



33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention  
Holiday Inn Airport Conference Hotel  
3201 Bankhead Dr - Little Rock AR 72208  
Saturday & Sunday - November 11-12, 2017

### 1<sup>st</sup> Session – Saturday-November 11, 2017

#### Call to Order

President Candy Pratt called the 34<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention to order at 8:40 am Central Time.

#### Convention Rules

Parliamentarian Benjamin Avant reviewed the IGRA convention rules listed in IGRA Standing Rules.

#### Credentials Report and Roll Call

Secretary Ron Trusley reported that 18 Member Associations have met all requirements for 2018 membership renewals in IGRA. There are no accounts receivables from these associations, and all are eligible to be seated at the 33<sup>rd</sup> IGRA Annual Convention.

Secretary Trusley then called roll and stated 76 delegates are present. A majority is 39, and 2/3 is 51.

#### Membership Committee

The committee recommends seating of the Suwannee River Rodeo Association (SRRA) with the territory being the State of Florida. Terry Covington moved to accept the recommendation. Michael Brent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

This increased the number of delegates to 77 making a majority 39 and 2/3 is 52.

#### Approval of Minutes

Michael Brent moved to approve the minutes of the 2016 IGRA Annual Convention. Terry Covington second the motion. Motion carried.

#### Executive Board Reports

##### *President – Candy Pratt*

President Pratt presented a written report. (copy attached)

##### *Vice President – Anthony Valdez*

No Report

##### *Secretary – Ron Trusley*

Written report. (copy attached)

##### *Treasurer – David Hill*

Financial reports through September 2017 had been prepared. No questions were asked.

David said he is still working on reports, but it appears WGRF made a profit this year.

### Administrative Reports

#### *IGRA Administrative Assistant – Tommy Channel*

No report

#### *IGRA Corporate Auditor*

Ed Barry, Corporate Auditor, submitted a report. No issues have been found. Copy of report is attached.

### Committee Reports

**NOTE: COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE NOT INCLUDED AS ATTACHMENTS TO THE MINUTES; THEY ARE POSTED ON THE IGRA WEBSITE.**

#### *Convention – Sandy Bidwell*

Sandy welcomed everyone to convention and provided information on meetings and timelines.

#### *Nominating – Frank Mazzo*

Two nominations have been received for Vice President; they are Anthony Valdez and Mary Honeycutt.

One nomination has been received for Secretary; that is Ron Trusley.

No additional nominations were made at this time.

#### *Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity – Tennent Emmons*

The 2018 IGRA Royalty Team has chosen the following charities:

- Joyful Heart Foundation
- The Trevor Project
- A Wish with Wings
- 4 Paws 4 Patriots

#### *Bylaws/Standing Rules – Benjamin Avant*

BSR-02: Approved

BSR-03: Jack Morgan moved to amend to add “threat of violence”. David Hill seconded the motion. Motion to amend failed by a vote of 32 in favor and 36 opposed.

BSR-03: Approved

BSR-04: Approved

BSR-07: Robert Thurtell moved to amend by adding “by 2/3 majority in section 8”. Tim Smith seconded the motion. Motion to amend passed with a vote of 58 in favor and 13 opposed.

Robert Thurtell moved to amend by adding “2/3 vote of all members of board of directors”. Failed for lack of a second.

Robert Thurtell moved to amend by changing all to its. Guy Puglisi seconded the motion. Motion failed with a vote of 32 in favor and 41 opposed.

Guy Puglisi moved to amend section 8 by adding “by a majority vote of at least 2/3.

President Pratt referred BSR-07 back to committee.

BSR-08: Approved

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*Rodeo Rules – David Lawson*

RR-05: Mary Honeycutt moved to amend to read “will be split between the finals contestant fund and the host association. Motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 57 in favor and 15 opposed.

Roger Bergmann moved to amend by substituting the word overturned to changed. Motion was seconded and passed.

