We had a behind the scene look at where the gay rodeo archives are stored, and where researchers are able to review the gay rodeo archives. The archivists also had a few IGRA items out on the tables for us to review.

The following day, The Autry had a Grand Opening of 4,000 + square feet of the original museum that has been remodeled over the past four years. This new long-term exhibit, named "IMAGINED WESTS", covers history of the American West from Lewis and Clark's Expedition up to and including today's International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA). Within this new exhibit there are 3 locations displaying gay rodeo history. The gay rodeo exhibit was made possible by a \$57,000 grant from the California Library System specifically to preserve the history and to educate the public regarding gay and lesbian organizations within the state of California. Therefore, the items on display are all related to events that happened within the state of California. A Blake Little photograph of 1990's era Los Angeles gay rodeo cowboys, rodeo programs for the first California Gay Rodeo in 1985 and the first International Finals Rodeo which was held in Hayward, CA in 1987, the second gay rodeo in Palm Springs in 1994, San Francisco Chronicle article on the 1987 IGRA Finals Rodeo, poster for the 1984 Bay Area Regional Rodeo at the Cow Palace, and Scott Terry's contestant clothing which he wore in photo for cover of RoundUp Magazine Issue 11.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Autry presented a live performance of the play "That Damn Horse: Stories of the Gay Rodeo, In addition to myself there were 7 or 8 other past and present members of GSGRA, with about 180 total audience

members. I did present a much smaller display of gay rodeo archives in the theater lobby.

Currently, there are 8 file boxes of Convention and Board minutes, programs, posters and dress shirts ready to deliver to "ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives at the USC Libraries" (ONE), but that building has been closed for major remodeling since the spring of 2023.

The IGRA Archives Committee works closely throughout the year with the Gay and Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation (GLRHF). This works quite smoothly because in addition to being the IGRA Archives Committee Chair, I am also President of the GLRHF. All of the items within the archives are owned by IGRA, and IGRA is responsible for the storage of the items, GLRHF is pleased to be able to take these gay rodeo archives "On the Road to 2025", so that the history can be presented to those who are longtime supporters of gay rodeo, as well as to those who are new to gay rodeo and will be a part of IGRA's history in the making!

Over the past year, a small portion of the archives were displayed at:

Arizona Gay Rodeo  
Hot Rodeo  
Great Plains Rodeo  
Zia Regional Rodeo  
Best Buck in the Bay  
Autry Museum of the American West  
2023 IGRA Convention

Thank you for the continuing flow of donated items to the archives, but don't forget a little cash if you are able!! The display this weekend cost over \$600 in display materials and repairs to shadow boxes and poster frames.

Washington, D.C. in 2025 will not be cheap, but I believe it will be worth the effort!

Sincerely,

Roger Bergmann  
IGRA Archives Committee Chair



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Association Presidents

Committee Chair(s): Tim Smith

Committee Members: There were 11 people in attendance and 10 voting members in attendance.

Date & Time of Last Meeting: November 17, 2023 - 1:00 pm

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: Roundtable discussion took place regarding fundraising and fundraising ideas with other associations and challenges associations are having in general and producing rodeos

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Meeting

Nov 17, 2022

Membership Committee meeting

Nov 17, 2023

Michael Norman called the meeting to order at 2:00. Michael report the ILGRA documents have call been received today. David Hill motion we seat ILGRA as a new Member Association. They have also paid their Membership fee. Motion passed unanimously. Michael reported that GPRA renewal documents were received today. Michael reported that 4 had 4 member associations late. They were invoiced their late fee. David Hill confirmed there are no member associations owing any funds to IGRA.

We discussed BSR02 and have no issue with the proposed change. We let the bylaws committee we would include that proposed change in our report.

## Proposal BSR-02

*Page 5, Article IV, Section 7, Paragraphs D and E*

### ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 7. Membership Renewals.

Paragraph D. Packet of information must be sent to the Secretary by first-class mail with a government postmark, by electronic mail, or a combination of both no later than sixty (60) thirty (30) days prior to Annual Convention.

Paragraph E. Membership renewals not received sixty (60) thirty (30) days prior to Annual Convention will be assessed a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). This fine must be paid and funds verified as received, before an association's membership will be renewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm

Respectifially submitted,

Michael Norman

Report of the Community Outreach, Fundraising, Gender Diversity  
Committee  
Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Community Outreach, Fundraising, Gender Diversity Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 9:50 am until 11:30 am. A total of 19 persons attended the meeting, 19 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

The committee considered all proposals that were received prior to the start of the meeting as well as proposals introduced during the meeting. The proposals that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

COFR-01 did not pass  
COFR-02 revised and passed  
COFR-03 did not pass  
COFR-04 did not pass  
COFR-05 passed  
COFR-06 passed

Michael Butts  
Chairman, Community Outreach, Fundraising, Gender Diversity Committee

| Name                    | Association | Voting |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Sebastian/Tyrell Potter | AGRA        | X      |
| Jennifer Vrana          | ASGRA       | X      |
| Michael Vrooman         | CGRA        | X      |
| Kami Boles              | GPRA        | X      |
| Andy Sirkkinen          | GSGRA       | X      |
| Andrew Goodman          | NGRA        | X      |
| Ma Martinez "AG"        | NMGRA       | X      |
| Chris Tobin             | NSGRA       | X      |
| Weston Crow-Tucker      | RRRA        | X      |
| Ricky Jones             | TGRA        | X      |

|                           |       |   |
|---------------------------|-------|---|
| Dakota Yeates             | UGRA  | X |
| Micahel Butts             | AGRA  |   |
| Jonathan Roman            | ASGRA |   |
| Charis / Michael Howerton | CGRA  |   |
| Tessa Truvitto            | GSGRA |   |
| RJ Fairbrother            | RRRA  |   |
| Chicken Nugget            | RRRA  |   |
| Mary Honeycutt            | TGRA  |   |

IGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules Proposals  
2023

| <b>Proposal Prefix</b> | <b>Committee</b>    |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| COFR                   | Community Outreach, |

Proposal COFR-02

RULE VII SELECTION OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

Section 8. Distribution of Monies. **Entry Fees**

- A. The two hundred fifty-dollar (\$250.00) **five-hundred-dollar (\$500) minimum** raised by all royalty contestants for IGRA will be split as follows: twenty-five (25%) **Fifty percent (50%)** to charity, fifty percent (50%) to IGRA. Charity or charities will be determined by the Board of Directors, upon recommendation from the current IGRA Royalty Team, at the Annual Convention.

# Proposal COFR-05

Page 24, Article XII, Section 6

## ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

Section 6. Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

The President shall appoint a Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee Chairperson. The current royalty team shall serve as committee members. The president shall request each Member Association to provide a representative to the committee, which will meet the day prior to the start of Annual Convention.

Paragraph B. Duties.

1. The committee shall be responsible for the collection and dissemination of information, whether oral, written, or visual, as directed by the President and/or Board of Directors.
2. Upon selection as the upcoming Royalty, the Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer **Mr/Ms/Mx/Miss/MsTer** will meet with the Vice President, who is the board liaison to the IGRA Board of Directors, to form a plan of action for the upcoming rodeo year. A report from the committee will be presented at each Board of Directors meeting.

Page 40, 42, 44; Rule VII; Rule Name and Sections 4, 5, and 9

## RULE VII SELECTION OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

### **RULE VII SELECTION OF MR/MS/MX/MISS/MSTER IGRA**

Section 4. Submission and Selection of Interview Questions.

A. The current IGRA Royalty team will compile a pool of 100 questions and submit them to the Vice President no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the competition.

B. The Vice President will then recommend twenty (20) questions per category (Miss, Mr., Ms., MsTer **Mr/Ms/Mx/Miss/MsTer**) to the Executive Board no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the competition for review and approval.

C. The interview judges for the Royalty contest will meet immediately prior to the start of the interview and review questions with the Vice President.

D. Questions must be comprised of the following: IGRA history, bylaws and standing rules, rodeo rules, and personal opinion.

Section 5. Competition Category Selection.

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## **RULE VIII DUTIES OF MR/MS/MX/MISS/MSTER IGRA**

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- C. All titleholders must supply a list of the rodeos they plan to attend during their reign to meet attendance requirements within one (1) month of the start of the rodeo year.

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- C. All titleholders must supply a list of their proposed fundraisers to the Vice President within one (1) month of the start of the rodeo year.
- D. Funds raised must be sent to the Vice President or to the Treasurer with documentation sent to the Vice President via mail or email within seven (7) days of the fundraiser along with the IGRA Fundraiser Deposit Form (Exhibit C12). All monies should be made payable to IGRA. No personal checks will be accepted.

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- C. Responsible for presentation of the traveling IGRA Spirit Stick award to a Member Association each year at the annual royalty competition.
- D. Responsible for ensuring Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity information is included on the IGRA Web site.

E. Any other duties pursuant to Standing Rule VII Selection of Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer **Mr/Ms/Mx/Miss/MsTer** IGRA.

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### IGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION GENERAL RULES

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- C. **Contestants must achieve an overall score of at least 50% of the total possible points to be eligible for a position on the team.**

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Page 42-43, Rule VII, Sections 7-8

### RULE VII SELECTION OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

#### Section 7. Contestant Requirements.

A. All contestants must be the current and official titleholder or 1st runner-up of a Member Association. Each association can send up to two representatives in each category.

B. All contestants must complete the following requirements no later than 60 days prior to competition.

1. Submit to the Vice President at least one high resolution, professional quality portrait photograph in digital form. Cell phone pictures, point and shoot selfie pictures, or poorly lit snapshots are not acceptable.

2. Submit to the Vice President a contestant biography of approximately 200 word narrative. A simple list of accomplishments or titles held is not acceptable.

3. Compete in a minimum of two (2) sanctioned rodeo events in different categories or volunteer under a certified official for two (2) rodeo days at a single rodeo.

4. Raise a minimum of \$500 for IGRA. The Member's Association's treasurer of each contestant shall forward any monies raised with the IGRA Fundraised Deposit Form (exhibit C12) to the IGRA Treasurer.

5. Raise a minimum of \$250 for a non-profit entity under the laws of and in good standing with the state, province, territory or other comparable territorial units of other nations during their regional reign.

6. Submit to the Vice President a completed and signed Royalty Competition Entry Form (exhibit C2) along with a \$100 entry fee.

C. At contestant check-in before the competition, contestants must provide a written plan of action consisting of goals for the IGRA Royalty Team. Plans must be turned in along with a Western Wear description and either a Horsemanship video or Entertainment music to the Vice President. The Vice President reviews the plans with the competition winners to build the team's final plan of action for the following year. Failure to provide a plan of action will result in a two (2) point deduction from each judge's score sheet in the interview segment.

#### Section 8. Distribution of Monies **From Section B # 4**

- A. The one hundred dollars (\$100.00) entry fee from all royalty contestants will be collected in the IGRA Royalty Travel Fund and distributed back to the team

members. The total amount collected shall be divided by the number of categories and paid out to the royalty team. The division of funds will be determined by the Vice President and will be paid out when all requirements have been met by each individual.

B. The two hundred fifty-dollar (\$250.00) **five-hundred-dollar (\$500)** raised by all royalty contestants for IGRA will be split as follows: twenty-five (25%) **Fifty percent (50%)** to charity, fifty twenty-five percent (25%) to the IGRA Royalty Travel Fund. percent (50%) to IGRA. Charity or charities will be determined by the Board of Directors, upon recommendation from the current IGRA Royalty Team, at the Annual Convention.

Page 24, Article XII, Section 6

**ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES**

Section 6. Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

The President shall appoint a Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee Chairperson. The current royalty team shall serve as committee members. The president shall request each Member Association to provide a representative to the committee, which will meet the day prior to the start of Annual Convention.

Paragraph B. Duties.

1. The committee shall be responsible for the collection and dissemination of information, whether oral, written, or visual, as directed by the President and/or Board of Directors.
2. Upon selection as the upcoming Royalty, the Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer Mr/Ms/Mx/Miss/MsTer will meet with the Vice President, who is the board liaison to the IGRA Board of Directors, to form a plan of action for the upcoming rodeo year. A report from the committee will be presented at each Board of Directors meeting.

Page 40, 42, 44; Rule VII; Rule Name and Sections 4, 5, and 9

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Section 4. Submission and Selection of Interview Questions.

- A. The current IGRA Royalty team will compile a pool of 100 questions and submit them to the Vice President no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the competition.
- B. The Vice President will then recommend twenty (20) questions per category (Miss, Mr., Ms., MsTer Mr/Ms/Mx/Miss/MsTer) to the Executive Board no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the competition for review and approval.
- C. The interview judges for the Royalty contest will meet immediately prior to the start of the interview and review questions with the Vice President.

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# Report of the Budget Committee To the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Budget Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 9:00 am until 10:00 am. A total of 7 people attended the meeting, 6 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

The committee discussed the budget report that was proposed. The committee recommends adoption of budget as proposed with any adjustments from other committee recommendations that it received.

The only committee that requested changes to the proposed budget was the Finals Committee.

After review, the Finals Committee recommended changes were incorporated into the proposed budget.

Additional items discussed by the committee were line items that could be considered to lower expenses. The rule book printing was discussed but at this time, there were no recommendations to go to a digital format because of the necessity of printed version. Additional bid requests may help lower the cost of printing.

Information systems was discussed in detail but with no recommendations at this time. The Board of Directors drives this expense item.

Discussion regarding if it was necessary for a zero based budget. We are a 501 C 3 but shouldn't we consider that we need to make a profit to continue with our programming and fund raising efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hill  
Chairman, Budget Committee

## Budget Committee Attendance List

Name                      Association Voting

|                  |       |   |
|------------------|-------|---|
| Jeff Francisco   | AGRA  | X |
| Hector Villanlba | AGRA  |   |
| Michael Letnz    | ASGRA | X |
| Dwayne Rennels   | NGRA  | X |
| Joel Listegard   | NSGRA | X |
| Doreen Rue       | RRRA  | X |
| Frank Mazzo      | TGRA  | X |

## Report of the Animal Advocacy Committee to the 37th Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Animal Advocacy Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023, from 9:30am until 10:00 am. A total of 5 people attended the meeting, all of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

The committee discussed areas of concern from the 2023 season. No major concerns were raised. One instance of animal abuse was brought to the committee. The incident was handled during the rodeo and the contestant was disqualified from the event in question.

One thing the committee would like to encourage all members at rodeos is if you see something say something. Bring the area of concern to a rodeo official during the rodeo by directly communicating with the official.

Stefanie Garber

Chairman, IGRA Animal Advocacy Committee

### Attendees:

Stefanie Garber NSGRA

Matthew Dapra TGRA

RJ Fairbrother RRRRA

Douglas Graff NGRA

Dolres Zuspan DSRA

# Report of the Health and Safety and Lifeline To the 2023 Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The health safety and lifeline Committee met on Friday, Nov 17, 2023, from 1030 AM until 1058 AM. A total of 3 people attended the meeting, 2 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

The committee considered no proposals that were received prior to the start of the meeting as well as proposals introduced during the meeting. The committee recommends adoption of EAP checklist that BOD have had. We ask that approved or disapproved at Jan meeting in Vegas,

We had no injuries that was reported to the chair for 2023. Chair has asked and no reports.

