



23rd ANNUAL CONVENTION
November 10–11, 2007
Crowne Plaza – Kansas City, MO
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Opening Ceremony

Introductions of Officers

National Anthems and Invocation

Call to Order

Convention Rules

Benjamin Avant – Parliamentarian

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates

Membership and Credentials Report

Seating of new Member Associations

Referral of all proposals to Standing Committees

Approval of Minutes from Previous Convention
Nashville, October 21–22, 2006

Executive Board Reports

President

Brian Helander

Vice President

Mitch Gill

Secretary

Larry Lindstrom

Treasurer

David Hill

Administrative Assistant

Tommy Channel

Trustees Chair

Ray Ostmann

IGRA Spokesman

Kelly Nielsen

Corporate Auditor

John King

Standing Committees Reports

- Animal Issues & Concerns – Jim Mitchell
- Arena Directors – Russell Bleakney
- Auditors, Secretaries, & Scorekeepers – Jeffrey Shaw & Ron Trusley
- Budget – David Hill
- Bylaws & Standing Rules – Benjamin Avant
- Chute Coordinators – David Hallwood & Heather Murray
- Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty – 2007 Royalty Team
- Contestant Liaison – Ty Teigen & Jamie Lodzinski
- Convention – Andrew Goodman
- Corporate Sponsors – Lorry King & Barry Luke
- Dance – Lorry King
- Finals Rodeo – Roger Courtemanche
- Growth & Planning – Mike Lentz
- Hall of Fame – Bob Pimentel Jr.
- Health & Safety – Travis Gardner
- Information Systems – David Hill
- Internet Technology – Frank Harrell
- Judges – Amy Griffin & Rick Jones
- Marketing – Kelly Nielson
- Membership – Larry Lindstrom
- Merchandise & Vendors – Mary Arbuckle
- Nominating – Justin Waldner
- Public Relations – Kelly Nielson
- Rodeo Resources – Brian Rogers
- Rodeo Rules – Chuck Browning & Candy Pratt
- University – Brian Rogers

Ad Hoc Committees

Old Business

New Business

Election of Executive Officers
Vice President for two-year term
Secretary for two-year term

Approval of Requests for 2009 and 2010 Rodeo Dates

Selection of 2008 Annual Convention

Selection of 2009 Annual Convention

Announcements

CGRA, TGRA, GSGRA, AGRA, OGRA, KGRA, MGRA, NMGRA, NSGRA, DSRA,
GGRA, ASGRA, NGRA, ILGRA, HGRA, ARGRA, MIGRA, PONY, PNWGRA,
SSRA, HSRA, RRRRA, SMRA, GWGRA, FGRA, LGRA, CCGRA, LSGRA

Adjournment

IGRA Annual Convention
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Kansas City
Saturday, November 10, 2007

Call to Order. President Brian Helander called the convention to order at 9 am.

Convention Rules. Parliamentarian Benjamin Avant reviewed the convention floor rules.

Credentials Report. Membership Chair Larry Lindstrom reported 25 Member Associations had met the requirements to be seated while HSRA was moved to Recognized Association status and PONY did not renew their charter. Kansas, Georgia, and Red River did not send delegates. Two new associations, Louisiana (LSGRA) and Sacramento (SCCGRA), were presented and seated as the 27th and 28th Member Associations of IGRA, respectively.

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates. Secretary Larry Lindstrom then performed the roll call.

