

Report of the Information Systems Committee to the 29th Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 16, 2013

The Information Systems Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 1:00 until 1:45 pm. The following 7 people attended this meeting.

Larry Lindstrom, IGRA
Randy Edlin, TGRA
John Hill, CGRA
Todd Wyckoff, AGRA
Michael Yarbrough, NGRA
Jason Metzger, NGRA
Forrest Mason, MGRA

The chair opened the meeting by describing some of the functions of the committee such as maintaining the IGRA Web site, maintaining Executive Officer's notebook computers, and maintaining the Rodeo Audit computer program.

There was general approval for the current IGRA Web site, but some felt it is difficult to find certain items and some pages are out of date, referring to IGRA University.

Again, there was discussion on a centralized membership system. This seems to still be of interest after several years. A quick Google found MemberPress, which is a WordPress plugin.

The group discussed local Web sites and the development tools they use. Several of the members use WordPress in addition to an online shopping cart, many using the open source software OpenCart.

There was discussion on associations who accept membership payments online seem to retain their members longer. It would be interesting if some associations would be willing to track this.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Lindstrom, Chairman