Mark Christensen  
Chairman, Health, Safety and Lifeline Committee

## Bylaws Committee Attendance List

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Voting</u> | <u>Association</u> | <u>Voting</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Association</u> |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Greg Gillum    |               | AGRA               | X             |             |                    |
| Jay Lovejoy    |               | AGRA               |               |             |                    |
| Alec Masee     |               | ARGRA              | X             |             |                    |
| Chris Hochmuth |               | CGRA               | X             |             |                    |
| C. D. Slusser  |               | CGRA               |               |             |                    |
| Jacky Green    |               | DSRA               | X             |             |                    |
| Chris Caufield |               | GSGRA              | X             |             |                    |
| Bill Chapman   |               | GSGRA              |               |             |                    |
| Ray Ostmann    |               | GWGRA              | X             |             |                    |
| Charley Wade   |               | HGRA               | X             |             |                    |
| Ed Barry       |               | ILGRA              | X             |             |                    |

|                |        |   |
|----------------|--------|---|
| Steve Schultz  | ILGRA  |   |
| David Burks    | KGRA   | X |
| James Erhart   | LGRA   | X |
| Miss Mae       | MGRA   | X |
| Melvin Enness  | MIGRA  | X |
| Jeffrey Neal   | NGRA   | X |
| Bill Watkins   | NGRA   |   |
| Ben Martinez   | NMGRA  | X |
| Jack Roach     | NSGRA  | X |
| Lewis Sanders  | OGRA   | X |
| Jeff Barr      | SCCGRA | X |
| Gary Eddy      | SCCGRA |   |
| Justin Waldner | SMRA   | X |
| Mark Miller    | TGRA   | X |

# IGRA SPECIAL EVENT EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP)

## I. GENERAL

The "EVENT NAME" will be held MONTH DAY, YEAR at GENERAL LOCATION/ADDRESS/FACILITY TITLE.

## II. PURPOSE PROCESS

- A. This emergency action plan predetermines actions to take before and during the "EVENT NAME" (hereinafter referred to as the event) in response to an emergency or otherwise hazardous condition. These actions will be taken by organizers, management, personnel, and attendees. These actions represent those required prior to the event in preparation for those required during an emergency.
- B. Flexibility must be exercised when implementing this plan because of the wide variety of potential hazards that exist for this event. These hazards include, but are not limited to, Fire, Medical Emergencies, Severe Weather, or situations where Law Enforcement is required.

## III. ASSUMPTIONS

- A. The possibility of an occurrence of an emergency is present at this event. The types of emergencies possible are various and could require the response of Fire & Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, and Police.

## IV. BASIC PLAN

### A. EAP Event Representative

- 1. The EAP event representative will be identified as the point of contact for all communications regarding the event.
  - a. PRIMARY CONTACT: FIRST/LAST NAME
  - b. TELEPHONE NUMBER:

### B. Emergency Notification

- 1. In the event of an emergency, notification of the emergency will be through the use of 911. The caller should have the following information available to the 911 operator:
  - a. Location of the emergency
  - b. Nature of the emergency
  - c. Contact person with callback number
- 2. We will have on-site EMS (DELETE TEXT OR ENTER CONTACT NAME OF EMS SUPERVISOR & CELL PHONE NUMBER HERE)
  - a. This information can be filled out after coordination through the Special Events Office.
- 3. We will have on-site IGRA (DELETE TEXT OR ENTER CONTACT NAME OF IGRA TRUSTEE & CELL PHONE NUMBER HERE)

- a. This information can be filled out after coordination through the Special Events Office.

### C. Severe Weather

1. Weather Forecasts and current conditions will be monitored through National Weather Service's Raleigh Weather Forecast Office website at [www.weather.gov/rahl](http://www.weather.gov/rahl)
2. Before the event – If severe weather is predicted prior to the event, the EAP event representative will evaluate the conditions and determine if the event will remain scheduled. The EAP event representative or his/her designee will be identified as such and will be responsible for monitoring the weather conditions before and during the event.
3. During the event – If severe weather occurs during the event, the EAP event representative or his/her designee will notify those attending the event that a hazardous weather condition exists and direct them to shelter.
4. There are very limited provisions for sheltering participants in the events of severe weather.
5. This event will follow the 30-30 Rule for lightning. If lightning is observed and thunder is heard within 30 seconds, the event will be delayed until 30 minutes have passed since thunder was last heard.
  - a. In the event of severe weather, the Special Events Manager or his/her designee has the authority, above and beyond the EAP event representative, to delay and/or cancel an event.

### D. Fire

1. No specific hazard has been identified as an increased risk of fire at this event, or there is an increased risk of fire due to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. In certain high-risk cases, on-site Fire Department personnel may be required. This judgment will be made by City staff.
2. All staff will be instructed on the safe use of Portable Fire Extinguishers.
3. The use of open flame for grilling is permitted under the Fire Code when the following conditions are met:
  - a. Must have a valid fire extinguisher, 2A10BC or class K.
  - b. Each space is allowed 1 LP tank per cooking device and only one spare LP tank regardless of the number of cooking devices. All LP tanks are to be secured in an approved manner (tied, strapped, chained, etc.).
4. Should an incident occur that requires the Fire Department, 911 will be utilized to request this resource. The caller should have the following information available to the 911 operator:
  - a. Location of the emergency
  - b. Nature of the emergency
  - c. Contact person with callback number

### E. Medical Emergencies

1. As with any outdoor event, there is potential for injury to the participants. The types of injuries are various and include those that are heat-related as well as traumatic injuries.
2. The limited provisions for on-site Emergency Medical Services at this event include:

- a. (DELETE SECTION OR ENTER TEXT)
- 3. Should an incident occur that requires Emergency Medical Services, the on-site EMS officer will be contacted to request this resource. If there is no on-site EMS officer, the EAP event representative will contact 911 to request this resource. The caller should have the following information available to the on-site EMS officer or 911:
  - a. Location of the emergency
  - b. Nature of the emergency
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**F. Law Enforcement**

- 1. Should an incident occur that requires Law Enforcement, the on-site Event Director will be contacted to request this resource. If there is no on-site Event Director, the EAP event representative will contact 911 to request this resource. The caller should have the following information available to the on-site Event Director officer or 911:
  - a. Location of the emergency
  - b. Nature of the emergency
  - c. Contact person with callback number
  - d. Announcer will announce have code rainbow and event members will coordinate with law enforcement

**G. Emergency Vehicle Access**

- 1. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.
- 2. Fire lanes and fire hydrants will not be obstructed.
- 3. Participants and spectators will be directed to park in approved areas and not obstruct protective features, sidewalks, or public thoroughways.
- 4. Crowd control will be managed by STAFF/PRIVATE SECURITY
  - a. (ENTER NAMES OF ALL CERTIFIED CROWD MANAGERS, PHONE NUMBERS, AND SPECIFIC HOURS THEY WILL BE WORKING THE EVENT)
- 5. Parking for vendor and staff vehicles will be (ENTER LOCATION)
- 6. Parking for attendee vehicles will be (ENTER LOCATION)

**V. Contact Information**

|                            |                           |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Event Organizer            | First/Last Name           | Cell Phone |
| EAP Event Representative   | First/Last Name           | Cell Phone |
| Crowd Manager              | First/Last Name           | Cell Phone |
| Police Department          | On-Site Supervisor's Name | Cell Phone |
| Emergency Medical Services | On-site Supervisor's Name | Cell Phone |

| Fire Department   | On-Site Supervisor's Name | Cell Phone |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| General Emergency | ECC                       | 911        |

VI. Event Area Map (attached next page)

Report of the Public Relations Committee  
To the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Public Relations Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 2:05 pm until 2:15 pm. A total of 7 persons attended the meeting, 5 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

There were no proposals introduced during the meeting.

It was a short meeting, we did discuss some of the PR opportunities that came up during the year- most of which were covered in the Marketing/Social media committee.

Mary Honeycutt  
Chairman, IGRA Public Relations Committee

## Contestant Liaison Committee Report

November 17, 2023 2:15pm

**Committee Chair-** David Lawson

**Committee Members in Attendance-** Tim Smith (TGRA), RJ Fairchild (RRRA), Charlie Colella (TGRA), Brian Helander (IGRA), Kade Hiller (CGRA), Chris Tobin (NSGRA), Andy Siekkinen (GSGRA), Jennifer Vrana (ASGRA), Jonathan Roman (ASGRA)

Brian Helander started the meeting with clarification of the process of selecting contestant liaison. We then had a round table discussion centered around the question "What do you think contestant liaison is?" Following this discussion, we reviewed what is in the IGRA rulebook regarding contestant liaison, and it was discovered that for many, the role of IGRA Contestant Liaison has been vaguely understood. We continued with discussion concerning contestant liaison role moving forward.

Charlie Colella brought one actionable item to the committee. This is a proposed rodeo rule change that clarifies selection of contestant liaison, changes where the rule appears in the rulebook, and eliminates repetition of language in the rule. We ask for support of this rule change.

I personally would like to thank you all for the support I have received as contestant liaison. The best definition I can give you of contestant liaison is a conduit between contestants and all those people who involved in putting on a rodeo. I believe in this position, and I appreciate the many people who believe in me. I ask you to move forward knowing that each and every person in this room has the opportunity to mentor members of this great organization. It doesn't take a title or a position to be a helpful, beneficial member of our organization.

Thank you.

# Report of the Social Media Committee To the 2023 Annual IGRA Convention

Friday, November 17, 2023

The Social Media Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 1:30 pm until 2:10 pm. A total of 12 persons attended the meeting, 9 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for attending this committee meeting and for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

The committee discussed current status of all IGRA Social Media pages. There were no proposals to be presented to the convention floor. Below are some best practices that the committee were presented that all associations could use for their social media facets.

- 1. Know our audience
  - Who is our audience? What do they care about? What do they already know about IGRA? What do they think of IGRA? Is that what we want them to think about us? What kind of content do they want to see on IGRA social media?
- 2. Strategic is better than clever
  - Set goals, create a content strategy. Our content is an extension of our organization, needs a thoughtful approach in everything we post, with regular tactical adjustments.
- 3. Audit our performance
  - Run a monthly social media audit
  - Experiment with posting content on different days/times
  - Survey our audience to ask them what they want
- 4. Develop consistent organization guidelines on social media
  - Visual style, tone, and voice
  - What can we post or not post?
- 5. Promotion and engagement are a huge part
- 6. Respond promptly to DMs and comments – don't leave people hanging, especially when they ask questions
- 7. Don't ignore criticism/hate
  - Don't need to entertain internet trolls, but if they comment or post deserves a valid response, respond – otherwise delete comment or post (especially on public social media accounts) – remember our image of IGRA is on the line when the general public can see this
- 8. Have a crisis communications plan
  - There is a difference between a few negative comments/posts and a full-blown PR nightmare – have a plan for dealing with this
    - Who on our team will lead the response? What will response be? Will you make a public statement about it? Will you respond to individual comments, or direct people to a prepared statement?

Anthony Lumpkins-Hood "Chicken Nugget"  
Chairman, IGRA Social Media Committee

Social Media

Committee Sign-In Sheet

| Name (please print)    | Association | ✓ if Voting |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Steve Henzel           | NMGRA       | ✓           |
| Calvin Scambalini      | MGCA        |             |
| Ryan Rider             | UGRA        |             |
| Jose Francisco         | AGRA        | ✓           |
| Michael Krooman        | CGRA        | ✓           |
| Charis-Michael Hueston | CGRA        | ✓           |
| Scott Korff            | MIGRA       | ✓           |
| Ron Clements           | MIGRA       |             |
| John Weatherly         | TGRA        | ✓           |
| Tessa Truitt           | CSGRA       | ✓           |
| Don M. Graff           | MGRA        | ✓           |
| Mary Henshaw           | TGRA        | ✓           |
|                        |             |             |

# Report of the Bylaws Committee To the 37th Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Bylaws Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023, from 09:30 am until 5:00 pm. A total of 19 persons attended the meeting, 12 of whom were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. The Chairman would like to thank the members for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

The committee considered the proposals that were received prior to the start of the meeting, as well as one new item received during the meeting. The committee recommends adoption of the attached proposals. (Proposal BSR-02 was referred to the Membership Committee and will be presented for adoption as part of their report.)

Additionally, the committee reviewed proposals of other committees and made recommendations for changes, as necessary.

Benjamin Avant  
Chairman, IGRA Bylaws Committee

## Bylaws Committee Attendance List

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Association</u> | <u>Voting</u> | <u>Name</u>           | <u>Association</u> | <u>Voting</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Benjamin Avant    | IGRA               |               | Joel Lislegard        | NSGRA              | X             |
| Mark Boyd         | AGRA               | X             | Anthony Lumpkins-Hood | RRRA               |               |
| Eric Gangloff     | ASGRA              | X             | Christi Mikels        | RRRA               |               |
| Lisa Smith        | DSRA               | X             | Gene Fraikes          | RRRA               | X             |
| Allison Allred    | DSRA               |               | Bill Barber           | TGRA               | X             |
| Bruce Roby        | GSGRA              | X             | Frank Mazzo           | TGRA               |               |
| Steve Wollert     | GSGRA              | X             | Raeann Grow           | UGRA               | X             |
| Frank Delgado     | GSGRA              |               |                       |                    |               |
| Kenneth Hall      | MGRA               | X             |                       |                    |               |
| Stewart Black     | NGRA               | X             |                       |                    |               |
| Jeffrey Neal      | NGRA               |               |                       |                    |               |
| Monique Zimbelman | NMGRA              | X             |                       |                    |               |

## Proposal BSR-01

**FAILED**

### *Page 1, Article I*

#### ARTICLE I            NAME

Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Colorado, the name of this Association shall be the INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION. It shall be a nonprofit corporation organization. The Association shall hereinafter be referred to as IGRA.

### *Page 1, Article II*

#### ARTICLE II            OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation, the mission of the International Gay Rodeo Association, "Supporting Associations that Support Communities" is carried out through the following goals:

1. Providing associations with the tools to produce quality events, and
2. Promoting the Country/Western lifestyle, and
3. Supporting amateur sportsmanship through education, participation, competition, and recognition, and
4. Engaging in charitable activities by volunteering the services of the Corporation organization itself and/or in cooperation with its Member Associations or by the raising of monies; with such activities and the proceeds derived therefrom being donated to those charitable organizations that the Member Associations of the Corporation organization may choose, and
5. Engaging in any business and/or activities in which a nonprofit corporation organization may engage within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

### *Page 4, Article IV, Section 6, Paragraph B*

#### ARTICLE IV            MEMBERSHIP

Section 6,            New Member Associations

Paragraph B,        Application Requirements.

1. Completed application (Exhibit A1).
2. Copy of board resolution releasing geographic territory of existing Member or Recognized Association and corresponding letter, if applicable.
3. Copy of articles of incorporation.
4. Documentation proving not-for-profit or nonprofit corporation organization.
5. Copy of current bylaws.
6. List of current officers.
7. Membership list dated within thirty (30) days prior to the application.

*Page 5, Article IV, Section 7, Paragraph A*

ARTICLE IV            MEMBERSHIP

Section 7.            Membership Renewals.

Paragraph A. The Membership Committee will consider a Member Association's renewal request when the Secretary has received all of the following:

1. Completed renewal application (Exhibit A1).
2. Copy of board resolution releasing geographic territory of existing Member or Recognized Association and corresponding letter, if applicable.
3. Provide proof of active or good standing from state or province.
4. Documentation proving not-for-profit or nonprofit corporation organization.
5. Copy of current bylaws.
6. List of current officers.
7. Membership list dated within thirty (30) days prior to the renewal deadline.
8. Verified funds in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) paid to IGRA for annual dues.
9. Verified funds paid to IGRA for any outstanding fees, fines, assessments, or monies due.

*Page 6, Article IV, Section 9, Paragraph A*

ARTICLE IV            MEMBERSHIP

Section 9.            Removal from Membership.