- 155 total delegates
- 120 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 80
- majority = 61

Approval of Minutes from Nashville Convention. Roger Courtemanche moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed by a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Vice President's Report. Refer to the written report from Mitch Gill. Some of the highlights:

- 2007 Royalty Team recommended Children Aids Foundation and the Maultner Project
- 2008 Royalty Team will only have 3 team members – Mr., Mr. 1st Runner-up, and Miss
- 2009 Royalty Team package will be posted in 2008 after the February board meeting

Secretary's Report. Larry Lindstrom gave a PowerPoint® presentation with these highlights:

- Reviewed list of duties and functions
- Created IGRA CONV Yahoo! group for IGRA convention planning
- Working on convention bid process document
- Presented an amusing pop quiz on IGRA

Treasurer's Report. David Hill presented the current financial statement with these highlights:

- September 30 balance sheet
- Profit and Loss sheet for the year
- \$17K left over after end of year

Administrative Assistant. Tommy Channel presented a verbal report on the following:

- Online contestant registration process
- Still producing Fall contestant mailing
- 2008 event calendar, any additions, please advise
- Insurance process for 2008 will start

Trustee Chair. Ray Ostmann thanked the trustees and their alternates for all the work they put in during 2007. He also announced the 2008 trustee meetings to be held in Las Vegas in February, Oklahoma City in May, Chicago in August, and convention in the fall.

Public Relations Spokesman. Kelly Nielsen resigned at the Finals Rodeo, but several candidates have been identified to be interviewed.

Corporate Auditor. John King was attending his 23rd convention and reported he had completed the audit of the books in April and September and everything was exactly as previously reported by the Treasurer. In addition, the taxes for 2006 were filed and paid.

President's Report. Brian Helander's report included the following:

- Thanked first-time delegates
- PowerPoint presentation on IGRA's 3 priorities of owning Finals Rodeo, Diversification of Revenue, and Realignment of Events
- Other countries possibly joining IGRA include Australia and Mexico

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due to the length of many proposals, refer to the complete proposals in the respective report.

Animal Issues and Concerns. Mary Arbuckle submitted a written report with no action items. A letter was prepared for Member Associations to send to their respective stock contractor. The committee also discussed Goat Dressing issues and a standard ratio for stock versus contestants.

Arena Directors. Russell Bleakney submitted a written report with no action items. Only four Arena Directors recertified for 2008, but will be able to cover all of the rodeos. Heather Murray and Matt Komornik will be entering the program. The committee also discussed standardization of the new contestant meeting, possibly creating a quick reference guide.

Auditors, Secretaries, & Scorekeepers. Jeffrey Shaw submitted a written report. All of the officials from the 2007 list were recertified for 2008. The committee presented some editorial cleanup of the bylaws and standing rules.

A proposal to add the words "a minimum of" 3 rodeos before reviewing certification passed by a voice vote.

A proposal to change "Finals Purse" to "Finals Day" money in order to match another rule change passed by a voice vote.

Budget. Refer to the written report from David Hill. Some of the highlights include:

- \$139K budget for 2007 increases to \$208K 2008 due to including Finals Rodeo
- 2008 Finals Rodeo budget based on CGRA's 2007 Finals Rodeo budget and was referred to the Finals Rodeo committee to be approved at the next board meeting in Las Vegas

Bylaws & Standing Rules. Benjamin Avant reported that his committee had a light work load since advance proposals were referred to the respective committee.

The following three proposals passed by a voice vote as a block.

- Proposal 2 changed “given personally” to “delivered electronically,”
- Proposal 3 reworded resolving disputes, and
- Proposal 5 tightened up the rodeo approval process.

Proposal BSR–01 cleaned up order of business at annual convention and passed by a voice vote.

Proposal BSR–02 cleaned up the invitation process for Finals Rodeo.

Resolution BSR–01 defined the usage of E–mail addresses.

Proposal 6 presented the re–alignment of the annual dance competition and the royalty pageant. The Dance, Community Outreach, Finals Rodeo, and University committees were each involved in presenting a proposal and voting would occur at the end of all presentations.

Chute Coordinators. Heather Murray and David Hallwood presented a written report with no action items. The committee felt that education and communication (e.g. a Yahoo group) were their focus points. They have new students signed up, 6 are active in the certification process, and 9 were recently recertified. They also discussed partnering a new contestant with a seasoned individual for educational purposes only.

