

Report of the Arena Directors Committee to the 29th IGRA Annual Convention

The Arena Directors Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 9:00 am until 10:00 am. A total of 8 persons attended the meeting, 7 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

Heather Murray, the chair, reported on the status of the Arena Directors for 2013. At the start of 2012, there were only 4 certified ADs: Heather Murray, Scotty Shadix, Jeanne McLeod, and Dee Zuspann. All 4 of those ADs requested recertification for 2013. They submitted evaluations and were subject to the annual testing program, which was presented to the Trustees, who approved recertification of all 4 Arena Directors.

This resulted in IGRA starting 2014 with 4 certified Arena Directors.

James Jenkins is currently student in the Arena Director program.

New blood was a crucial item discussed at the Arena Director Committee. If you would like to be involved or you know someone who wants to get dirty, let myself or anyone of the Chute Coordinators or Arena Directors know. We would love to bring them into the team and mentor them. We will also have Arena Crew Coordinator and chute crew seminars happening in the dirt at as many rodeo schools as we can. The rodeo schools make for a great practical learning form.

The committee had no proposals to present to the convention.

The new business that was discussed at the committee meeting was that of professionalism from officials, competitors, and volunteers alike. There have been numerous situations over the past year that has cast a bad light on all. The mantra we will work by is professionalism, consistency, and "rodeoing" by the rules. We expect the same in return.

Heather Murray, Chair
Arena Directors Committee