RR-05 was approved as amended.

RR-06: Approved

RR-07: Vote on removing bareback bronc riding failed with a vote of 37 in favor and 32 opposed. The remainder of RR-07 was approved.

RR-09: Approved

RR-10: Approved

RR-11: Referred back to committee.

RR-04: Approved

*Marketing – Buck Beal*

Written report

*Bylaws/Standing Rules – Benjamin Avant (continued)*

Mark Boyd moved to consider BSR-09 before considering BSR-07. Tony Valdez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BSR-09: Robert Thurtell moved to amend by changing majority to 2/3. Chuck Browning seconded the motion. Motion to amend was defeated.

Robert Thurtell moved to amend to change majority to 2/3 only in #9 (only for officer removal). Marcus (Boogie) Hood seconded the motion. Motion to amend passed with a vote of 55 in favor and 9 opposed.

Guy Puglisi moved to amend by deleting majority and replacing with by at least a 2/3 vote of the entire board of directors. David Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BSR-09 was approved as amended.

BSR-07: Approved

*Rodeo Rules – David Lawson (continued)*

RR-11A: Approved

RR-12: Approved

RR13-A: Approved

*Women's Outreach – Laura Scott*

Written report

*Hall of Fame – Amy Griffin*

Written report

*Archives – Roger Bergmann*

Written report

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*Health and Safety – Lize MacDonald*  
Written Report

*Arena Directors/Arena Crew Coordinators/Chute Coordinators – Denise Reinhart*  
Proposal CC-01 approved.

**President Pratt recessed convention at 5:00 pm.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session - Sunday-November 12, 2017**

President Pratt called the second session of convention to order at 8:07 am Central Time.

Secretary Trusley called roll and announced 75 delegates are present; a majority is 38, and 2/3 is 51.

*Judges – Jack Morgan & Tom Sheridan*  
Written report

*Nominating – Frank Mazzo*  
The floor was opened for additional nominations for Vice President, and none were received. Ballots were distributed.

*Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper – Guy Puglisi*  
Written report

*Rodeo Officials – Guy Puglisi*  
Tim Smith was approved to enter the Arena Director certification program.

ROC-01: Approved

ROC-02: Chuck Browning moved to amend to read “during rodeo weekend”. Terry Coving seconded the motion. Motion to amend was defeated with a vote of 41 in favor and 28 opposed. Sammy Simpkin moved to amend by striking the words main and all. Michael Brent seconded the motion. Motion to amend passed with a vote of 55 in favor and 15 opposed.

*The delegate count increased to 76; a majority is 39 and 2/3 is 51.*

ROC-03: Approved

*Nominations*

Frank Mazzo announced that Mary Honeycutt was elected as Vice President.

The floor was opened for additional nominations for Secretary, and none were received, and ballots were distributed.

*Finals*

Lisa Smith and Lize MacDonald gave a summary report for WGRF 2017.



Marcus (Boogie) Hood summarized plans for WGRF 2018 and announced the 2018 WGRF Committee.

*Association Presidents – Sandy Bidwell*  
Written report

*University – John Hill*  
Univ-01 Proposal: Approved

*Information Technology – Christopher Redden*  
Written report

*Animal Issues – Lize MacDonald*  
Written report

*Dance – Wade Earp*  
Written report

*Nominating – Frank Mazzo*  
Frank announced that Ron Trusley was elected as Secretary.

*Contestant Liaison – Steve Guidry & David Lawson*  
Proposal CL-01: Jack Morgan moved to amend to change officials to chute coordinator and arena director. Motion was seconded and passed.  
Proposal CL-01 as amended passed.

*Budget – David Hill*  
Proposal 01: Approved  
Proposal 02: Referred back to committee

*Membership Standing Committee – Lorry King*  
Written report

New Business  
RR-13 Proposal: Amy Griffin to amend by only using numbers and no words in all areas. Motion to amend was defeated.