Community Outreach and Fundraising. Proposal COFR–01 defining the submission and selection of questions, created considerable discussion. Jeanne McLeod moved to extend discussion. Motion failed on a hand vote 48–62. The proposal was referred back to committee.

Contestant Liaison Committee. Amy Griffin presented a written report with no action items. She reported that the Arena Directors were working on consistent presentation of health and safety information to all contestants, including new contestants. The committee also discussed the entertainment value of slack versus performance and whether a rodeo should be required to use a certain running order. The committee did not support eliminating Steer Decorating.

Convention. Andrew Goodman thanked Wade Griffin from Wade Insurance for sponsoring the bar crawl busses and Miller Light for sponsoring the alcohol.

Corporate Sponsorship. Barry Luke and Lorry King presented a report with no action items.

Dance. Lorry King presented the following rule changes:

Proposal DAN–01 eliminated the restriction of no more than 2 couples, passed by a voice vote.

Proposal DAN–02 adding Recognized to Member Associations, passed by a voice vote.

Proposal 6 to move the dance competition to University was supported by the committee.

Finals Rodeo. Roger Courtemanche is the Rodeo Director for the 2008 Finals Rodeo. The committee supported Proposal 6. Roger introduced the committee members for 2008, presented the 2008 Finals Rodeo poster, and spoke on the role of each association. Roger also announced a pending agreement with Anheiser–Busch for \$20K to only sponsor Finals Rodeo.

Growth & Planning. Tommy Channel chaired Friday’s committee meeting with these highlights:

- Produce a short, 5–minute promotional video
- How do we grow rodeo attendance to increase IGRA revenue?
- Diversity of revenue, looking outside the rodeo for options
- Discussion on why we keep the same events for 25 years
- All motions sent to the Rodeo Rules committee were rejected
- Discussion on IGRA’s 501c3 status and should this be pursued

Hall of Fame. Bob Pimentel reported that bios on the Web site need to be of similar structure. The committee also discussed how to properly store items and memorabilia of members in the Hall of Fame. Two new inductees would be presented during the Sunday luncheon. Notifications for the Hall of Fame will be put on the IGRA Web site and Yahoo groups.

Health & Safety. Travis Gardner presented a written report with no action items. He also showed a PowerPoint presentation with the following highlights:

- Increase in the number of injury reports filed with the rodeo checklist
- 12 reports last year; 35 this year
- Women are not more likely to be injured
- Use of energy drinks
- Size and types of animals and what is "high school grade"
- Work with the stock contractor on how to promote safety

Community Outreach. Brian Helander first spoke to the group about IGRA taking over Finals Rodeo and the proposal to move the royalty competition to Annual Convention and the dance competition to University.

A proposal to remove horsemanship from the royalty competition failed in committee.

Proposal COFR–01 defining the submission and selection of questions, passed by a voice vote.

Proposal COFR–02 redefining the selection of judges passed by a voice vote.

Information Systems. David Hill reported that many enhancements were requested to the new online contestant registration system, such as announcer cards. However, one of his immediate goals was to move the current DOS–based rodeo program to a Windows platform.

Internet Technology. Frank Harrell presented a written report with no action items. Some of the highlights from his committee meeting include:

- Can the Web site be more exciting?
- All passwords in the secure area will expire on 12/31/07
- David Hill was the most frequent user of the secure system
- 157K page hits on the home page which include 101K unique visits
- The rodeo calendar is very critical to keep maintained

Larry Lindstrom then showed a PowerPoint presentation of the online event registration system.

Judges. Amy Griffin and Rick Jones reported on the concern regarding the shrinking number of judges. Two judges from 2007 did not recertify but Terry Bartlett came back to be recertified. The primary focus of the judges is to be consistent and fair. Judges should always confer prior to start of each rodeo and prior to the start of each event to make sure that each judge is looking for the same thing. A PowerPoint presentation highlighting the 2007 rodeo year was shown.

Membership. Refer to the written report submitted by Larry Lindstrom.

Proposal MEM-01 cleaned up the language for what is considered in "good standing" and passed by a voice vote.

