

Joint Certification Committee Report to the 28th IGRA Annual Convention

Six people, including the committee chairman and representing five different associations, attended the committee meeting on Friday, November 9, 2012.

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| Ron Trusley | AGRA | chair |
| Bruce Casey | GSGRA | Y |
| Patrick Roe | AGRA | Y |
| Linda Frazier | MGRA | Y |
| Jay Beck | RRRA | Y |
| James Jenkins | CGRA | Y |

Items of discussion included...

- 1) Composition of the certification committee.
- 2) Appropriate use of all certification forms.
- 3) It appears that some people often do not take completion of the rodeo evaluation form seriously.
- 4) In order for the evaluation forms to be useful, the individual completing the form must be sincere and write appropriate comments.
- 5) The current standing rule outlining the process for distribution and return of the rodeo official evaluation forms at a rodeo is cumbersome and often difficult for an official to complete good evaluations.
- 6) All certified rodeo officials should understand their respective role and ensure that all of their staff know what is expected and the responsibilities of each person.
- 7) If a Rodeo Director has issues or problems with a specific official, this should be communicated to the Association Trustee in a timely manner, and written on the evaluation form.
- 8) The Joint Certification Committee should review with all certified officials the importance of completing honest and appropriate evaluations and to write helpful comments. The committee chairperson will work with the Trustees' Chairperson to write and distribute an "educational letter" to all certified officials.

The committee agreed to make the following changes on the Rodeo Official Evaluation Form (Exhibit E5):

- 1) Revise the form so "assistant rodeo officials" are also evaluated.
- 2) Change the rating scale for each area from 1 to 5 to 1 to 10.
- 3) Delete the sentence "For each rating of 3 or lower, you must provide comments documenting the reason for the rating" and replace the sentence to read: "In order for this evaluation to be beneficial, please comment on the rating for each area."

The committee proposes the following changes.

Standing Rule XVI – General Rules for Certified Personnel.

Section 3. Certification Program.

4. The evaluations shall be distributed to a Trustee or designee at the conclusion of each rodeo.

4. Within seventy-two (72) hours after the close of a rodeo, the IGRA Secretary will send the rodeo evaluation forms to all appropriate personnel.

5. The evaluations should be collected by the Trustee or designee and given to the Checklist Trustee to send to the IGRA Secretary.

5. Individuals will complete and return evaluations to the IGRA Secretary within seventy-two (72) hours after receipt.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Trusley, Chairman
Joint Certification Committee