Membership Standing Committee Proposal 01 was approved. Committee submitted a resolution to be effective immediately. Approved.

*2018 IGRA Annual Convention*  
Kevin Hillman presented a proposal from UGRA to have the 2018 convention in the Marriott Salt Lake City University Park Hotel. Proposal/bid was accepted with a vote of 43 in favor and 28 opposed.

An announcement was made that KSGRA plans to submit a proposal for the 2019 convention.

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*Budget – David Hill*

Proposal BUD-02: Kody Kay moved to amend by deleting the second “for” in section 1A and remove the word directors and insert members. Robert Thurtell seconded the motion. Motion to amend passed.

Proposal as amended passed.

Proposal RR-15: Approved

*Hall of Fame Presentations – Amy Griffin*

2017 inductees into the Hall of Fame are:

Tommy Channel  
Laura Lakaysek (Laura Lee)  
Tamara Marks  
Judy Munson

NB-03 proposal passed.

Adjourn

President Pratt adjourned the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention at 3:57 pm Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ron Trusley*

Ron Trusley, IGRA Secretary

**NOTE: COMMITTEE REPORTS POSTED ON THE IGRA WEBSITE INCLUDE ALL BYLAWS/STANDING RULES/RODEO RULES THAT WERE APPROVED IN THIS CONVENTION.**

Credentials Report  
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Eighteen Member Associations have met all requirements for 2018 membership renewals in IGRA. There are no accounts receivable from these associations, and all are eligible to be seated at the 33<sup>rd</sup> IGRA Annual Convention.

The associations are:

CGRA, TGRA, GSGRA, AGRA, GPRA, MGRA, NMGRA, NSGRA, DSRA, ASGRA,  
NGRA, ILGRA, MIGRA, RRRRA, SCCGRA, SGRA, KSGRA, and UGRA

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Trusley

Ron Trusley  
IGRA Secretary

Membership Committee Report  
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The Membership Committee met on Friday, November 10, 2017 from 9:00 am until 10:00 am.

Seven people, including the chair, attend the meeting. Six were voting delegates representing six different associations. Attendees were:

Ron Trusley, Chair	Julian Jagush, NGRA	Ken Hall, MGRA
Joe Rodriguez, SCCGRA	Janine Pardee, SGRA	John King, AGRA
Tim Smith, TGRA		

The Chair advised the committee that CSGRA (Cotton States Gay Rodeo Association) is not renewing their membership for 2018. In an August 24, 2017 email, President Rick Vaughn wrote "We at CSGRA regret to inform you we will not be renewing our membership for 2018. At this point we are going to "shelf" the association as there is nobody who can run it at this point. Thank you for the opportunity of being part of this organization."

In FGRA's (Florida Georgia Rodeo Association) 2017 Annual Meeting, a motion passed to dissolve the corporate association of FGRA. Another motion passed to release the territory of Florida and Georgia to IGRA with the recommendation of giving said territory to SRRA (Suwannee River Rodeo Association). Therefore, FGRA is not renewing their 2018 membership in IGRA.

The Chair reviewed the requirements for membership renewals and/or for new association applications.

The committee unanimously passed a motion to recommend approval and seating of a new Member Association called SRRA (Suwannee Rodeo River Rodeo Association) with their territory being the state of Florida.

The remaining current Member Associations have met all requirements for 2018 Membership Renewals and seating at this convention. Those associations are:

CGRA, TGRA, GSGRA, AGRA, GPRA, MGRA, NMGRA, NSGRA, DSRA, ASGRA,  
NGRA, ILGRA, MIGRA, RRRRA, SCCGRA, SGRA, KSGRA, and UGRA

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ron Trusley**

Ron Trusley  
Membership Committee Chair





**IGRA Convention  
President's Report  
Candy Pratt 2017**

A person wearing a green shirt and dark pants stands in a rodeo arena, holding a large, multi-colored umbrella. The umbrella has segments in red, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The person is standing on a dirt and grass surface. In the background, there are white metal fences, a large barn, and a white trailer. The scene is outdoors and appears to be during a rodeo event.