Paragraph A. Removal from membership shall occur only at Annual Convention by a majority vote of authorized delegates pursuant to Article VII Delegates, Section 1, Paragraph A, for any of the following reasons:

1. Member Association is no longer in concurrence with the stated goals and purposes of IGRA
2. Member Association is no longer incorporated as a not-for-profit or nonprofit corporation organization under the laws of, and in good standing, in the state, territory, or province (U.S. and Canada), or other comparable territorial units of other nations
3. Member Association no longer has twenty (20) members in good standing.

*Page 7, Article IV, Section 10, Paragraph A*

#### ARTICLE IV            MEMBERSHIP

Section 10.            Reclassification of a Member Association as a Recognized Association.

Paragraph A. A Member Association may be reclassified as a Recognized Association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors for any of the following reasons:

1. Member Association is no longer concurrent with the stated goals and purposes of IGRA.
2. Member Association is no longer incorporated as a not-for-profit or nonprofit corporation organization under the laws of, and in good standing, in the state, territory, or province (U.S. and Canada), or other comparable territorial units of other nations.
3. Member Association no longer has twenty (20) members in good standing.
4. Member Association has not completed the renewal process as specified in Article IV,
5. Section 7.
6. Member Association has outstanding fees, fines, and/or other moneys owed to IGRA.

*Page 9, Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph D*

#### ARTICLE VI            ANNUAL CONVENTION

Section 3. Attendance and Voting.

Paragraph D. Special Measures.

1. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to:
  - a. Enact, repeal, or amend the Bylaws.
  - b. Enact, repeal, or amend Rodeo Rules.
  - c. Change the effective date of any new, amended, or repealed Bylaw, Standing Rule, or Rodeo Rule.
  - d. Allow a proposed or existing association to acquire the geographic area of an existing Member or Recognized Association without consent.
  - e. Amend the Articles of Incorporation.
  - f. Dissolve the Corporation **organization**.

## Proposal BSR-03

**FAILED**

*Page 8-9, Article VI, Section 1*

### ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION

#### Section 1, Time and Place.

Paragraph A. The annual convention (Annual Convention) shall be held within the last two months of the rodeo year and may not be scheduled within seventeen (17) days of IGRA University, Finals Rodeo, or any other IGRA-sanctioned rodeo.

Paragraph B. Annual Convention shall be hosted by a Member Association.

Paragraph C. The Executive Board shall set a minimum delegate fee prior to proposal submissions.

Paragraph D. A Member Association wishing to host Annual Convention shall submit a proposal to the Executive Board no later than sixty (60) days prior to the current year's convention. If fewer than two proposals are submitted prior to the 60-day deadline, additional proposals may be accepted at convention.

Paragraph E. The location of Annual Convention shall be voted on at Annual Convention two (2) years prior. Presentations by Member Associations shall be limited to 15 minutes.

Paragraph F. If no proposals are received or if no proposals are accepted by Annual Convention, IGRA shall assume responsibility for producing Annual Convention.

**Paragraph A. The annual convention (Annual Convention) shall be held within the last two months of the rodeo year and may not be scheduled within seventeen (17) days of IGRA University, Finals Rodeo, or any other IGRA-sanctioned rodeo.**

**Paragraph B. Annual Convention shall be produced by IGRA through the Convention Committee. IGRA may choose to produce the convention in partnership with a Member Association.**

**Paragraph C. The Executive Board shall set a minimum delegate fee prior to proposal submissions.**

ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 11. Convention Committee.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

**The Executive Board shall appoint a committee chairperson and members of the committee.**

Paragraph B. Duties.

**The Convention Committee shall be responsible for producing the Annual Convention. Duties of IGRA, the Convention Committee, and a co-hosting Member Association shall be determined by mutual agreement.**

ARTICLE VII – DELEGATES

Section 1. Voting Delegates.

Paragraph A. Representation.

1. Each Member Association shall be entitled to representation at Annual Convention by four (4) voting delegates and four (4) alternate delegates.
2. A Member Association shall be entitled to two (2) bonus voting delegates by hosting **or co-hosting** one or more of the following during the current or previous rodeo year:
  - a. At least one (1) rodeo within its geographical area.
  - b. Approved rodeo school.
  - c. Annual Convention.
  - d. IGRA University
3. The number of delegates per Association shall not exceed six (6).

Resolution

For any bids for Annual Convention that are chosen at the 2023 Annual Convention (that is, for Annual Convention 2024 and Annual Convention 2025),, the IGRA Board of Directors is instructed to produce the convention in partnership with the selected Member Associations.

## Proposal BSR-04

FAILED

*Page 16, Article IX, Section 6*

### ARTICLE IX OFFICERS

#### Section 6. Duties of the Secretary,

Paragraph A. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a full and complete record of the proceedings of Annual Convention and of the meetings of the IGRA Officers, the Board of Directors, and the Board of Trustees, and of actions taken at these meetings. Minutes from Annual Convention shall be made available within thirty (30) days of the convention. Minutes from each meeting shall be made available within fourteen (14) days of the meeting.

Paragraph B. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the seal, books, documents, and papers of IGRA and affix the seal to all instruments executed by the President, or by his/her direction, which may require it.

#### Paragraph C. IGRA Handbook and Rodeo Rulebook.

Paragraph A. Within thirty (30) days after the last day of Annual Convention, the Secretary shall submit to the Bylaws Committee chairperson and the Rodeo Rules Committee chairperson a draft copy of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Rodeo Rules for review.

Paragraph B. Within sixty (60) days of Annual Convention, an electronic copy of the complete handbook shall be sent to each director, committee chairperson, and Member and Recognized Association, and made available on the IGRA Web site. This handbook will include all Bylaws, Standing Rules, Rodeo Rules, attachments, exhibits, current/continuing resolutions passed by prior conventions, and other relevant information.

Paragraph C. The Secretary shall produce or cause to be produced, and distribute or cause to be distributed, the rodeo rulebook. Rodeo rule changes and additions adopted at the previous year's Annual Convention shall be highlighted in the pocket rulebooks printed for distribution to contestants and officials.

Paragraph D. The Secretary shall have such other duties as may be delegated him/her pursuant to Article V Corporate Powers, Section 4, hereof.

**Paragraph A.** The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a full and complete record of the proceedings of Annual Convention and of the meetings of the IGRA Officers, the Board of Directors, and the Board of Trustees, and of actions taken at these meetings. Minutes from Annual Convention shall be made available within sixty (60) days of the convention. Minutes from each meeting shall be made available within thirty (30) days of the meeting.

**Paragraph B.** The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the books, documents, and papers of IGRA.

**Paragraph C.** The Secretary shall produce or cause to be produced, and distribute or cause to be distributed, the updated IGRA Handbook and Rodeo Rulebook within sixty (60) days of Annual Convention and a minimum of 14 days prior to the first rodeo of the year. Rodeo rule changes and additions adopted at the previous year's Annual Convention shall be highlighted in the pocket rulebooks printed for distribution to contestants and officials.

**Paragraph D.** Within thirty (30) days after the last day of Annual Convention, the Secretary shall submit to the Bylaws Committee chairperson and the Rodeo Rules Committee chairperson a draft copy of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Rodeo Rules for review.

**Paragraph E.** The Secretary shall have such other duties as may be delegated him/her pursuant to Article V Corporate Powers, Section 4, hereof.

# Proposal BSR-06

Page 20-21, Article X, Section 9

**FAILED**

## ARTICLE X TRUSTEES

### Section 9. Duties.

#### Paragraph E. Pre-Rodeo Meeting.

1. The Trustees present shall conduct a pre-rodeo meeting at each rodeo.
2. The Trustees present will designate a Trustee to complete the rodeo checklist and a Trustee to act as Rodeo Review Trustee. For specific responsibilities for these two (2) positions, refer to Exhibit A4.
3. The Rodeo Review Trustee will be assigned to complete the IGRA Voluntary Rodeo Injury Report during the running of the rodeo. This Trustee will give the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator the completed injury reports for their review and signature(s).
4. **If an Association does not have a trustee or alternate trustee present for the pre-rodeo meeting they will not have a vote in any rodeo review meetings held during the rodeo and at the post rodeo meeting.**

## Proposal BSR-07

*Page 23, Article XII, Section 2, Paragraph A*

ARTICLE XII      COMMITTEES

Section 2.      General.

**PASSED**

Paragraph A. **Committees shall conduct their work throughout the year and report to the Board of Directors, as necessary. As a minimum Additionally, all committees shall meet the day prior to the start of Annual Convention. All Committee Chairs, or their alternates, shall present a written report to the convention delegates. The committee report may include committee recommendations to change areas of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, or Rodeo Rules that directly affect their committee.**

## Proposal BSR-08

**PASSED**

*Page 26-27, Article X, Section 8*

### ARTICLE X COMMITTEES

#### Section 8. Public Relations Committee.

##### Paragraph A. Appointment.

The Board of Directors will select an official Public Relations Spokesperson for a term of three (3) years person shall serve as the chairperson and. The Public Relations Spokesperson shall serve as the Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee. In addition to the Chairperson, the committee shall be composed of one (1) representative from each Member Association, as selected by that association.

##### Paragraph B. Duties.

1. The Public Relations Spokesperson will report to the Board of Directors at each scheduled board meeting. In his/her absence, the Vice President will make the report.
2. The Public Relations Spokesperson will conduct a public relations seminar at Annual Convention and additional seminars through the year at locations beneficial to IGRA Member Associations. Pre-registration fees of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per person payable to IGRA and sent to the Executive Office, postmarked at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the seminar. Fees shall be refundable upon attendance. Fees shall be forfeited for non-attendance. Late registration will be accepted at the discretion of the Chairperson.
3. The Public Relations Spokesperson will perform any other actions deemed necessary by the Public Relations Committee and/or the Board of Directors.
4. Position description of the Public Relations Spokesperson shall be determined by the Board of Directors (Exhibit B).

##### Paragraph C. Other.

1. Member Associations, their individual members, stock contractors, contract personnel, officials, and staff of the rodeo, will notify the Public Relations Spokesperson with all IGRA media requests.
2. Any Member Association or their individual members purporting to represent the integrity, interests, goals, and operations of IGRA must receive written consent to appear or participate in or on any form of media.
3. IGRA, its Public Relations Spokesperson, and its Member and Recognized Associations will at all times do their best to respect each person's confidentiality with regard to IGRA-sanctioned events if they have not signed a waiver of consent. However, IGRA, its Public Relations Spokesperson, and its Member and Recognized Associations shall not be liable for the reproduction of any such person's name, voice, likeness, biography, and photograph in or on any form of media present, or not present, at an IGRA-sanctioned event.

## **Section 8. Public Relations Spokesperson.**

### **Paragraph A. Appointment.**

The President will select an official Public Relations Spokesperson who shall serve as the Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee.

### **Paragraph B. Duties.**

1. The Public Relations Spokesperson will perform any actions deemed necessary by the President or the Board of Directors

### **Paragraph C. Other.**

1. Member Associations, their individual members, stock contractors, contract personnel, officials, and staff of the rodeo, will notify the Public Relations Spokesperson with all IGRA media requests.
2. Any Member Association or their individual members purporting to represent the integrity, interests, goals, and operations of IGRA must receive written consent to appear or participate in or on any form of media.
3. IGRA, its Public Relations Spokesperson, and its Member and Recognized Associations will at all times do their best to respect each person's confidentiality with regard to IGRA-sanctioned events if they have not signed a waiver of consent. However, IGRA, its Public Relations Spokesperson, and its Member and Recognized Associations shall not be liable for the reproduction of any such person's name, voice, likeness, biography, and photograph in or on any form of media present, or not present, at an IGRA-sanctioned event.

# Proposal BSR-09

**PASSED**

*Page 27, Article X, Section 9*

## ARTICLE X COMMITTEES

### Section 9. Marketing Committee.

#### Paragraph A. Appointment.

The President shall appoint a Marketing Committee chairperson and request each Member Association to provide a representative to the committee, which shall meet the day prior to the start of Annual Convention.

**The President shall appoint a Marketing Committee chairperson. The chairperson will seek out qualified and interested individuals to serve on the committee in the marketing efforts of IGRA.**

#### Paragraph B. Duties.

1. Shall oversee production and marketing of all authorized IGRA-branded products.
2. Shall oversee sponsorship and marketing relationships as authorized by the Board of Directors for IGRA generally and for all IGRA-sponsored events.
3. Member Associations and/or their individual members must secure IGRA's written approval prior to the use of IGRA's name or logo.
3. **Except in the routine and customary promotion of its rodeo, a Member Association and/or its individual members must secure IGRA's written approval prior to the use of IGRA's name or logo.**

## Proposal BSR-10

*Page 32, Article XVI*

### ARTICLE XVI RECORDS

**PASSED**

Paragraph A. All books and records of IGRA shall be kept at the Executive Office **principal office on record** and will be made available for inspection by any member or their agent for any purpose at any reasonable time.

Paragraph B. All books and records of IGRA shall be maintained in compliance with Standing Rule XXIX regarding record retention.

# Proposal BSR-11

**PASSED**

Page 35, Rule IV

RULE IV IGRA UNIVERSITY

Section I. Time and Place.

- A. IGRA University may be held within the first month of the rodeo year and may not be scheduled within seventeen (17) days of Annual Convention, Finals Rodeo, or any other IGRA-sanctioned rodeo.
- B. The location of IGRA University shall be voted on two (2) rodeo years prior by the last scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the year. If a location is not selected, the Executive Board may extend the deadline for location selection to the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- A. **IGRA University may be held at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors.**
- C. A Member Association may request that IGRA University be held in its geographical area. Requests shall be presented to the Executive Board thirty (30) days prior to any scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- D. IGRA shall be responsible for all revenue and expenses. Other responsibilities will be agreed upon by the Executive Board and the University Committee Chair.

## Proposal BSR-12

*Page 46, Rule XIV, Section 4*

RULE XVI SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

**PASSED**

Section 11. Web Site Award.

This award is for Member Associations and their chapters who have made significant contributions in promoting Gay Rodeo through the use of their Web site based on appearance, content, graphics, navigation, and being up-to-date. This award will be determined by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Internet Technology committee.

# Proposal BSR-13

**PASSED**

Page 47-48, Rule XII

## RULE XII RODEOS AND RODEO APPROVAL

Section 1. The rodeo year will begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Section 2. A rodeo shall be a one or two go-round activity conducted over one, two, or three days.

Section 3. No more than two (2) rodeos may be held on the same weekend. The host cities of two rodeos approved for the same weekend must be at least 500 miles (804 km) apart.

Section 4. No IGRA-sanctioned rodeo may be scheduled prior to IGRA University or after September 30.

Section 5. Preliminary rodeo calendar dates shall be presented at Annual Convention two (2) and three (3) years prior to the rodeo calendar year. Rodeo calendar dates may be changed or added at the next convention or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any Board of Directors meeting.

Section 6. Member Associations requesting sanctioning of a rodeo must submit the following items with the request:  
A. Completed Rodeo Application (Exhibit A2) with all required supporting documents and information.  
B. Sanction fee.

Section 7. Rodeos shall be sanctioned by the Board of Directors. A majority vote of the board will be required to sanction a rodeo. Sanctioning of a rodeo must occur:

- A. At least six (6) months prior to the planned rodeo date, AND
- B. Before the beginning of the prior year's Annual Convention.
- C. Rodeo application must be approved at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- D. Rodeo application must be available for review no less than 14 days prior to sanctioning.
- E. All reports and monies owed to IGRA must be settled prior to sanctioning.