Proposal MEM-02 removed the delegate list from the membership renewal process and passed by a voice vote.

Marketing. Dan Johnson (NMGRA) submitted a written report with no action items.

Merchandising & Vendors. Mary Arbuckle submitted a written report. A proposal to have IGRA take control of merchandise passed in committee. New merchandise would have a 100% markup from true cost of material and proceeds would be distributed as follows: 50% to IGRA, 30% to the hosting association, and 20% to inventory control.

Nominations. Justin Waldner reported that the positions of Vice President and Secretary were open for election.

The following nominations were presented for Vice President:

- Mitch Gill, HSRA
- Andrew Goodman, MGRA
- Steve Wollert, GSGRA

The following nomination was presented for Secretary:

- Larry Lindstrom, CGRA

The following bids were submitted for the 2008 Annual Convention:

- Host CCGRA to be held in Toronto
- Host LSGRA to be held in New Orleans
- Host MIGRA to be held in Detroit

The following bids were submitted for the 2009 Annual Convention:

- Host CCGRA to be held in Toronto
- Host MIGRA to be held in Detroit

The convention floor was recessed until 9:00 am.

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Call to Order. President Brian Helander called the convention to order at 9 am.

Roll Call. Secretary Larry Lindstrom performed the roll call for the second session.

- 118 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 79
- majority = 60

Dance. Lorry King thanked Andrew Goodman for coordinating the event, Gene Fraikes for selecting the music, Wade Earp, and Lonnie La Bel for judging, Janet Jenkins, DJ Tompkins, Clyde Mitter, and Tom Coleman for helping out, Shane for being the disc jockey, and Jeff Shaw and Michael Norman for auditing the results.

Rodeo Resources & University. Brian Rogers presented a written report with no action items. He spoke on moving the current University leadership rotation upward and the guidebook would no longer be printed, but would be available on the IGRA Web site.

Within University, certificate and degree programs were developed. In 2007, attendance dropped to 48 students from 88 in 2006. The ultimate goal of University is to be revenue neutral.

University 2008 will be held February 22–24 at the Tuscany Inn and Suites in Las Vegas. The room rate is \$85 Sunday–Thursday and \$115 on Friday & Saturday. The board of directors voted to have their first meeting of 2008 at University.

Nominations. MIGRA decided to withdraw from the 2008 bidding and CCGRA decided to withdraw from the 2009 bidding.

Rodeo Rules. Chuck Browning presented a package of rule changes. It was suggested to consider the entire package and pull items RR–04, RR–06, RR–07, RR–08, and RR–14.

RR–05 had a grammatical error and RR–09 was stricken because it was the same as RR–04.

The presented package minus the pulled items passed by a voice vote.

Proposal RR–04 requiring judge to be on horseback in Calf Roping on Foot in order to be mobile, went to a hand vote. Proposal passed 61, 46.

Proposal RR-06 cleaning up the Team Roping rules and adopting verbiage from APRA passed by a voice vote.

Proposal RR-07 cleaning up the rodeo livestock rules passed by a voice vote.

Proposal RR-08 cleaning up the Chute Dogging rules was discussed and sent back to committee.

Proposal RR-15 changing the number of rough stock events was discussed and sent back to committee.

A 15-minute break was taken at this time.

Proposal ASS-02 to change "purse" to "day" money to match previously agreed on change in rodeo rules passed by a voice vote.

Proposal 6 recommended moving the dance competition to University and royalty competition to Annual Convention and was approved by several committees. All of the rule changes do not provide for phasing in the changes, so Dance would skip 2008 and Royalty would happen a year later. Other items considered:

- All convention bid proposals were contacted and were okay with the proposal
- Community Outreach approved this proposal, but expected it to happen in 2008
- Dance would move regardless even if royalty stays at Finals Rodeo

Lonni La Bel moved to extend time. Motion passed by a voice vote. After further discussion, David Hallwood moved to extend time. Motion failed by a voice voter. Proposal 6 passed by a voice vote.