## 2017 Highlights

- Milestone- 500<sup>th</sup> Rodeo
- Ranch Saddle Bronc Riding
- Rodeo Associations coming together to make a successful rodeo, rodeo schools



A photograph of a rodeo event. A rider in a red shirt and blue helmet is on a bucking horse. A woman in a grey shirt and blue jeans is riding a brown horse in the foreground. The background shows a wooden fence and green trees.

## Highlights

- Added Rodeo to circuit (Keystone)
- Increased Royalty Contestants
- Revived Dance Competition
- Diverse Contestant Base



A faded background image of a rodeo arena. In the foreground, a cowboy on a brown horse is seen from behind, riding towards a dark-colored bull. To the right, another cowboy on a light-colored horse is also visible. The arena is enclosed by a wooden fence, and several spectators are seated on bleachers in the background. A red banner with white text is visible on the fence. The overall image has a light, semi-transparent overlay.

## 2017 Challenges

- Rodeo Associations dwindling
  - Membership
  - Rodeo attendance
  - Fewer Rodeos



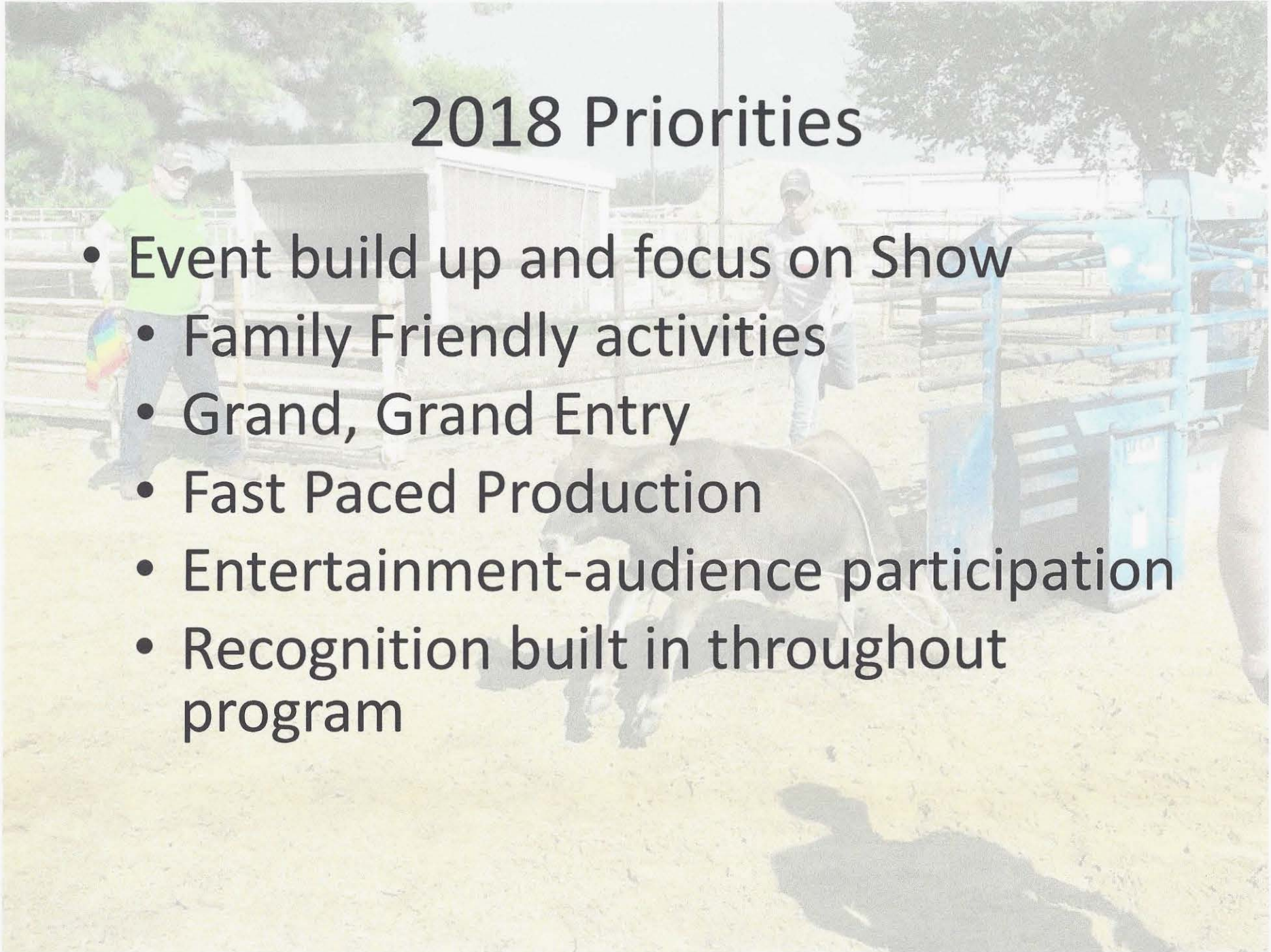
# Challenges

- Contestant injuries
  - Stock per guidelines
  - Professional rough stock pickup crew
  - Arena ground conditions and safety issues



# 2018 Priorities

- Event build up and focus on Show
  - Family Friendly activities
  - Grand, Grand Entry
  - Fast Paced Production
  - Entertainment-audience participation
  - Recognition built in throughout program







# 2018 Priorities

- IGRA Support of Member Associations
  - Mentoring Program
  - Livestock Contracting
  - Rodeo Production
  - Sponsorship Development  
(cultivation, ROI for sponsors)
  - Social Media and advertisement



A photograph of two men wearing cowboy hats and light blue shirts riding horses in an indoor arena. The man on the left is looking towards the camera, while the man on the right is looking slightly away. The arena has a wooden floor and metal railings. The text '2018 Priorities' is overlaid on the top half of the image.

## 2018 Priorities

- Added Money