### Section 7. Rodeo Sanctioning

- A. Rodeos shall be sanctioned by the Board of Directors. A majority vote of the board will be required to sanction a rodeo.
- B. Sanctioning of a rodeo must occur before the beginning of the prior year's Annual Convention and at least six (6) months prior to the planned rodeo date. A Member Association submitting an application beyond this time shall be subject to a fine as determined by the Board of Directors.
- C. Rodeo application must be available for review no less than 14 days prior to sanctioning.
- D. Rodeo application must be approved at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- E. All monies owed to IGRA must be settled prior to sanctioning.

Section 8. The IGRA Web Administrator shall post sanctioned rodeos only as directed by the IGRA Secretary.

# Proposal BSR-14

**PASSED**

*Page 57-59, Rule XIX*

## RULE XIX INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE COMPETITION

### Section 1. International Country and Western Dance Competition Chairperson.

- A. The Vice President will serve as the International Country/Western Dance Competition chairperson. He/she will secure all necessary personnel needed to put on the International Country/Western Dance Competition.
- B. Duties.
  - 1. Oversee all aspects of the International Country/Western Dance Competition.
  - 2. Responsible for ordering and making available all awards required for the International Country/Western Dance Competition.
  - 3. Responsible for organization and development of the International Country/Western Dance Competition including, but not limited to, securing emcee, preparing lineup, and arranging for an auditor for scores the night of the competition.
  - 4. Review dance competition rules proposals, which are presented for consideration at Annual Convention.
- C. The Board of Directors has the option of voting not to hold a Country/Western Dance competition with consultation or recommendation from the Vice President and/or Dance Competition Coordinator.

### Section 2. International Country/Western Dance Competition Coordinator.

- A. The Vice President shall appoint a person to serve as the International Country/Western Dance Competition Coordinator.
- B. Duties.
  - 1. Responsible for selection of contest music and posting (as required).
  - 2. Responsible for selection of line dances and posting (as required).
  - 3. Responsible for selection of qualified judges with the approval of the dance competition chairperson.
  - 4. Responsible for working with hosting city for necessary advertising and possible sponsorships from local contacts.
  - 5. Assist with production the night of the International Country/Western Dance Competition.

### Section 3. International Country/Western Dance Competition Rules Proposed Changes.

- A. All proposed changes to the dance competition rules must be submitted in writing by the proponent to the International Country/Western Dance Competition chairperson at least sixty (60) days prior to Annual Convention. The Dance Competition Rules Committee will present a final version of proposals at Annual Convention. Any rules changes made at Annual Convention will not be effective for the contest immediately following that Annual Convention, but will be used at the next dance competition.
- B. The judges are allowed to socialize with all who attend the event when not working, provided privileged information about judges scoring or contest results is not divulged. As judges, specific contest observations are to be considered privileged for the duration of the event and shall not be

revealed to anyone other than proper event officials. Non-compliance by any contestant, or improper conduct by any contest official, as well as formal contest inquiries or protests, should be brought to the attention of the contest coordinator or the event director.

- C. Dance contestants and dance officials shall not be under the influence of or consume alcohol or illegal drugs during the contest. Contest officials include master of ceremonies, announcer, judges, auditors, scorekeepers, and their staff.

## International Country/Western Dance Competition Resolution

Whereas, it is a goal of the International Gay Rodeo Association to promote the Country/Western lifestyle, and

Whereas, Country/Western dance is an important element of the Country/Western lifestyle; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That, if IGRA produces an International Country and Western Dance Competition, it be conducted as listed below.

### INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE COMPETITION

#### Section 1. International Country and Western Dance Competition Chairperson.

- A. The Vice President will serve as the International Country/Western Dance Competition chairperson. He/she will secure all necessary personnel needed to put on the International Country/Western Dance Competition.
- B. Duties.
1. Oversee all aspects of the International Country/Western Dance Competition.
  2. Responsible for ordering and making available all awards required for the International Country/Western Dance Competition.
  3. Responsible for organization and development of the International Country/Western Dance Competition including, but not limited to, securing emcee, preparing lineup, and arranging for an auditor for scores the night of the competition.

#### Section 2. International Country/Western Dance Competition Coordinator.

- A. The Vice President shall appoint a person to serve as the International Country/Western Dance Competition Coordinator.
- B. Duties.
1. Responsible for selection of contest music and posting (as required).
  2. Responsible for selection of line dances and posting (as required).
  3. Responsible for selection of qualified judges with the approval of the dance competition chairperson.
  4. Responsible for working with hosting city for necessary advertising and possible sponsorships from local contacts.

5. Assist with production the night of the International Country/Western Dance Competition.

## Direction to the Secretary

*Upon passage of BSR-14, the Secretary is directed to delete Exhibits D01, D02, D03, D04, and D05 and archive them indefinitely for potential future use.*

# Proposal BSR-15

**PASSED**

*Page 46, Rule XIV, Section 4*

## RULE XVI SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

*Page 27, Article XII, Section 12*

### ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

Section 12. IGRA Women's Outreach Committee.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

The President shall appoint a committee chairperson and shall request each Member Association to provide a representative to the committee, which will meet the day prior to the start of Annual Convention.

Paragraph B. Duties.

1. Develop and hold educational seminars, one of which will be held at IGRA University.
2. Develop and maintain a mentoring program for women in rodeo.
3. Create educational materials to promote the above.

*Page 27, Article XII, Section 15*

### ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

Section 15. Animal Issues Welfare Committee.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

The President shall appoint an Animal Issues Welfare Committee Chairperson and request each Member Association to provide a representative to the committee, which will meet the day prior to the start of Annual Convention.

Paragraph B. Duties.

1. Report on disease outbreaks that affect IGRA rodeos.
2. Investigate and report on animal injuries.

## Proposal BSR-16

*Page 47, Rule XII*

RULE XII RODEOS AND RODEO APPROVAL

**PASSED**

Section 4. No IGRA-sanctioned **regional** rodeo may be scheduled prior to IGRA University or after September 30.

Report of the Rodeo Rules Committee  
To the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Rodeo Rules Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023, from 9:15am until 5:30pm. A total number of 24 people were in attendance representing 13 member associations. A list of the attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help with the business of the committee.

We had a very productive committee meeting, approving all but one proposal that has been introduced during the meeting. Proposals that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. I believe it is the expectations of the committee that these proposals be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Thurtell

Jeremy Snidow

Co-Chair IGRA Rodeo Rules Committee

Attendees:

| Name              | Association | Voting |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|
| Robert Thurtell   | CGRA        |        |
| Jeremy Snidow     | CGRA        |        |
| Dan Iverson       | AGRA        | X      |
| Amy Griffin       | ASGRA       | X      |
| John Beck         | CGRA        | X      |
| Ash Anderson      | CRGRA       | X      |
| Scott Anderson    | DSRA        | X      |
| Kami Boles        | GPRA        | X      |
| David Lawson      | GSGRA       | X      |
| Angela Parker     | MGRA        | X      |
| Guy Puglisi       | NGRA        | X      |
| Dave Henzel       | NMGRA       | X      |
| Chris Tobin       | NSGRA       | X      |
| Marcus Hood       | RRRA        | X      |
| Kevin Hillman     | UGRA        | X      |
| Mark Christiansen | AGRA        |        |

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|----------------|------|
| Tommy Channel  | CGRA |
| Mark Arnold    | CGRA |
| Kade Hiller    | CGRA |
| Candy Pratt    | RRRA |
| Sammy Simpkin  | RRRA |
| John Wetherly  | TGRA |
| Mack McMillian | TGRA |
| Charlie Clella | TGRA |

Rule I – CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

9. Stall fees. Contestants ~~may be~~ are provided one (1) stall at no cost required to pay a twenty five dollar (\$25) per stall fee, up to three, for the rodeo weekend. Contestants reserving additional stalls may be required to pay a stall fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per additional stall for the rodeo weekend if published by the host association prior to that rodeo's registration deadline.

- a. Must reserve the appropriate number of horse stall(s)
- b. Prepay for all additional horse stalls with pre-registration
  - i. Stall fees for additional horse stalls are non-refundable.
  - ii. Stall fees for additional horse stalls are non-transferrable.
- c. Tack stalls are subject to host association's cost.

**FAILED**

RR 2302

RULE III – Rules for Event

2. Roping Events

B. Calf Roping on Foot

8. Once calf is roped, slack has been pulled must be pulled by the contestant out of the rope, and the rope has left the hands of the contestant, Judge will drop flag to stop time.

**FAILED**

RR 2303

RULE VII – Association Requirements

20. Stalls for Horses or Storage a. Provide at no charge, a minimum of one (1) horse stall per pre-registered contestant entering horse events **adequate stalls for contestants at a fee not to exceed twenty-five (\$25.00) for the weekend.** Contestants requiring additional stalls for competition horses may be required to pay a stall fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per horse stall for the rodeo weekend. Contestants requiring more than three stalls shall pay the facility fee for each additional stall.

**PASSED**

RR 2304

RULE VIII - Registration

2. Entries a. Event entries will open 28 at least 60 days prior to each rodeo's first performance and close 14 days prior to each rodeo's first performance. b. For a limited rodeo, event entries will open 44 days prior to 77 at least 60 days prior to each rodeo's first performance and close 30 days prior to each rodeo's first performance.

RULE III – RULES FOR EVENTS

I. ROUGH STOCK EVENTS

G. CHUTE DOGGING (SHOULD BE F, BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT AFTER "E")

9. A disqualification (DQ) will be given for any of the following.
- a) Unnecessary roughness or intentional harm to the steer.
  - b) Tripping, which is anytime a contestant in any way entangles the feet of the animal causing it to fall down for any reason.
  - c) Flipping, which is anytime the animal goes end over end for any reason.
  - d) Utilization of steer's head and/or horns in the dirt in a manner to flip the steer.
  - e) Contestant coach touching the animal while or after the chute gate has been signaled by the contestant to be opened.
  - f) Losing contact with the steer such that no part of the contestant is touching any part of the steer.
  - g) Steer lying on its side, or on its back, other than as described as legal in Rule 8 above.
  - h) Contestant placing finger(s) in the steer's eye(s).

RR 2306

## RULE VII – ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Licensed Veterinarian

- Have a large animal veterinarian on call for the period the host association permits animals on the rodeo grounds of rodeo weekend and post name and phone number in the barn area.
- WITH NO EXCEPTION. A veterinarian with large animal care experience will **either** be on site **or on call** during the running of all events, performance and slack, foot parade, and grand entry.
- **Associations must publish at least 60 days in advance whether the veterinarian will be onsite or on call.**

Non-compliance will result in the host association/chapter being fined \$1,500.00 for the entire rodeo. A second consecutive rodeo violation will result in the host association/chapter being fined \$3,000.00 for the entire rodeo and be suspended from hosting an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo the next year.

PASSED

RR 2307

#### RULE IV – GENERAL RULES

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t. A meeting under the direction of the Rodeo Secretary will be held within thirty (30) minutes after the close of rodeo registration, prior to the start of rodeo. The following rodeo personnel and their assistants will attend; Judges, Scorekeepers, Timers, Announcers, Arena Director, Arena Crew Coordinator (if applicable), Chute Coordinator, Rodeo Director, Rodeo Review Trustee, and the Rodeo Checklist Trustee. Any of these officials unable to attend this meeting due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. flight delay, etc.) will be briefed by another rodeo official prior to the start of the first rodeo event on any discussions that took place. The purpose of this meeting will be to clearly inform and define each person's duties and responsibilities and to make known any special situations that may take place.

## PROPOSAL \_\_\_

### RULE VIII – REGISTRATION

1. New contestants wishing to compete in any IGRA-sanctioned rodeo are encouraged to pre-register with the IGRA office a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first rodeo they wish to compete in. The office contact information will be listed on the IGRA Website.
  - a. Within one (1) week following receipt of a new contestant's preregistration, the IGRA office will discuss with the new contestant:
    - i. Electronic registration. Set the new contestant up for online registration, including instructions on how to register for a rodeo, and provide directions on where to find Member Associations information.
  - b. Contestant will be offered the option to receive a current rodeo rulebook from the IGRA office or to access the rodeo rulebook located on the IGRA Web site.
  - c. Contestant will be informed that their association must verify their current membership to the IGRA office prior to competing at any IGRA-sanctioned rodeo.
  
2. Entries
  - a. Event entries will open at least **60 ~~28~~** days prior to each rodeo's first performance and close 14 days prior to each rodeo's first performance.
  - b. For a limited rodeo, event entries will open at least **60 ~~44~~** days prior to each rodeo's first performance and close 30 days prior to each rodeo's first performance.
  - c. Contestants with an assigned IGRA number must complete and pay for an online registration with a date-time stamp by 10:00 pm Mountain Time no less than

fifteen (15) days prior to the rodeo's first performance to compete in that rodeo.

- d. It is the contestant's responsibility to assure their entry form includes all team member names (and IGRA numbers if possible) by close of registration.
  - i. Non-compliance with the completion of team entries will result in the contestant(s) not participating in the event.
  - ii. In the event of a dispute regarding team members, those entry forms with matching team members will be recognized as a complete team, and those not matching will be refunded their entry fee for that event.
- e. The registration process must be for a minimum of two (2) hours up to three (3) hours and cannot end less than three (3) hours prior to the beginning of the first event. The timeframe must be published via Web site and/or mailed packet.
- f. Late Registration
  - i. Associations must publish their "IGRA Contestant Late Registration Policy" on their own Web site a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to their rodeo.
  - ii. Information must include if late registrations will be accepted, if fees will be assessed, and the amount assessed.
  - iii. Fee cannot exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).
  - iv. Late entry fees apply only to contestants who have been assigned a four (4) digit IGRA contestant number greater than 30 days from the registration date.
- g. Pre-registered contestants adding events
  - i. Associations must publish their policy on pre-registered contestants adding events at registration a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to their rodeo.
  - ii. This information must be included in the contestant information mailer/e-mail.
  - iii. Fee cannot exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

- iv. Additional event late fees apply only to contestants who have been assigned a four (4) digit IGRA contestant number greater than 30 days from registration date.
3. Entry fees for IGRA–sanctioned rodeos will be thirty dollars (\$30.00) per person, per go– round. The portion of the entry fees designated for contestant Day Money shall not be used for any other purpose than to be paid out as contestant prize money.
4. Entry fees for Finals Rodeo will be thirty dollars (\$30.00) per event, per go–round, per person and will be combined with any contestant money held in escrow. All of this money will be distributed as contestant day money.
5. Except for the sixty dollar (\$60.00) non–refundable entry fee deposit, **and additional stall reservation fees, if any**, all prepaid monies are eligible for refund if notified prior to the close of registration.
6. **Waivers**
  - a. In order to compete, volunteer, or work at any rodeo in any capacity, all contestants, contestant buddy pass holders, staff, volunteers, or media/photographers must complete the follow: all waivers required by IGRA and the hosting association. A valid ID may be required for proof of age.
    - i. Standard IGRA liability waiver.
    - ii. Additional international sponsor or stock contractor waiver(s).
    - iii. Additional host association required waiver(s), and/or
    - iv. Valid photo ID is required as proof of age when questioned.

## 7. Voluntary Medical Form

- a. All staff, volunteers, and contestants may complete a medical form.
- b. The medical forms will be placed in a self–sealing #10 security envelope and sealed by the individual.
- c. The outside of the envelope must state the following: “Confidential – to be opened by authorized medical

- personnel only.”
- d. The individual or staff will print the individual's name on the front of the envelope.
- e. Envelopes will be placed in alphabetical order in a file box.
- f. The file box will be kept in a secured designated area in secretarial during the running of the rodeo.
- g. In the event of an injury or illness where the participant is not alert and oriented as determined by the EMS personnel, the EMS will have authorization to open the Envelope for the purpose to obtain information to treat the individual.
- h. After the completion of the rodeo weekend, the staff, volunteer, or contestant may pick up their personal envelope. Any envelopes not picked up will be shredded to fulfill HIPAA and PIPEDA requirements.