Proposal RR-08 cleaning up the Chute Dogging rules passed by a voice vote as amended.

Proposal RR-15 changing the number of rough stock events passed by a voice vote as amended.

Dance.

RESOLUTION DAN-01. Proposed to allow the dance committee budget money for 2008 but not hold an actual competition until 2009, passed by a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business from the previous convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Lindstrom made a presentation on the royalty scoring system and the problem of attaining the 75 % minimum. The problem was not the minimum, but the scale of 1 to 5 was too small. After the presentation, Larry moved for IGRA to move to a 10-point scale for all categories and double the interview score. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Selection of the 2008 Annual Convention Site.

The Central Canada Gay Rodeo Association (CCGRA) gave a presentation with the following highlights:

- Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville
- 222 rooms with 10 meeting rooms
- Room rate of \$119 CND
- \$80 delegate fee
- Walking distance from hotel to “gay village”
- You do need a passport and you have over a year to get one
- You can get a temporary visitor’s visa if you have a DUI in the U.S.

The Louisiana State Gay Rodeo Association (LSGRA) gave a presentation with the following highlights:

- New Orleans Marriott
- Next to the French Quarter
- Room rate of \$99 USD
- \$80 delegate fee
- Hurricane season is over by Halloween
- New Orleans has crime just like any other major city

A 10–minute break was taken while the ballots were counted. Secretary Larry Lindstrom announced the following quorum:

- 113 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 76
- majority = 58

LSGRA won the right to host the 2008 IGRA Annual Convention by the following vote:

- CCGRA – Toronto 35
- LSGRA – New Orleans 78

Selection of the 2009 Annual Convention Site.

CCGRA applied their 2008 bid to 2009 with their dates contingent on the Finals Rodeo dates.

The Michigan International Gay Rodeo Association (MIGRA) gave a presentation with the following highlights:

- November 12–16, 2009
- Hyatt Regency Dearborn
- Room rate of \$107 USD
- \$60 Delegate Fee includes lunch both days

CCGRA won the right to host the 2009 IGRA Annual Convention by the following vote:

- CCGRA – Toronto 70
- MIGRA – Detroit 25
- None of the above 7

Election for Vice President.

Andrew Goodman won a 2–year term by the following vote:

- Mitch Gill, HSRA 13
- Andrew Goodman, MGRA 78
- Steve Wollert, GSGRA 12
- None of the above 2

Election for Secretary.

Roger Courtemanche moved to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the entire assembly. He withdrew the motion when the parliamentarian ruled this to be out of order.

Larry Lindstrom won a 2–year term by the following vote:

- Larry Lindstrom, CGRA 105

Benjamin Avant moved that a rodeo shall be a one or two day go–around activity, conducted over one, two, or three days. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Brian Helander adjourned the convention at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Lindstrom
IGRA Secretary

Vice President's Report
To: IGRA Convention
November 8th, 9th, 10th, 2007
Kansas City, MO.

Dear Executive Board Members, Trustees, Delegates and invited Guests,

Our 2007 Royalty Team made their charity recommendations at the meeting of the IGRA Board of Directors in Ft. Lauderdale. They have chosen two outstanding 501c (3) charities. The charities are Children Aids Foundation and the Mautner Project.

The Mautner Project has once again been in contact with me. In 2006, they designed 5,000 Pink Bandanas with their logo that the 2006 Team sold. The bandanas that were left over were donated to the 2007 Team to continue selling during rodeos as well as at other events. We have been able to keep a great working relationship going and show that two great organizations can reach out not only to each other, but show the world that we can work together. I had the pleasure of meeting with the head of the Mautner Project and they are excited that we are working with them and helping them to get the message out not only about breast cancer, but about all the various cancers that affect our daily lives in one form or another.

I would like to thank all of the associations that have provided tables at their rodeo for the 2007 team to raise money for their charities, as well to everyone that purchased pink bandanas, but were also tough enough to wear pink!