  - Participate in IGRA matching Funds Program
  - Increase prize payout
- Increase Major Sponsors
- IGRA membership social events
  - Group Vacation
  - NFR- IGRA Reception
  - Membership Drive



A photograph of three individuals dressed in black, sleeveless dresses and wigs, standing in front of a white net. The person on the left has a black wig and sunglasses, holding a handgun. The person in the middle has a long brown wig and sunglasses, holding a handgun. The person on the right has a blonde wig and sunglasses, holding a handgun. The background is a white net with a grid pattern.

Most Of All....

HAVE FUN!

IGRA Secretary Report  
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I would like to thank everyone for electing me to serve as your Secretary in 2016 and 2017. It has been my pleasure to serve you and to work for the betterment of IGRA. Yes, there have certainly been challenging times – sometimes very frustrating times – especially in the last few weeks.

I have attended and participated in all Board of Directors Meetings, and most Executive Board Conference Calls. I have strived to prepare accurate and good minutes and to distribute them in a timely manner.

Accepting the fact that often we may disagree, have different views on matters, I am convinced that generally everything all works out for the best. To me, open and timely communication, is essential for an organization such as IGRA to stay strong, solid, and continue our outreach.

At the risk of sounding authoritative, I would like to admonish each of us to be sure what we speak is factual and true, sometimes just think before we speak, and not be too quick to jump to conclusions. Not one of us is perfect; we all make mistakes; probably most of us sometimes face hard and difficult times; but we are still a family and need each other.

As long as I am in this position, or even involved in any way in IGRA, I want you all to know I am here to help. I give you my word that I will have an “open door”; I will listen even if I do not agree with you; and I will give any assistance that I can.

