

Arena Directors Committee Report 2011

November 11, 2011

Committee Chair – Heather Murray

Heather was not able to attend so Scotty Shadix led meeting for her. Heather will remain as committee chair for 2012.

Committee Members:

Chris De Espinosa (ILGRA)	Dave Holmes (AGRA)	Jack Truman (MGRA)
Rodd Smunk (TGRA)	Mike Fontenot (FGRA)	Dan Iversen (AGRA)
Ed Hamilton (GSGRA)	Ken Hogg (NMGRA)	Forrest Mason (MGRA)
Kim Fry (CGRA)	Voni Whitaker (FGRA)	David Hallwood (MIGRA)

JT Clode (ARGRA)

Six arena directors completed recertification requirements and were approved by the Board of Directors on Thursday. They are Kim Dawson, Jorge Ramirez, Heather Murray, Dee Zuspahn, Jeanne McLeod, and Jim Mitchell. Scotty Shadix is the only known person in the certification program and should complete requirements in 2012.

The committee worked hard and came back with a recommendation (see below) to the IGRA University Committee to add an Arena Crew Coordinator Accreditation program to the University program. The proposal was delivered to Patrick Terry and Jeffrey Neal in person and via e-mail. The committee was succinct in that this should not be a certification program nor should the accredited individuals be referred to as certified officials. It was acknowledged that an educational piece should be in place and successful before such certification discussions should occur.

The committee recommends either allowing the Arena Directors to choose their assistants or, at the least, have an input in the selection of such.

The committee recommends Rodeo Directors invite Arena Directors ASAP to get the best travel deals.

The committee chair requests all Rodeo Directors report to her which Arena Director will be working their rodeo or call upon the chair for help in securing a Rodeo Director.

The committee chair requests analysis of the post rodeo review forms by the certification committee to make these more relevant to performance feedback.

The committee chair and her substitute would like to thank the committee for their hard work.

Scotty Shadix for Heather Murray

Proposal to University Committee:

For the purposes of further validating the Arena Crew Coordinator position, the Arena Directors Committee respectfully requests the IGRA University committee to add an Arena Crew Coordinator Accreditation program to its course list. In general, the Arena Directors Committee offers these loose guidelines and looks forward to working with the University committee to solidify these further.

- Open enrollment for all interested but prefer candidates have worked on Arena Crew at least once
- Invite each association to send one person through the initial class
- Initiate this for the 2012 University if possible
- Maintenance of accreditation based on working as ACC or on an Arena Crew at least once in the year
- Class should be taught by a current, or previously certified, Arena Director initially
- Course outline should be based on the rule book and should include:
 - Responsibilities of the position
 - Open book test
 - Practicum mock rodeo with variable arena conditions
- Once completed, accredited individuals are known as a Purple Shirt Princess.