The 2007 IGRA Royalty Team has raised **\$ 6,101.85**. This team did a remarkable job at bridging the big gap not only between our rodeo contestants, but the communities that they visited as a whole just like the team before them.

All of the members of the 2007 IGRA Royalty team have made their financial requirements to IGRA, plus met their rodeo attendance requirements and will continue to raise more money for their charities. Please help me celebrate these individuals:

Clyde Mitter Mr. IGRA 2007 (GSGRA)
Destiny B. Childs Miss. IGRA 2007 (ASGRA)
DJ Tompkins Mr. IGRA 2007 1St Runner-up (ILGRA)

The 2007 IGRA Royalty Team and I have kept in constant communication via phone and email regarding their responsibilities, not only to IGRA, but to their communities, association royalty and the community outreach committee. Here are just some of the topics that were decided to be covered during their year:

- All rodeos covered by IGRA Royalty
- Keeping a positive attitude
- Increase visibility
- Increased participation
- Assist Association Royalty
- Paperwork
- Funds to the vice-president in seven (7) days after the event as per the by-laws.

The 2007 Team and I have traveled and attended various events both rodeo and non-rodeo related. We have marched, danced, ridden in and attended more Gay Pride Parades than we care to mention. In our travels we have produced, performed in and poured beer for more benefits than Carter has pills. We've attended meetings and given speeches to all types of groups, both in and out of our western community. We have painted the town pink and I am proud to announce that nearly every rodeo was covered this year either by a Royalty Team Member or me.

The current IGRA Royalty Team and I have helped to raise approximately **\$87,000.00** for our respective communities and rodeo.

As IGRA Vice President I was fortunate enough to be able to attend "The Great Big" in Washington DC to represent IGRA. The event is one of the largest of its kind in the drag king community. While I was there, I was able to learn more about the drag king community that make up the MsTer category within our royalty program. I had the opportunity to not only meet several of the drag kings in DC, but also participate with over 4,000 other individuals from around the world in the week long events covering issues for Transgender individuals, MsTer's. There is a reason its call "The Great Big" and that is because it is a Great Event!

Then Destiny and I flew off to Chicago to meet up with DJ to represent IGRA at this year's IML. After a very long weekend of special events, competition and shopping I was able to learn a lot about the leather community. I had the pleasure of meeting with not only the founder of IML, but the curator of the Leather Archives Museum. Our discussion looked at the possibilities of IGRA doing a booth at next year's event as well as IGRA looking into opening our own museum or joining forces with them.

The 2008 IGRA Royalty Competition Schedule was set early this year and posted to the IGRA web site. The competition was run in a single day. It was a little rough on everyone but we all made it through. This was also our first time to utilizing just seven (7) judges instead of the traditional nine (9) as we have done in the past.

One person does not complete a team; in conjunction with CGRA, Ken Pool, Vince Montez, Tommy Channel and I, there was a great team this year helping produce this event for IGRA. I will say that this was an event that you as members of IGRA should be proud of. Please help me in thanking these members of this year's team that hit the ground running:

Mike Sanders, Jymmye Jaymes Miss IGRA 2006, Lorry King, Vince Montez, Ken Pool, CGRA Membership and Volunteers, Sound and Light personnel, 2007 IGRA Royalty Team, judges, Emcee's, Doug Graff Mr. IGRA 1999, and last but not least, all of the 2008 IGRA Royalty Competition contestants.

I did receive the judges' names for this year's competition in a tough but timely manner. A package covering their reasonability's was e-mailed to each judge or their trustee. I explained and asked that each of them take the time to read this information and follow all of the rules governing the selection of Mr./Ms./MsTer/and Miss. I also reminded each of them that we would only wait five (5) minutes for them before proceeding to use the alternate judges, trustees or IGRA Executive Board and issuing a fine to their association per our by-laws.