As you can see, I do not like to give a lengthy, drawn out report. I strongly believe that “actions do speak louder than words”. Again, thanks to everyone for the great opportunity and privilege to have served as IGRA Secretary for the past two years. I truly hope I have done a good job and what was expected of me.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ron Trusley**

Ron Trusley  
IGRA Secretary



**IGRA Corporate Auditor Report for the IGRA Convention Floor Meeting at IGRA Convention, Little Rock, AR**  
**November 11, 2017**

**REPORT Covering Apr through Sept 2017 – Six Months Reviewed:**

- Prior Report to for the Period Ending 3/31/2017
- Reviewed Apr through Sept 2017
- I had full access to the books and records and related reconciliations of IGRA.
- I reviewed the Apr through Sept 2017 Bank Reconciliations. They reconciled and agreed to the General Ledger.
- I reviewed the Income Statements and Balance Sheets for both months which include a comparison to the prior year. The Income on the Balance Sheets agrees to the Income on the Income Statements and Retained Earnings rolled forward appropriately.
- The Income Statements look reasonable when compared to the activity of the prior year, and activity observed in the General Ledger.
- I reviewed the General Ledger for deposit and cash expense transactions from Apr through Sept 2017
- There were 398 line items of deposits/expenditures. (some deposits/expenditures covered multiple lines of detail)
- Using a random number generator (found at random.org) I ran a random sample covering 10% of deposits/expenditures – rounded up (40) in the reviewed period.
- All of the deposits examined tied to the general ledger as did 38 of the 40 transactions for the expenditures in the sample of 40. So 38 of the deposits and the expenditures appeared to be properly supported, either by receipt or fees found on the bank statement. The two that were not properly supported were related to our former President.
- All expenditures, except three (of original work and additional work) receipts/support conforms to the IRS Publication 463 rules on receipt limits. (i.e. \$75 or higher)
- Additional work performed:
  - Had multiple conversations (email and live) with our Treasurer regarding if our former President signed any checks. He did not.
  - I asked about other spending mechanisms available to him and he had access to a debit card. After failing to get required receipts and no response from our former President to our Treasurers' emails, calls and texts for the required supporting documentation our Treasurer rightly immediately cancelled our former Presidents access to his IGRA debit card in order to limit any further potential fiscal impact to IGRA.
  - I examined another 14 transactions in addition to the original sample (any transaction that contained "Gros" or "Bruce" in any part of the description)
  - Of the original random sample of 40, two transactions were for Bruce and neither were properly supported.
  - Of the other 14 additional transactions examined, two of them was properly supported by a receipt (buying an IGRA Laptop and a meeting hotel), however the other 12 were not (again prompting our Treasurer to properly cut him off).
  - It is important to note that only two unsupported expenses were over \$150. The total value of the 12 unsupported transactions was only \$1,176.92. Some of these expenses appeared to be tied into meetings and rodeo weekends, but I have no objective way of drawing a conclusion as to whether or not the spending was reasonable or if it were not legitimate, rather that it simply had no receipt. Only two fall outside the minimum IRS receipt limits, however, the risk of those transactions in an IRS audit situation are small to IGRA and its 501 c 3 status.
- Lastly, it is important to know that NONE of the unsupported expenses, whether potentially legitimate or not, were the result of our Treasurer cutting a check without support. They were all debit card indicated.

I am able to report to the IGRA Convention Assembly and the Board of Directors that nothing out of the ordinary was noted for any other transaction or person in the sample of IGRA transactions other than those noted above.

I am also able to report that our Treasurer, in my opinion, took the right proactive steps to limit the fiscal impact to IGRA by unilaterally cancelling the former President's debit card upon non-responsiveness to his requests for proper support.

I am also able to report that our Treasurer did not improperly reimburse anyone for expenses via check.

I would like to thank our Treasurer, David Hill for his continued excellent work, especially in this uncomfortable situation.

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.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Ed Barry, IGRA 2017 Corporate Auditor – 11/8/2017