#### 8. Rodeo Numbers and Access Badges

- a. Contestant rodeo numbers must be easily visible by officials and staff in relation to competition.
- b. Contestant will be provided a Rodeo Access Badge to include their Rodeo Number.

#### 9. Rodeo Numbers and Access Badges

- a. Contestant will use their 4–digit IGRA number as their assigned contestant number for competition purposes.
- b. Assigned IGRA number must be visible on the contestant's back for roping and speed events.
- c. Chest protectors may be worn over the contestant number in rough

stock and camp events. Rodeo official(s) may request to verify that the number is on.

d. Failure to comply with any of the above will result in disqualification from that event.

e. Access badge displaying contestant number will gain admittance to the grounds and contestant and chute areas.

f. Missing IGRA back number and/or badge can be replaced for a five (\$5.00) dollar fee **paid to the Rodeo Secretary**. Fee for **badge** will remain with the **host** association, **fees for back numbers will go to IGRA**.

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RULE III

SPEED EVENTS

2. Timing

- a) Speed events are timed events.  
IGRA-sanctioned rodeos are required to use an electronic timing light for all speed events and one (1) three (3) stopwatch stopwatches as backup. A second electronic timer may replace two (2) stopwatches.
- b) Electronic timing light shall be placed, where at all possible, against the fence.
- c) Judge will drop their flag when any part of the rider or horse breaks the plane of the start/finish line according to the prescribed pattern.
- d) Timers Timer(s) must start and stop their stopwatches when Judge drops the flag.
- e) Scorekeeper will record only the official time.

## RULE XII – SCOREKEEPER AND TIMERS

1. All back-up backup hand stopwatches used must be the same type and produce the same type of display. **Stopwatches to the hundredths of a second will be used.**
2. Timed events will be timed to the thousandth (three (3) decimal places). Timed events will be timed to the hundredths of a second [two (2) decimal places] when stopwatch times are used, and to the thousandths [three (3) decimal places] when electronic timing light times are used.
3. Timed events will be recorded by the Scorekeeper to the thousandths of a second and will be recorded in the computer to hundredths. Thousandths will be used to break ties in the event of a tie recorded by the computer.
4. Times will be recorded as hundredths in the computer by entering the first two (2) places after the decimal, not by rounding off using the third (3rd) place digit. Stopwatches to the hundredths will be used.
5. Hand stopwatches will be used as the official time for events where an electronic timing light is not to be used.
  - a. For camp events, there will be one (1) or two (2) stopwatches per team will be used (refer to General Rules for Camp Events).
  - b. For rough stock riding events, the official time will be a stopwatch held by one of the Judges.
  - c. For roping events and Chute Dogging, there will be three (3) hand stopwatches will be used.
  - d. All times will be recorded when the electronic timing light is used. If there was a no-time scenario or a DQ, the Scorekeeper will line through the time and write "NT" next to the recorded time.
  - e. In events using stopwatches, if the scorekeeper has any question about an event flagged as a no-time by the judge, the scorekeeper should record the hand stopwatch times, line through them, and write "NT" next to the times in case the call is overturned to prevent a re-ride scenario. After recording the times, the Scorekeeper should get

**clarification on the judge's call from the Arena Director or Judge(s) involved.**

- f. The high and low hand stopwatch times are not used, and the hand stopwatch time in the middle is the official time.
- g. If only two hand stopwatch times are available, the average time will be used with no round offs. If there is a third digit when the average is calculated, it will be dropped, and the time will be recorded to the hundredths.
- h. If only one hand stopwatch time is available, that time will be recorded.

## RULE III – Rough Stock Events

## D. BULL DRAW

1. An electronic system will randomly draw bulls and assign to riders at close of registration.

2. Draw will be posted with all other events

3. Re-ride bulls will be drawn electronically following the original bull draw.

1. A joint "poker draw" will be performed for men and women by Secretarial Staff and Chute Coordinator for Bull Riding.
2. Draw location and time for each performance must be announced in advance.
3. Prior to the "poker draw", the secretarial staff shall do a random draw for running order of the contestants.
4. Bull riders are invited to observe the "poker draw".
5. Secretarial staff shall draw numbers or names corresponding to the bulls from a receptacle held above the head of the drawing official.
6. The first number drawn is the bull for the first contestant and so on.
7. If there are more contestants than bulls, all the bull numbers will be placed back in the receptacle after the first cycle has been completed. This will be done as often as necessary to match bulls with contestants.
8. If there are more bulls than bull riders, at the discretion of the stock contractor and Chute Coordinator, the bulls that were not used in the first performance will be drawn for the second performance prior to the availability of the other bulls.
9. After all contestants have had a bull drawn for them; the contestants will be required to leave while the secretarial staff conducts a draw for possible re-rides. The running order for re-ride animals will be kept secret until after the contestant has made his/her decision regarding a possible re-ride.
10. The above process may be completed electronically by the Rodeo Management System, if available. If the draw is completed electronically, the draw will be posted on the posting board with all other events. Re-ride bulls will not be posted but will be revealed at the time a re-ride is granted.

**RULE III – RULES FOR EVENTS****B. STEER DECORATING**

1. Steers are to be positioned in alternating (every other) chutes, if possible, and always facing the hinged end of the chute.
2. Host association must supply a brightly colored soft, cotton twenty-five-foot (25') +/- (plus or minus) one foot (1') long by three-quarters inch (3/4") up to one and one-half inch (1 1/2") diameter rope to include a metal ring with an inside diameter of two and one-half inch (2 1/2") to three-inch (3") metal ring is to be used for the event. No knots in rope are allowed.
3. The end of the rope with the ring is to be attached on the horns of a horned steer such that the ring end of the rope is behind the steer's horns and the ring end of the rope points away from the arena side of the chute. The rope is not to be tightened around the horns of the steer before the start of the event.
4. Event requires horned steers that meet the stock specifications.
5. Ribbon must be: be a minimum of seven-eighths inch (7/8") to a maximum of one and one-quarter inch (1 1/4") in width and twenty-four inches (24") in length minimum and must be made of prefab cloth ribbon with a finished edge. Ribbon will be made available to all teams at the beginning of the event.
  - a. **A minimum of seven-eighths inch (7/8") to a maximum of one and one-quarter inch (1 1/4") in width;**
  - b. **Twenty-four inches (24") in length;**
  - c. **Made of brightly colored prefab cloth with a finished edge; and**
  - d. **Made available to all teams at the beginning of the event.**

## RULE XIV – RODEO AWARDS

## 1. Day Money

- a. Classification of competitive groups. Cowboy and cowgirl can compete together but will be scored separately in all events except team events and will receive separate awards.
- b. Contestant entry fees are defined as "Day Money" and will be distributed back to contestants based upon formulas found in 1.D. and 1.E. below. Non-awarded Day Money from a rodeo will be held in escrow by IGRA for the Finals Rodeo Contestant Day Money.
- c. Host association advertises all entry fee Day Money to be paid back in each event up to the first eight (8) places per go-round depending on follows:
  - 1-25 entries/teams pay four (4) places
  - 26-50 entries/teams pay six (6) places
  - 51+ entries/teams pay eight (8) places
- d. If at least one contestant/team places in an event the first (1st) day, and no one places the second (2nd) day, both go-round's Day Money goes to the contestant(s)/team(s) who placed once provided that the contestants/teams attempted to qualify on the second (2nd) day. If at least one contestant/team places the second (2nd) day, and no one placed the first (1st) day, both go-round's Day Money goes to the contestant(s)/team(s) who placed once provided that the contestant(s)/team(s) attempted to qualify on the first (1st) day. Prior to awarding both go-rounds Day Money to a contestant, the Rodeo Secretary shall confer with the Judges to verify that the contestant/team made a valid attempt. An "attempt" shall be defined as the contestants/teams allowing the event time to start. If no one places after both days, the prize money from international sponsors and Day Money will be held in escrow by IGRA to be used as Day Money at the Finals Rodeo.
- e. For Finals Rodeo, the entry fees and IGRA escrow account must be paid: To six (6) places according to the table below. Each event will maintain its own escrow.

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PASSED

RULE III – RULES FOR EVENTS

G. Chute Dogging

8. Steer will be considered dogged only when it is lying flat on its side, or on its back, with all four hooves pointed in the same direction out from under the body and the head in a natural position.

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#### RULE X – OFFICIALS' INSPECTION OF BUCKING CHUTES AND ARENA

1. Safety to all animals is paramount to IGRA and its mission statement. The Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator must inspect these listed areas to assure the safety of all animals. This physical inspection must be done prior to each rodeo performance to identify where any animal could be exposed to potential hazards and remove the hazard.

- a. Bucking chutes and loading areas.
- b. Holding/loading pens.
- c. All alleyways and entrance/exit gates.
- d. Roping chutes and loading areas.
- e. All panels and fencing.
- f. Arena footing around and in alleyways, arena floor, bucking and roping chutes

2. At each rodeo, two contestant liaisons will be designated. The liaisons will be the spokesperson to the Chute Coordinator, Arena Director, and Rodeo Directors. In the event that one of the liaisons is not available, a substitute liaison will be designated.

The names of the Contestant Liaisons will be posted at registration.

##### a. Duties:

i. ROUGH STOCK LIAISON - An experienced rough stock competitor, who will work directly with the Chute Crew Coordinator and Stock Contractor, prior to the rodeo for inspection and running of the stock. This person must remain available throughout rodeo to all contestants.

ii. ARENA LIAISON - An experienced speed and/or roping event competitor, who will work directly with Arena Director and Arena Crew, during arena inspection and pattern setup. This person must remain available to all contestants.

#### RULE IV– GENERAL RULES

7. An IGRA Contestant Liaison will be appointed by the IGRA President prior to the beginning of each Rodeo Year. The IGRA Contestant Liaison is responsible for designating two (2) Contestant Liaisons for each rodeo; one for Rough Stock events and one for Arena events. One of these two (2) Contestant Liaisons will also be the designated Contestant Liaison to represent all contestants during the rodeo.

a. The names of the Contestant Liaisons will be posted at registration.

##### b. Duties:

i. **ROUGH STOCK LIAISON** - An experienced rough stock competitor, who will work directly with the Chute Coordinator and Stock Contractor, prior to the rodeo for inspection and running of the stock. This person must remain available throughout rodeo to all contestants.

ii. **ARENA LIAISON** - An experienced speed and/or roping event competitor, who will work directly with Arena Director and Arena Crew, during arena inspection and pattern setup. This person must remain available to all contestants.

RULE XIV – RODEO AWARDS RODEO PAYOUT and AWARDS

| Place           | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 100% | 80%  | 60%  | 40%  | 20%  | 10%  | 5%   | 2%   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> |      | 80%  | 60%  | 27%  | 25%  | 25%  | 24%  | 23%  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> |      |      | 50%  | 30%  | 20%  | 10%  | 10%  | 10%  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> |      |      |      | 13%  | 12%  | 13%  | 12%  | 12%  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> |      |      |      |      | 8%   | 8%   | 8%   | 8%   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> |      |      |      |      |      | 5%   | 5%   | 5%   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> |      |      |      |      |      |      | 3%   | 3%   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2%   |
| Total           | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

**2. Prize Money Purse Money**

a. Purse Money is the only money applied to World Points.

Purse money is jackpot plus any added money that will be paid out according to IGRA scale and count towards the World Points.

Jackpot is the designated percentage of entry fees paid back to contestants.

Added money is any money that will be added to the jackpot.

According to IGRA table

- a. Prize money is any money added either by an international sponsor, local sponsor, or the host association. All prize money may be distributed as determined by either the sponsor or the host association, but only in whole dollar amounts. Prize money can be awarded daily or for the combined days placing.

**3. Prize Money:**

a. Money designated specifically not to follow the IGRA scale and will not count towards the World Points.

b. In the event a sponsor chooses to award prize money, payout will be based on the aggregate which does not count toward World Points.

c. Host association advertises minimum prize money from international sponsor(s) to be paid. If the international sponsor does not specify, the host association will determine how the international sponsor's prize money will be distributed (e.g. All-Around Cowboy, Cowgirl, and runners-up; buckle winners in certain events, etc.). must advertise minimum added money no later than 60 days prior to the event.

Host association will publish minimum amount of added prize money prior to the open date of registration for their rodeo.

RULE XV – WORLD CHAMPION AWARDS

1. Point Awards

a. World Champion points are awarded per performance in each event to the first eight (8) places as follows (expressed as dollars).

1st place = 50 plus Day Money plus Prize Purse Money

2nd place = 45 plus Day Money plus Prize Purse Money

3rd place = 40 plus Day Money plus Prize Purse Money

4th place = 35 plus Day Money plus Prize Purse Money

5th place = 30 plus Day Money plus Prize Purse Money

6th place = 25 plus Day Money plus Prize Purse Money

7th place = 20 plus Day Money plus Prize Purse Money

8th place = 15 plus Day Money plus Prize Purse Money

2. World Champions will include unearned Day Money that was added money, added purse, added prize, Purse money, rolled up to any contestant, that an association or individual may choose to add to the event.

IGRA CONVENTION

November 17-19, 2023

Reno, Nevada

Hall of Fame Committee Report

The committee meeting took place on November 17<sup>th</sup>

7 individuals representing 5 associations were represented.

The majority of this committee's work begins in March of each year. All nomination forms that were submitted through March 1<sup>st</sup> were reviewed by the appointed committee members, and the selection of inductees was completed prior to April 20<sup>th</sup>. Those nominees who were selected by the committee for this year will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are delighted to welcome the following to the Hall of Fame this year:

Benjamin Avant            Andrew Goodman

Glenn Gore                Des Gronwald

As a reminder to all of the convention delegates:

Once an individual is nominated, they will remain on the list of nominees until such time as they may be selected for induction into the Hall of Fame. There is no expiration date on a nomination. If multiple nominations are received for the same individual, the committee will take that into consideration during the selection process. However, nomination does not guarantee selection into the Hall of Fame. There are many individuals deserving of this honor, and it will take time to acknowledge all of them.

**DO NOT ASSUME THAT EVERY DESERVING INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN NOMINATED!**

Aside from gathering photos and bios from the inductees, the most difficult job for this committee is getting you to submit nominations. Nomination forms have been distributed to each of your tables, and is available on the IGRA website.

Please put some thought into individuals that you would like to see in the Hall of Fame, and take a few minutes to submit a nomination form. You may return the completed forms to Tommy Channel, or myself, or email to Tommy ([tommychannel@igra.com](mailto:tommychannel@igra.com)), or myself ([amy@igra.com](mailto:amy@igra.com)).

Finally, we have one adjustment to the Standing Rules to present.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Griffin

## Proposal HOF-01

**PASSED**

*Page 56, Rule XVII, Section 7, Paragraph B*

### RULE XVII IGRA HALL OF FAME

#### Section 7. Awards.

- B. Each inductee shall be included in the Hall of Fame section of the IGRA Web site or **an IGRA-associated site**. The Web site shall list the name, IGRA contestant number (if applicable), reason for induction, and image (if available) of each inductee.



## COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

**Committee Name:** Rodeo Officials Committee

**Committee Chair(s):** Guy Pugh

**Committee Members:** There were 13 people in attendance and 9 voting members in attendance.

**Date & Time of Last Meeting:** November 17, 2023 - 3-5 pm

**Brief Overview of Last Meeting:** The committee reviewed and approved ROC proposals 1 and 2. After great discussion, the committee revised and approved both proposals.

**Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):**

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**Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):**

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No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Guy Pugh

Rodeo Officials

## Committee Sign-In Sheet

| Name (please print)     | Association   | ✓ if Voting   |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Guy Pugliese</u>     | <u>NGRA</u>   | <u>      </u> |
| <u>David O'Neil</u>     | <u>CGCA</u>   | <u>  ✓  </u>  |
| <u>Bruce Roby</u>       | <u>CSGCA</u>  | <u>  ✓  </u>  |
| <u>Stephanie Gamber</u> | <u>NSRA</u>   | <u>  ✓  </u>  |
| <u>Dee Zischman</u>     | <u>NSRA</u>   | <u>  ✓  </u>  |
| <u>Michael Leitz</u>    | <u>ASRA</u>   | <u>  ✓  </u>  |
| <u>Amy Gifford</u>      | <u>ASRA</u>   | <u>      </u> |
| <u>Rebecca</u>          | <u>ASCA</u>   | <u>  ✓  </u>  |
| <u>Ruby Jones</u>       | <u>TERA</u>   | <u>  ✓  </u>  |
| <u>Mae Christensen</u>  | <u>TERA</u>   | <u>      </u> |
| <u>Michael Norman</u>   | <u>RRRA</u>   | <u>  ✓  </u>  |
| <u>Tom Smith</u>        | <u>IGRA</u>   | <u>      </u> |
| <u>Kami Boles</u>       | <u>GPPA</u>   | <u>  ✓  </u>  |
| <u>      </u>           | <u>      </u> | <u>      </u> |

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**RULE XX      GENERAL RULES FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

**Section 5.      Evaluation and Review.**

- A. The Committee will collect evaluation data and narrative summaries from key personnel at each rodeo that express issues, concerns, recommendations or commendations based on personal observations from the rodeo director and other officials.
- B. The Committee will examine the Rodeo Review documentation that is applicable to individual rodeo officials.
- C. Available evaluation data will be reviewed by the Committee during each quarterly meeting.
- D. **An investigation will be performed on any official with reported allegations from other rodeo officials, IGRA directors, or documented on rodeo checklists.**

## Proposal ROC-02

**PASSED**

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### RULE XX GENERAL RULES FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

#### Section 9. Disciplinary Procedures.

- A. Within ten (10) days following each rodeo, the rodeo director will send a report to the Rodeo Officials Committee listing any certified officials' performance issues, concerns or observation at that rodeo. These issues may include, but are not limited to, items listed in Standing Rule XX General Rules for Certified Personnel, Section 10.  
**Within fifteen (15) days following each rodeo, reports on performance listing any certified officials' performance issues, concerns, or observations at that rodeo will be submitted to the appropriate Lead Person. These issues may include, but are not limited to, items listed in Standing Rule XX General Rules for Certified Personnel, Section 10.**
- B. The Rodeo Officials Committee chairperson shall send the rodeo directors' report to all committee members. The appropriate Lead Person shall notify any individual receiving a negative report, outline the reported performance issues, and request a written response within five (5) days.  
**The Lead Person shall send the performance report(s) to all committee members. The appropriate Lead Person shall notify any individual receiving a negative report, outline the reported performance issues, and request a written response within ten (10) days.**
- C. The Lead Person shall send the response from the affected individual to all committee members.
- D. The committee shall determine if discipline is in order and determine the disciplinary action to be taken, if any.
- E. Disciplinary action may include a verbal warning, a written warning, placing the individual on a probationary period, or suspension. The committee may impose additional requirements (e.g. attending a seminar).
- F. At the end of the probationary or suspension period, the committee may return the individual to full certification status or recommend to the Trustees that the individual's certification be rescinded.
- G. All actions taken shall be reported in writing to the Board of Trustees for review at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

- H. In extenuating circumstances, as determined by the committee, an official may be temporarily suspended until the above steps are satisfied.**
- I. The outcome of any investigation or disciplinary action shall be communicated in writing to the individual within ten (10) days.**

# IGRA 2023 Judges Committee Meeting

Friday, November 17, 2023

Meeting called to order at 13:00 by chair Rick Jones

13 Attendee's

One proposal for Chute Dogging presented by chair Rick Jones. Proposal was changed to the following:

Steer will be considered being dogged only when it is lying on its side, or on its back, with all four hooves out from under the body and the head in the natural position.

This proposal will be sent to rodeo rules for consideration.

Bruce Roby asked that if any officials have any concerns that need to be addressed with the rodeo director for improvement.

Concern of some of the horses provided by the stock contractor being rideable by the judges.

Discussion on judges positioning in team roping and mounted breakaway roping.

Meeting adjourned at 13:35.

Respectfully submitted.

Rick Jones

## Report of the Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper Meeting To the 2023 Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper Committee met on Friday, Nov 17, 2023, from 2 PM until 250 PM. A total of 12 people attended the meeting, 9 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

Each attendee introduced him/herself and said their membership association and local and/or IGRA positions they hold and why they are attending the meeting.

I announced that Guy Puglisi is currently enrolled in the Auditor Certification and Shane Broce is enrolled in the Scorekeeper, Secretary and Auditor Certification Programs

Also, I announced that Dwayne Rennels from NGRA and Travis Zirkle from DSRA were certified as scorekeepers.

We reviewed where in our standing rules one can find certification and recertification. Requirements.

Further discussion was about responsibilities and the importance of being prepared and organized. Also, we talked about the necessity for the scorekeeper to communicate with judges and making sure they know the location of the appropriate (eg start and finish judge) for each event.

We recommend that other certified officials spend time in the scorekeeper and secretary areas so they can be fully aware of what we do.

We discussed how important it is to have dedicated and competent timers at every rodeo. We want to encourage everyone to understand more about timers work and the facts that, although timers are not certified officials, they are just as important as certified officials. The group agreed that we should work on preparing a certification for timers. We believe this could certainly. Help to ensure competent timers are at each rodeo.

Finally, we recommend that association's producing rodeos make effort to provide hotel accommodations for timers.

I want to thank each attendee for their participation and for providing their valuable comments.

Ron Trusley

Lead Person for Auditor, Secretary and Scorekeeper Group



## COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

**Committee Name:** Arena Directors, Chute Coordinators, and Arena Crew Coordinators

**Committee Chair(s):** Tim Smith

**Committee Members:** There were 6 people in attendance and 8 voting members in attendance.

**Date & Time of Last Meeting:** November 17, 2023 - 10:30 am

**Brief Overview of Last Meeting:** The committee discussed the process for program enrollment for certifications. The new enrollees to the programs were introduced. The path to get recertified if a certification lapses was discussed.

**Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):**

**Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):**

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, s/ Tim Smith

# Report of the Annual Nomination Committee

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Nomination Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 1:00 pm until 1:30 ap. A total of 7 people in attendance at the meeting, 7 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input.

There have been 5 nominations and 4 acceptances. These are listed below.

Paul Boyd  
Nominations 2023

## NOMINATIONS

### VICE PRESIDENT

Michael Butts  
Michael Vrooman

### SECRETARY

Michael Norman  
Gene Fraikes  
Ron Trusley

## Convention Committee Attendance List

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Association</u> | <u>Voting</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Paul Boyd      | GPRA               | X             |
| Dakota Yates   | UGRA               | X             |
| RJ Fairbrother | RRRA               | X             |
| Frank Mazzo    | TGRA               | X             |
| Joshua Sipe    | AGRA               | X             |
| Amy Griffin    | ASGRA              | X             |
| Michael Lentz  | AGRRA              | X             |

## Report of the 2024 WGRF Committee 2023 Annual IGRA Convention

Friday, November 17, 2023

2024 WGRF Committee  
Circus Circus-Reno Nevada  
Mandalay A, 8:30am

Initial discussion on the wrap up of 2023 WGRF  
Ron Trusley and Sammy Simpkin have worked on sites for the 2024 WGRF  
Ron Trusley reported on the Finding.

After listing multiple not available sites that were explored, only 3 viable sites existed. One of those we've had communication problems with and didn't appear to have dates that would work for 2024 WGRF. Including the above mentioned, the 3 sites were:

- Mesquite, Tx
- Ogden, Utah (Golden Spike)
- El Reno, OK

After lengthy discussion and weighing the 3 options, pro's and con's, a motion was made (Randy Edlin) and second, to make a recommendation to the **Board of Directors** the Canadian County facility in El Reno, OK. Motioned passed unanimously. **This will not be brought up on the Convention Floor as it's a BOD agenda item.**

Sammy Simpkin  
Chairman, 2023 WGRF Committee  
Chair of 2024 WGRF Convention Committee

2024 WGRF

## Committee Sign-In Sheet

| Name (please print)       | Association  | ✓ if Voting     |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <u>Sammy Simpkin</u>      | <u>RRRA</u>  | <u>X</u>        |
| <u>Mark Christensen</u>   | <u>AGRA</u>  | <u>        </u> |
| <u>Chris Tobin</u>        | <u>NSGRA</u> | <u>X</u>        |
| <u>Mark Arnold</u>        | <u>CGRA</u>  | <u>        </u> |
| <u>Chuck Browning</u>     | <u>CRGRA</u> | <u>X</u>        |
| <u>David Lawson</u>       | <u>GSGRA</u> | <u>X</u>        |
| <u>Weston Crow-Tucker</u> | <u>RRRA</u>  | <u>        </u> |
| <u>Michael Weidman</u>    | <u>AGRA</u>  | <u>        </u> |
| <u>Ron Trusley</u>        | <u>AGRA</u>  | <u>X</u>        |
| <u>Ken Smith</u>          | <u>GSGRA</u> | <u>        </u> |
| <u>Andrew Goodman</u>     | <u>NGRA</u>  | <u>X</u>        |
| <u>Tommy Channel</u>      | <u>CGRA</u>  | <u>        </u> |
| <u>Randy Edlin</u>        | <u>TGRA</u>  | <u>X</u>        |

## Report of the 2025 WGRF Committee 2023 Annual IGRA Convention

Friday, November 17, 2023

2025 WGRF Committee  
Circus Circus-Reno Nevada  
Mandalay A, 9:30am

Site location has already been approved for the 2025 WGRF by the Board of Directors, to be held in Reno, NV. Roger Bergmann has been doing the majority of the fact finding for the rodeo and hotel.

Roger Bergmann reported on the Finding.

ARENA: Site is already selected, just working out some of the details of the arena contract. One area of concern is the arena may not have chutes in the indoor part. We may have to secure chutes or possibly may be able to transfer the chutes from the outdoor arena. Also Ticket Tax and other area's of the arena contract are being negotiated.

HOTEL: Roger reported he had bids from several hotels in the Reno area. Many were eliminated due to the cost alone. Included but not limited to Atlantis, Pepper Mill and the Grand Sierra. Viable hotel was narrowed to Circus Circus. Circus Circus had a expiration clause set for Dec 31, 2023 that the would extend as long as negation's continued.

Once the Arena and Hotel contracts are solidified, they will be brought to the Board of Directors for final approval. **This will not be brought up on the Convention Floor as it's a BOD agenda item.**

Sammy Simpkin  
Chairman, 2023 WGRF Committee  
Chair of 2025 WGRF Convention Committee



## Report of the Women's Outreach Committee to the 37th Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Women's Outreach Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023, from 8:30am until 9:30 am. A total of 8 people attended the meeting, all of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

The committee discussed the proposal that was brought forward to the committee WO-01. The committee discussed and voted. With a vote of 7 out of 7 the proposal was voted down.

We have 1 proposal WO-01 to correct a spelling error.

Discussion was had about how Women's Outreach can be more involved in rodeos. We have a goal to continue the women's photo Sunday morning of each rodeo, and to contribute to the contestant bags at each rodeo. We also discussed trying to host a women's event or dinner Friday nights to have a space for the women to meet preferably at a sponsor for the rodeo and/or Women's Owned business.

We also voted on the 2023 Women's Outreach Award recipient to be announced at the awards luncheon.

Kami Boles

Chairman, IGRA Women's Outreach Committee

Attendees:

Kami Boles GPRA

Stefanie Garber NSGRA

Mary Honeycutt TGRA

Jennifer Vrana ASGRA

Dakota Yates UGRA

Sebastian/Tyrell Potter AGRA

RJ Fairbrother RRRRA

Dolres Zuspan DSRA

## Proposal WO-01

**PASSED**

*Page 54, Rule XVI, Section 14*

### RULE XVI SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Section 14. Women's Outreach Mentorship Award.

This award is to recognize any individual member of IGRA who has made contributions to the growth and support of women in IGRA. The contributions should be toward any or all of the following: The growth of female membership, assistance and support of female competitors and obtaining sponsorships. Candidates should show a dedication to mentoring women of IGRA in and out of the arena. One mentorship award award will be given each year at Annual Convention. Member associations will submit their nominations to the Women's Outreach Committee.

Report of the University Committee  
To the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 19, 2023

University Committee met on Friday afternoon November, 18, 2023. Three people were present representing two voting associations.

There were no action items to present.

University will be in Las Vegas, NV the 13-14 of January 2024 in connection with the Sin City Classic – the largest LGBTQ Sporting Event in the world.

Hope to see you all there.

Jeffrey Neal / Patrick Terry  
Chairman, IGRA University Committee

| Delegate:       | Association: | Voting: |
|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| Andrew Goodman  | NGRA         | X       |
| Michael Vrooman | CGRA         | X       |
| Jeffrey Neal    | NGRA         |         |

## 2023 IGRA Marketing Report

### Attendees:

Anthony Lumpkins Hood – RRRRA, Ryan Adler – UGRA, Dave Henzel – NMGRA, Jeff Francisco – AGRA, Charles Michael Howestor – CGRA, Michael Vrooman – CGRA, Scott Korff – MIGRA, Ron Clements – MIGRA, John Weatherly – TGRA, Tessa Trujillo – GSGRA, Judy Munson - CRGRA

**There are no actionable proposals from this committee.**

I'd like to thank Kyle Egbert for his guidance in helping use structure this Committee – and to Scott Korff who not only was working on his IGRA Tasks – was extremely helpful to this committee in generating logos, calendars, etc. to help market our IGRA Events.

As a reminder – this committee oversees marketing for the three IGRA events: Convention, University & WGRF.

This was a beginning (the first year) for this Committee that included several good opportunities for IGRA.

Lufthansa Advertisement "The World says yes to you" Brian Helander you did us proud!

One of our first tasks was to secure and distribute the 2023 WGRF Rodeo Calendars on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter) Included both the Cowgirl & Cowboy versions

Our partnership with Compete Sports Diversity Leadership. Not only did they promote our IGRA events, but they also helped me in developing RFP's that can be used to secure bids for our logistical needs.

- February AARP sponsorship at 2023 AGRA Rodeo
- February - AZ Coyotes Pride on the patio event – Added IGRA Logo to that event flyer
- Partnership with Compete @ Sin City Classic in January 2024 and IGRA University
- June – Phoenix Mercury Pride Game – shared link with Mark C. (AGRA)

December 2022 – Sheri Johnson (SVTV) reached out with a proposal to Live Broadcast our 2023 WGRF. This would bring in a review and shared marketing campaign to WGRF in the amount of \$2K. Arrangements were made with the Canadian Expo Center to provide ethernet cable and an elevated platform for them to stream our WGRF. 10/16/23 received an email that they lacked confidence in delivering the level of quality and professionalism they strive for in their live broadcasts. They are supposed to get back with us, as they are still interested in this endeavor.

