

Report of the Membership Committee to the 28th IGRA Annual Convention

The membership committee meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 9th, 2012 by David Hill in the absence of Larry Lindstrom, committee chairperson, with six individuals representing six member associations as follows:

Michael Weidman	AGRA
Jason Baker	ARGRA
Beth Brockelman	ASGRA
Peter Dillon	CCGRA
Ken Smith	GSGRA
Douglas Graff	NGRA/IGRA

1. Existing Memberships.

The Trustee of Smoky Mountain Rodeo Association notified the Chairperson on August 6th that SMRA would cease to exist on 12/31/12. Additionally, the Trustee of Kansas Gay Rodeo Association notified the Chairperson on October 11th that KGRA was shutting down on 12/31/12.

According to ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP, Section 8. Removal from Membership, the membership committee recommends the removal of Kansas Gay Rodeo Association Smoky Mountain Rodeo Association as members of IGRA.

2. New Memberships.

Two groups have met the requirements, as required by IGRA bylaws, to be seated at this convention.

On August 30th, the **Sonoran Gay Rodeo Association** (SGRA) submitted the necessary paperwork to rejoin as a Member Association. They are based in Tucson and their geographic area is the following five counties in Arizona: Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pima and Santa Cruz. They have 20 members of whom 80% reside within those counties.

The Membership Committee recommends SGRA be seated as a Member Association of IGRA.

On September 24th the **Cotton State Gay Rodeo Association** (CSGRA) submitted the necessary paperwork to join as a Member Association. They are based in Birmingham and their geographic area is the State of Alabama. They have 20 members of whom 50% reside within Alabama.

The Membership Committee recommends CSGRA be seated as a Member Association of IGRA.

The committee made a recommendation to the bylaws committee about adding a **recognized association member** to be able to compete for Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer to be in line with dance and rodeo competitors.

There was discussion at length regarding the definition of a **‘Recognized Association’** and their rights and duties. No recommendations were made at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Hill, Acting Chairman
Membership Committee