

## Report of the Annual Convention Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

The Annual Convention Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 10:30 until 11:30 am. A total of 13 persons attending the meeting and seven were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to the end of this report. We would to thank all those that were able to attend and the excellent level of participation shared by all!

The committee was presented with real time data from this convention in regards to registration and activities. Committee discussion centered on reasons why certain attendees may not register with the hosting association and/or may not stay in the host hotel. The committee discussed how both may affect future associations desiring to bid on hosting convention and innovative ways convention may be held in the future to reduce liability on the hosting association.

The committee discussed what the \$125 registration fees cover. Roughly \$95 goes to cover the cost of Saturday and Sunday lunches and breaks. The additional \$30 goes to cover costs associated with audio/visual and administrative needs.

The committee then discussed the specifics of the hotel contract for this convention. It was relayed to the committee that the percentage of pickup of the room block fell from 114% to 80% in a very short period. The committee discussed several reasons this may have occurred. It was relayed that the current contract calls for an 80% pickup of a 200-room night block and the meeting of a \$10K food & beverage minimum in order for the convention space and meeting rooms to be complimentary. It was noted that GSGRA may have to purchase additional room nights to ensure this given the steep drop in the pickup.

Updates from the 2014 Convention in Denver were presented to the group. It was relayed that two associations have submitted bids to host 2015 Convention.

We would like to thank the committee for their time, attendance and participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scotty Shadix and Larry Lindstrom  
Convention Committee Co-Chairs

### Attendees:

Scotty Shadix – IGRA – Co-chair  
Larry Lindstrom – IGRA – Co-chair  
Drew Davidson – ARGRA  
Kevin McSweeney – AGRA – voting  
Janine Pardee – SGRA – voting  
John Locke – CGRA – voting  
David Blunk – NGRA – voting  
Tom Seaman – TGRA  
Todd Garrett – FGRA – voting  
Judy Davidson – ARGRA  
Patrick Terry – ILGRA – voting  
Kami Boles – SGRA – voting  
Tommy Channel – CGRA