A positive outcome from the above – Frank Harrel was able to use the elevated platform and ethernet cable to live stream our 2023 WGRF rodeo via You-Tube.

Apparel Opportunities (IGRA Store) TEAMIP (Chris Green) & CRRRA – conference calls were held. Presents an opportunity for IGRA Store in the future.

Marguerite, Inc. Olivia Dicopoulos – Teton Ridge –Gay Rodeo docuseries – Megan McCain was to join our IGRA Board meeting - Teton Ridge pulled from Marguerite, Inc., but stated they may reach out to IGRA direct.

John D. (SDLT) arranged conference calls with several tourism groups that expressed Interest in IGRA Events

- Buffalo / Niagara Sprots Commission – Bryan Helander was able to attend an on-site visit.

- Experience Columbia Maryland
- Tempe Tourism – Secured 7 proposals for university
- Travel Desk – an option for us to book hotels
- Richmond Region Tourism
- Memphis Tourism

Current result:

Tempe Tourism - 7 Hotel proposals for our 2024 & 2025 IGRA University – Those are to be forwarded to that committee for consideration. AGRA did respond that they would be supportive if the University Committee was to choose for 2024 or 2025 events.

IGRA Rodeo Calendars for social media – Scott Korff thank you for wonderful representations.

Contestant Spotlights with several LGBTQIA2S+ Social Media groups and pages. Alexander, Andy, Jackie, Ashley, Jonathan

Banners for the Arena for WGRF – Committee produced banners with our IGRA, Royalty and WGRF Logos to raise the appearance of our event – (partly to prepare for SVTV)

2024 – Here we come!

Goals for 2024: Increase our collaboration with other Social Media events & Groups – finding resources who can assist in marketing our events, increase the attendance at WGRF.

2024 Rodeo Calendars: Finalizing now that we have all rodeos sanctioned. Scott has drafted the concept. We were hopeful to provide printed calendar/posters, for associations to distribute in their local supporting establishments.

#### **Meeting NOTES:**

Scott Korff – outline the Web site work. Gay-Rodeo.net (not replacing current website) QR code developed – looking at cards to hand out at rodeos. Visual marketing (incentivize – use the QR code – drawings, free drinks etc.

More geared to a visual presentation to the public – Rodeo dates and website links.

IGRA convention.com - store allows registration link – register multiple attendees. - work in progress

IGRA Store: Road to 50 years patch –

Calendars of annual rodeos – Scott Finalizing – Encourage Associations to print and distribute to supportive community organizations.

Use of Domains were discussed – could be used to consolidate for Branding

QR Codes for event descriptions on banners at events – for public to access

QR Codes for Royalty functions –

How do our followers Subscribe to IGRA Calendars – minimal effort –

App = application development – Scott Korff – this could be very helpful

WGRF Broadcast Metrics Sat – 408 viewers Sun 490 viewers - 26% from IGRA – 24% other You tube features –

Ask about exposure to Canada Compete - Do we need to drive more membership to Compete to subscribe to their website what do we do to help them?

# Report of the IGRA World Gay Pride 2025 Committee To the 24th Annual IGRA Convention

Friday, November 17, 2023

The IGRA World Gay Pride Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 9:30 am. A total of 7 persons attended the meeting, 4 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee. The committee had healthy and robust discussions regarding ideas for World Gay Pride 2025. Jack Morgan, IGRA World Gay Pride 2025 Committee Chair.

## Committee Attendance List

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Association</u> | <u>Voting</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Steve Wollert      | GSGRA              | X             |
| Frank Delgado      | GSGRA              |               |
| Joshua Sipe        | AGRA               | X             |
| Michael Weidman    | AGRA               |               |
| Weston Crow Tucker | RRRA               | X             |
| Ryan Alder         | UGRA               |               |
| Jonathan Roman     | ASGRA              | X             |

## Report of the IGRA Smithsonian Initiative Committee To the 24th Annual IGRA Convention

Friday, November 17, 2023

The IGRA Smithsonian Initiative Committee met on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 9:00 am. A total of 11 persons attended the meeting, 4 which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee. The committee had healthy and robust discussions regarding ideas for IGRA Smithsonian Initiative. There were no proposals introduced to be presented to the convention floor. Jack Morgan, IGRA Smithsonian Initiative Committee Chair.

### Committee Attendance List

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Association</u> | <u>Voting</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Steve Wollert | GSGRA              | X             |
| Frank Delgado | GSGRA              |               |
| Ricky Jones   | TGRA               | X             |

|                 |       |   |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| Ryan Alder      | UGRA  |   |
| Eric Gangluff   | ASGRA | X |
| Judy Munson     | CRGRA | X |
| Frank Harell    | ASGRA | X |
| Roger Bergmann  | NGRA  | X |
| Joshua Sipe     | AGRA  |   |
| Micheel Weidman | AGRA  | X |
| Amy Griffin     | ASGRA |   |

## Report of the Gay Rodeo 50th Year Reunion

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The Gay Rodeo 50<sup>th</sup> 2025 Year Reunion Committee met on Friday, November 17 from 10:00am to 10:30am. A total of 13 persons attended the meeting, 8 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input, ideas and enthusiasm.

The 50th year reunion will be held in conjunction with WGRF Oct 9-13, 2025. The location will be at the Sparks Livestock Event Center in Reno, NV.

Themes discussed:

- Reflect, Reconnect, and Celebrate
- Road to 50 years
- Past, Present, and Future

Target audience:

- Contestants
- Officials
- Volunteers
- Royalty
- Grand Marshals
- Sponsors
- Rodeo Directors
- Presidents
- IGRA Executive
- Hall of Fame recipients
- Dance Groups
- Spectators
- And others

Celebration Ideas:

Big party  
Dance Sat night at Circus Circus Hotel  
Photos rotating on walls looping from 1<sup>st</sup> Gay Rodeo to now  
Events to be held at arena at Docs Bar above arena floor during  
WGRF  
Special Awards  
Rodeo Presentation  
Grand Entry  
Special fun events

Communication and Invitations:

IGRA Email addresses  
Associations and membership lists  
IGRA Competitor list  
Social Media -IGRA/Associations  
And various other methods.

Celebration of 50 Years of Gay Rodeo

50 Years  
Still Here  
Still Strong  
Still Rodeo Family

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Munson  
Chairperson ay Rodeo 50 Year Reunion

Gay Rodeo 50<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion Committee Attendance List

| Name                | Association | Voting |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|
| Judy Munson (Chair) | CRGRA       |        |
| Joshua Sipe         | AGRA        | X      |
| Amy Griffin         | ASGRA       | X      |
| Mark Arnold         | CGRA        | X      |
| Ash Anderson        | CRGRA       | X      |
| Sandy Bidwell       | DSRA        | X      |
| Ken Smith           | GSGRA       | X      |
| Sammy Simpkin       | RRRA        | X      |
| Kevin Hillman       | UGRA        | X      |
| Hector Villalba     | AGRA        |        |
| Michael Weidman     | AGRA        |        |
| Jack Morgan         | CGRA        |        |
| Brandon Sullivan    | CGRA        |        |

IGRA Convention  
November 17-19, 2023  
Reno, Nevada  
GuideStar Gold Initiative Report

IGRA applied for and became an IRS recognized 501c3 charitable organization in November 2016. Donations to our organization have been tax deductible since then. Several entities have developed standards of conduct and transparency for non-profits that seek out public and corporate funding support. These services aggregate information in uniform formats that allow for review and comparison of candidate charities by these donors. GuideStar is one of the most prominent sources of charity summary information and is known by many granting entities for their "Gold Seal" of approval.

IGRA is in the process of filing the information needed to get a "seal of approval" from GuideStar. There are currently four levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum) available. The information that we are providing includes leadership and business contacts, mission summary, financial details, and organization demographics. These items are required to achieve Gold Status, which was our initial goal. (Platinum status is quite a bit harder to gain and is usually reserved for very large organizations with broad reach and significant paid staff.) We are going through the verification process now and hope to achieve Gold status before the end of the rodeo year.

There are other metrics which denote quality in the structure, function and management of non-profits. A part of the GuideStar effort is identification of our existing strengths (communications procedures, conflict of interest requirements, financial reporting and oversight, ethical practices adherence, general organizational transparency) and examining how we can improve our governance. Meeting these goals will not only make us a better and more effective organization, but will allow potential donors to know they have chosen wisely in giving us their support.

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There were 2 people who met briefly on Friday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. to review and discuss the IGRA GuideStar status. We checked the profile of International Gay Rodeo Association Inc. and noted that the system had updated our status just this week. It has now fully validated our information entry functions, so we added several key fields and submitted them for Bronze status which was immediately granted. The system promised that the new status posting would be updated and made public within 48 hours; I have confirmed that it actually updated by yesterday morning. Our next step will be to complete the entries for Silver status, followed by Gold, and then perhaps Platinum. We expect to have this done very soon once we make few enhancements to the forward facing information on [www.igra.org](#). Frank Harrell is assisting with this effort. We look forward to completing this process and then maintaining our status by continuing to build on our current strengths and resources.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Lentz, Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association

## Report of the Grant Writing / Sponsorship Committee Report

37<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Wayne Schultz is the Chair of this committee, however, could not attend Convention due to illness. He will be presenting a course in Grant Writing at IGRA University next year.

IGRA, as a charity, is to provide a safe place for the LGBTQ+ community in an unfriendly world, to create best practices for obtainin local & IGRA sponsors and grants, thus our money is to flow to community benefit.

Sponsors are a donation from a company or individual for the purpose of marketing or brand placement.

Grants are defined as monies received from a company for a specific purpose. Grants typically require measurements, reporting, and results.

Currently, there are approx. 1.8m non-profits in the U.S. which means there is major competition for grant money and even more difficult for IGRA. Most non-profits are for urgent needs.

There are 79 grants for LGBTQ non-profits in the US. There are several sites to find grants including [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and [techsoup.org](https://techsoup.org). You can also reach out to your local LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce, if one is present in your community.

IGRA is currently seeking a Grant Writer. This position is to create, for all associations, a template for requesting grants, which would include a style guide, requirements and talking points, specific language for a grant reader, and a process for approaching an organization.

IGRA President, Brian Helander as asked Charlie Colella to Chair this committee, which he has accepted. Charlie will be reaching out to the members present at this committee meeting to create a team. We will work together to create a sponsor package which will benefit IGRA at all levels.

If anyone is interested in the Grant Writer position, please reach out to Brian Helander. If you would like to be part of this committee, please reach out to Charlie Colella.

# Report of the Alumni and Donor Development Committee

Saturday, November 18, 2023

The committee meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm in the Mandalay 4 room on Friday, November 17, 2023. The meeting lasted until 3:30 pm.

There were 16 people in attendance, of which 11 were voting members.

We reported that currently we have \$14,400 to date. With an expected \$9,000 to be collected by the end of the year. With a projected income of \$23,400 by the end of the year.

Items that were discussed were:

- Branding / letterhead / envelopes.
- The Formal Alumni letter and the big (Ask).
- The Ask was \$1,000 per year for the next three years allocated to the three categories of WGRF Facility-Rodeo Stock-IGRA Royalty COMPETION The Road to 50 Years of Gay Rodeo and The Golden Anniversary.
- Donor programing / donor recognition / donation development.
- Sustainable Grand Funding and matching grants.
- Convention and Visitor Bureau. Hotel / Motel tax dollars.
- Being good stewards of Donation dollars.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MARK ARNOLD

## Proposal NB-01

**PASSED**

*Page 39, Rule VI, Section 3, Paragraph 2*

### RULE VI ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Section 3. Procedures of the Ethical Practices Review Board.

Paragraph 2. Hearing Procedure.

- A. All persons involved shall be notified by any one or all of the following methods: **personal service**, certified mail, return receipt requested, FedEx signature required, USPS signature required, or Canada Post signature required at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing of the date for a hearing to resolve the matter and shall be given the opportunity to present their side(s) of the situation. **If personal service is used to give notice, it shall be made by a trustee with a board member serving as witness, with the service acknowledged by the signatures of the party, the serving trustee and the witness.**

## Proposal NB-02

**FAILED**

*Page 18, Article X, Section 3*

### ARTICLE X TRUSTEES

#### Section 3. Election of Trustees.

Paragraph A. Each Trustee shall serve a term of three (3) years except that upon admission to IGRA, a lesser term of office may be determined to coincide with the expiration of office of other Trustees to maintain a balance of incoming and outgoing Trustees. The existing Trustees shall make the determination of a partial term at the time of admission.

Paragraph B. Each Trustee elected to office shall serve for the period specified or until the election and qualification of his/her successor to such office.

Paragraph C. An alternate Trustee may be designated to serve in the place of a Trustee at any IGRA meeting, rodeo, convention, or other official IGRA function, with the exception of Ethical Practices Review Board (EPRB) meetings. Such designation must be submitted in writing by either the Association Trustee or President, and shall include the duration of the designation, and shall continue in effect until expiration or rescinded in writing by the Association Trustee or President, regardless of the presence of the Association Trustee at the function.

Standing Rules

## RULE XIV FINALS RODEO

Section 7. Establish a Rookie of the Year award for contestants in their first year of IGRA competition. Winners are determined by male and female cowboy and cowgirl contestants earning the most total points in IGRA rodeos for that year including Finals Rodeo. Buckles will be awarded at Finals Rodeo.

Rodeo Rules

## A. GENERAL RULES FOR SPEED EVENTS

## 1. Arena

e) After a maximum of ten (10) riders, the travel area around all barrels and end poles must be machine-raked. Additionally, the travel area must be machine-raked before the start of both the men's and women's classes **cowboys and cowgirls**.

## C. WILD DRAG RACE

## 5. The team

a) Shall be composed of three (3) contestants of the following: one male, one female, and the third of either gender **one cowboy, one cowgirl, and a third contestant** referred to as the "drag." The drag must wear a wig and female type drag clothing that covers the genitals and buttocks.

## 6. Start positions

a) Female contestant **The cowgirl** stands ten feet (10') from chute holding the rope attached to the steer.

b) Male contestant **The cowboy** stands forty feet (40') from chute.

c) "Drag" **The "drag"** contestant stands seventy feet (70') from chute.

7. Start Judge starts the event in a position where he can observe all contestants at the start and will drop his flag and blow his whistle to signal the start.

8. The event

a) When the chute gate opens, the male cowboy and the drag may run to assist the female cowgirl in bringing the steer across the seventy-foot (70') line.

b) Once all four (4) hooves cross the seventy-foot line the first time, the drag may then mount the steer.

c) The drag must then be legally mounted before the steer has any hoof on or across the finish line. d) Time stops when all four (4) hooves of the steer, with legally-mounted drag, cross the finish line in the direction toward the chute.

9. Steer belongs to the team at the whistle/flag start.

10. If chute gate "hangs up" but the steer is still released, the team must immediately drop the rope and request a re-ride from the Judge. If the team continues to compete, they have accepted the conditions and a re-ride will not be granted for the gate "hanging up."

11. Male and female The cowboy and cowgirl may assist to help get the steer with mounted drag across the finish line. If team loses their steer, they may recapture their own steer. Capturing another teams' steer will result in disqualification.

## RULE XV INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Section 6. Finals Rodeo day money held in escrow plus additional sponsored prize money and all Finals Rodeo entry fees will be totaled, divided by the number of events with entries, and distributed among the events, with the team events receiving additional amounts in increments according to the number of team members:

|                                 |     |                |
|---------------------------------|-----|----------------|
| 9 <u>men's cowboy</u> events    | X 2 | go-rounds = 18 |
| 9 <u>women's cowgirl</u> events | X 2 | go-rounds = 18 |
| 1 2-person team roping          | X 2 | go-rounds = 4  |
| 2 2-person camp events          | X 2 | go-rounds = 8  |
| 1 3-person camp event           | X 2 | go-rounds = 6  |
|                                 |     | 54             |

Bylaws

ARTICLE VII – DELEGATES Section 1. Voting Delegates.

Paragraph B. Qualifications. Each voting delegate and each alternate voting delegate shall be an individual member in good standing of the Member Association, which he/she **they** represents

Paragraph C.

Selection. 1. The Trustee of each Member Association shall be counted as a voting delegate for his/her **their** respective association.

Paragraph E. Officers.

Each Officer shall represent his/her **their** office as a voting delegate if not otherwise a voting delegate.

Paragraph F. Multiple Memberships.

A voting delegate may represent only one of the Member Associations on whose membership list his/her **their** name appears.

ARTICLE VIII – DIRECTORS

Section 2. Qualification. Each director shall at all times during his/her **their** continuance in office be a member as determined by Article IV Membership, Section 1, hereof.

Section 3. Officers. Officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer who are elected to office pursuant to Article IX Officers, hereof, for the period for which so elected and until the election and qualification of his/her **their** successor to such office.

ARTICLE IX – OFFICERS

Section 3. Qualification. Each Officer shall at all times during his/her **their** continuance in office be a qualified member of a Member Association as determined pursuant to Article IV Membership, Section 1.

#### Section 4. Duties of the President.

Paragraph B. Except as otherwise provided, he/she **they** shall appoint all committee chairpersons who shall serve at the request of the President, and he/she **they** shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee. The President shall request Member Associations to have a representative at each Annual Convention committee meeting. He/she **They** shall not be the chairperson of any appointed committee with the exception that he/she **they** may serve as chairperson of a specially-convened Task Force Committee.

Paragraph D. Within any limitation imposed by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or duly adopted resolutions of Annual Convention or the Board of Directors, he/she **they** shall have general power to conduct and manage the affairs and business of IGRA.

Paragraph E. He/she **They** shall have such other and further powers as may be specifically delegated to him/her pursuant to Article V Corporate Powers, Section 4, hereof.

#### Section 5. Duties of the Vice President.

Paragraph C. He/she **They** shall be an ex-officio member and Board Liaison responsible for items pertaining to the Public Relations Committee.

Paragraph D. He/she **They** shall be responsible for the IGRA Royalty Competition and related items as set forth in these Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Paragraph E. He/she **They** shall have such other duties, respectively, as may be specifically delegated to him/her pursuant to Article V Corporate Powers, Section 4, hereof.

#### Section 6. Duties of the Secretary.

Paragraph B. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the seal, books, documents, and papers of IGRA and affix the seal to all instruments executed by the President, or by his/her **their** direction, which may require it.

## ARTICLE X – TRUSTEES

### Section 2. Qualification.

Each Trustee shall at all times during his/her **their** continuance in office be a member as determined by Article IV Membership, Section 1, hereof.

### Section 3. Election of Trustees.

Paragraph B. Each Trustee elected to office shall serve for the period specified or until the election and qualification of his/her **their** successor to such office.

### Section 8. Meetings.

#### Paragraph D. Liaison.

Each Trustee shall serve as a liaison to IGRA for his/her **their** respective Member Association.

### Section 8. Public Relations Committee.

#### Paragraph B. Duties.

1. The Public Relations Spokesperson will report to the Board of Directors at each scheduled board meeting. In his/her **their** absence, the Vice President will make the report.

### Standing Rules

## RULE VI ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP

### Section 3. Procedures of the Ethical Practices Review Board.

#### Paragraph 3. Resolution Procedure.

A. No punitive action, which involves suspension or termination of IGRA privileges, shall be taken unless the individual involved is given reasonable opportunity to testify on his/her **their** own behalf in writing or in person.

Section 3. Refer to Rodeo Rules XIV and XV regarding ties and buckles.

## B. Team Events.

2. Each eligible contestant must indicate his/her **their** team member(s) when accepting. All team members must have competed in that event at least once during the rodeo year.

## RULE XV INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS

### Section 1. Selection of Champions.

C. The IGRA All-Around Cowboy and IGRA All-Around Cowgirl will be awarded based on the following qualifications:

1. Must receive an invitation in three (3) event categories.
2. Must compete in three (3) event categories.
3. Will earn points in only the events he/she **they** received an invitation to.
4. Must place first (1st) through eighth (8th) in two (2) event categories.

### Section 4. Invitational Tie Breakers.

If there is a tie in a particular event, the tie will be broken as follows:

A. Each contestant will be given one (1) point for each time he/she **they** placed in that event (1st through 8th).

B. If a tie still exists, one (1) point will be given to each contestant for each time he/she **they** received a score/time in that event.

C. If a tie still exists, each contestant will be given one (1) point for each time he/she **they** entered the event during the IGRA Rodeo Year.

### Section 8. Induction Ceremony.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony shall take place at Annual Convention. If the inductee is able to attend the award ceremony and is not already a delegate to the

IGRA convention, IGRA will cover the inductee's expense for any associated meal. IGRA will also cover the meal cost for the inductee's spouse or significant other if he/she is not already a delegate to the IGRA Convention. In the case of a posthumous induction, a maximum of two (2) meals will be covered for the heirs of the inductee.

## RULE XVII IGRA HALL OF FAME

### Section 7. Awards.

A. Each inductee to the Hall of Fame shall receive his/her **their** choice of a buckle/wall plaque. The design for either award shall include the IGRA logo, the words "IGRA Hall of Fame," the year of induction, and the inductee's name. If an approved nominee could not be contacted or does not respond, they are still eligible to receive their choice of a buckle or wall plaque after their induction into the Hall of Fame, after first contacting the Hall of Fame Committee chair. In the case of a posthumous induction, the award shall be given to the inductee's heir(s), if available. Otherwise, no award shall be given.

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Section 1. International Country and Western Dance Competition Chairperson. A. The Vice President will serve as the International Country/Western Dance Competition chairperson. He/she will secure all necessary personnel needed to put on the International Country/Western Dance Competition.

## RULE XIX INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE COMPETITION

### Section 1. International Country and Western Dance Competition Chairperson.

A. The Vice President will serve as the International Country/Western Dance Competition chairperson. He/she **They** will secure all necessary personnel needed to put on the International Country/Western Dance Competition.

## RULE XX GENERAL RULES FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

### Section 7. Recertification Process.

G. Recertification recommendations will be reported to the Board of Trustees by the Rodeo Officials Committee.

2. The individual who is being considered for recertification has the right to be present and make a 2-minute statement prior to a vote being taken on his/her **their** recertification.

### Section 8. Responsibilities.

B. If, after acceptance to serve, the certified individual is unable to keep the commitment, he/she **they** shall communicate verbally in a timely manner and follow up in writing with rodeo management to allow time to find a replacement.

## RULE XXI ARENA DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

### Section 4. Final Evaluation & Certification.

A. Refer to Standing Rule XX, Sections 2 and 3, for general certification requirements.

B. Candidates shall notify the Arena Director Lead Person when all of the above listed requirements have been completed. The committee will confirm completion of required certification steps. Candidates shall be notified if all requirements have been accepted within fourteen (14) days of notice to the Arena Director Committee chair. Upon confirmation of candidate's completion, the Lead Person will notify the candidate that he/she **they** is eligible as assignment as a Rookie Arena Director.

C. Upon approval to serve as a Rookie Arena Director, the Lead Person shall contact the Rodeo Director and Arena Director of the candidate's requested rodeo for approval. The committee chair shall notify rookie of approval.

D. A rookie rodeo shall be done with a certified Arena Director supervising. At the discretion of the Arena Director, the certified Arena Director may be activated for any period.

E. The rookie performance review shall be completed by rookie and supervising Arena Director. The Arena Director Committee Lead Person shall notify the rookie candidate within fourteen (14) days after completion of evaluation rodeo if he/she **they** has successfully completed the certification program.

D. Junior Judge.

1. A Junior Judge may work all judging positions in all events.
2. After a Junior Judge has worked in all IGRA rodeo judging positions at least once and has completed at least six (6) full days of IGRA rodeo competition, he/she **they** may petition the Judges Lead Person to be elevated to Senior Judge status. This request must be in writing.

## RULE XXX CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Section 3. Procedures.

B. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists. After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she **they** shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

C. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest. 1. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she **they** shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

## Rodeo Rules

### RULE I – CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

3. Contestants hauling livestock bear the responsibility to comply with the State or Provincial laws and/or rules regarding health certificates/coggins tests for each State or Province that he/she is **they are** traveling in or entering.

#### 15. Roping and Speed Event Contestant Dress Code

e. Contestant must not allow hat or helmet to touch the ground throughout his/her **their** time in the arena for Mounted Break– Away Roping, Team Roping, and Speed events. Failure to do so will result in a five dollar (\$5.00) fine payable to the Rodeo Secretary.

### RULE III – RULES FOR EVENTS

#### 1. ROUGH STOCK EVENTS

##### A. General Rules for Rough Stock Riding Events

7. An audible horn will sound the completion of the required time (plus one second). Rider will be scored additional points for spurring, and fewer points for any loss of control. Rider will receive a score if he/she is **they are** in the air but has not hit the ground at the completion of the official time as determined by the Judge(s).

12. The Chute Coordinator must disqualify a contestant who has been assigned an animal and cannot provide rigging (unless registered shared rigging is used) or who has been advised he/she is **they are** next to go and he/she is **they are** not over their assigned animal with glove on when the previous animal and/or contestant leaves the arena. No more than two (2) contestants may share a single rigging in any event

##### B. RE-RIDES

3. If a contestant believes that he/she has **they have** been fouled by the animal in the chute or on the chute gate, the contestant may continue to attempt to make a successful ride. The Judges will then decide if the contestant was actually fouled (e.g. injured or knocked off balance so as to lose control of the ride). If a Judge observed a foul, then the contestant will be notified of their current score and their option for a re-ride.

##### C. BULL & STEER RIDING

1. Rider will be disqualified if he/she does **they do** not have the animal rigged and ready to go when called by the official.

##### E. RANCH SADDLE BRONC RIDING

3. Horse has to be saddled, as he/she it would be for everyday use. Saddled for everyday use means that stirrups have no binding in order to hold stirrups forward, nor can they be hobbled under the horse's girth.

#### A. General Rules for Roping Events

2. If a roping contestant is interfered with in the arena during a run, or if the calf or steer is injured or gets out of the arena, Field Flag Judge will drop flag stopping time, and the roper will get an animal back in the chute. Contestant will have the remaining loops not used (i.e., in Break-Away Roping, if one loop has been thrown, the contestant will have one loop to throw. If no loops have been thrown, the contestant will have two loops. Lap and tap time will start again and be added to the time taken when the Field Flag Judge dropped the flag on the first run. If the contestant is interfered with before throwing his/her **their** first loop, he/she **they** must "declare" interference immediately before throwing the first loop. If contestant is interfered with while throwing the first loop or before throwing the second loop, he/she **they** must "declare" interference immediately and before throwing the second loop. If contestant is interfered with while throwing the second loop, he/she **they** must "declare" interference immediately.

4. It is the roper's responsibility to tell the gate person their signal for release of the animal and to make certain the Judges are ready before signaling for release of the stock. Animal belongs to the contestant when he/she **they** calls for it regardless of what happens except in cases of mechanical failure. If the gate malfunctions, but the animal is still released, the contestant can cross the barrier line without penalty. However, the contestant must not throw the loop. Once the contestant throws the first loop, he/she **they** has accepted the conditions and a re-ride will not be granted for the malfunctioning gate.

#### B. BARREL RACING (Refer To Exhibit P, Barrel Racing Diagram)

4. Knocking over a barrel shall carry a five (5) second penalty. A contestant may touch the barrel with his/her **their** hands in Barrel Racing.

#### C. POLE BENDING (Refer To Exhibit Q, Pole Bending Diagram)

6. Recommended minimum stopping distance of at least forty feet (40') ii. When called by Arena Director (or designee), contestant will run one of the prescribed patterns in Exhibit Q. iii. Knocking over a pole shall carry a five (5) second penalty. iv. Contestant may handle pole with his/her **their** hand. v. A knocked down pole does not alter the pattern of the course.

#### D. FLAG RACE (Refer To Exhibit R, Flag Race Diagram)

v. Pattern may be run either left or right and contestant must call placement of flag before entering the arena. Contestant crosses start/finish line, proceeds to first barrel, passes on the outside picking up the flag, passes around the pole and on to next barrel where he/she puts **they put** the flag into the five (5) gallon pail with sharpened end down and returns to the start/finish line. Flag pole may pierce the bucket after going in and still be considered a good time.

#### CAMP EVENTS

##### Penalties/Disqualifications

11. The Arena Director or his/her **their** designee may declare a team a “No Show” after that team has been called three (3) times and they are not present and ready in the arena line-up area.

#### RULE IV– GENERAL RULES

##### 1. Gender Classification

b. A contestant may change his/her **their** gender classification on the IGRA Event Entry form one time within any rodeo year.

d. If a contestant changes his/her **their** gender classification on the IGRA Event Entry form, he/she **they** will forfeit any points previously earned towards qualification for Finals Rodeo, and may not reverse his/her **their** decision regarding his/her **their** gender classification for competition purposes.

3. Members of IGRA, Member and Recognized Associations, independent contractors, all other volunteers, and if necessary, their parents or legal guardians, shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action against the parties listed in 2.c above. This provision shall be binding upon each member of a Member or Recognized Association, independent contractors, volunteers, his/her **their** lover, significant other, life partner, spouse, 52 legal representative, heirs, successors, and/or assigns.

##### 15. Contestant scratch

h. If a contestant returns from the medical emergency, he/ she **they** may continue the rodeo as registered.

24. Any director or officer of IGRA shall have access to any part of the rodeo enclosure or arena when identification is presented. However, if an IGRA director or officer is a contestant, he/she is **they are** excluded from entering the secretarial area unless invited by the secretarial staff.

### RULE IX – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

3. Stock contractors bear the responsibility to know and follow all State or Provincial laws and/or rules regarding health certificates and/or coggins tests for each State or Province that he/she is **they are** traveling in or entering, and must have the necessary paperwork that complies with each State's or Province's laws and/or rules, in regards to all of his stock. State laws can be found at Web site <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/>.

### RULE XII – SCOREKEEPER AND TIMERS

12. Lap and tap timing is used in roping events and is called by the Judge. The Judge will drop his/her **their** flag but not wave off the event as would be done for a "no time." The watch or watches affected are to be stopped as usual, but not to be cleared. After the Scorekeeper has confirmed that the "buzzer" watch and at least two Timer watches are still effective, the Starting Judge will continue the event by dropping his/her **their** flag at the appropriate time, and the Timers will restart their watches at that time.

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ARTICLE X TRUSTEES

Section 9. Duties.

Paragraph E. Pre-Rodeo Meeting.

1. The Trustees present shall conduct a pre-rodeo meeting at each rodeo.
2. The Trustees present will designate a Trustee to complete the rodeo checklist and a Trustee to act as Rodeo Review Trustee. For specific responsibilities for these two (2) positions, refer to Exhibit A4.
3. The Rodeo Review Trustee will be assigned to complete the IGRA Voluntary Rodeo Injury Report during the running of the rodeo. This Trustee will give the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator the completed injury reports for their review and signature(s).
4. If an Association does not have a trustee or alternate trustee present for the pre-rodeo meeting they will not have a vote in any rodeo review meetings held during the rodeo and at the post rodeo meeting.

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