At this year's Finals, we honored the 10 Year Anniversary of the 1998 Royalty Team of Mr. IGRA Kurt McGregor (AGRA), Miss IGRA Beverly De Marco (NMGRA) and Ms. IGRA Tamara Marks (MIGRA) these individuals are still involved in IGRA, as well as their local royalty programs and associations.

I want to thank the associations that sponsored the crown and buckles for this years honorees. The associations were announced during this years' IGRA Royalty Competition. I also want to thank CGRA for all their help on this segment of the Saturday Night Event.

At this year's Royalty Contest we had Twelve (12) Contestants for the title of Mr./Ms/MsTer and Miss IGRA 2008. They were as follows:

- o T-Jay Blake (CGRA) MsTer
- o Bo Tipton (NMGRA) MsTer
- o Jana Smysor (MGRA) Ms.
- o Travis Parker (OGRA) Mr.
- o Jeff Geiger (ILGRA) Mr.
- o Randy Edlin (TGRA) Mr.
- o Tom Coleman (NGRA) Mr.
- o Gary Rushton (AGRA) Mr.
- o Janet Jenkins (CGRA) Miss
- o Zoe Kelly (MGRA) Miss
- o FiFi Depraved (ILGRA) Miss
- o Kiara Jacobs (TGRA) Miss

These contestants raised **\$6,433.02** for the support of IGRA and its charities

As the evening came to a close, it was my dream to have a complete Team and the very first MsTer's. But with the scoring system that has been approved by this body, the contestants must achieve 75% of the possible overall score in order to achieve a position on the IGRA Royalty Team. We ended up with only three members on the 2008 IGRA Royalty Team. Help me in welcoming your new 2008 IGRA Royalty Team;

- o Randy Edlin (TGRA) Mr. IGRA 2008 1st runner-up
- o Gary Rushton (AGRA) Mr. IGRA 2008
- o Janet Jenkins (CGRA) Miss IGRA 2008

I, along with CGRA and IGRA would like to have the 2009 IGRA Royalty Competition approved and up on the IGRA website by the close of the first IGRA Board Meeting in February 2008.

In addition, if you have contact information for any past IGRA Royalty Team member please contact me. We would like to invite them to be a part of Finals Competition in Denver, CO in 2008, as we celebrate 22 years of IGRA Rodeo. I look forward, with the help of all the past Royalty and friends, to produce the best competition ever! We also would like to include all IGRA Team members on the website with the other royalty. As we believe that there is no 'I' in Team.

I thank you for your time and for allowing me to serve as your IGRA Vice-President. I look forward to being reelected as your IGRA Vice-president and to be able to not only work with each of you and this new 2008 IGRA Royalty Team, but to also assemble a team of advisors of past IGRA Vice-presidents, Past and current IGRA Royalty Team members, members of each association and of course members of the IGRA Board of Directors to work on restructuring our Royalty program both on the IGRA level and the association level. If reelected I would also like to finish up the work that has begun on an IGRA Royalty Resource Book and Study Guide.

Remember my door and mind is always open.

Let's Rodeo,
Mitch Gill
IGRA Vice-President
IGRA Royalty Liaison

Arena Directors Committee Report
Kansas City, MO
November 10, 2007

Meeting convened at 8:35 a.m.

Sixteen (16) persons representing thirteen (13) Associations attended the meeting held on November 9 (see attached).

Committee Chair Russell Bleakney covered the report submitted at last year's Convention. No questions raised.

Group discussed the current re-certification issues. At this time only 4 arena directors have applied for re-certification. Heather Murray and Matt Komornik will enter the certification program next year. At this point there are no coverage issues for scheduled rodeos.

Russell presented resolution of a Contestant Liaison concern regarding consistency and standardization of the New Contestant meeting. To better meet the needs of the contestants and officials, Russell is creating a Quick Reference card to be available before the next Rodeo Year.

There are no action items.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Bleakney
Arena Directors Committee Chairperson

Report of the Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper Committee to the IGRA Annual Convention for 2007

The Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper Certification Program Committee met on Friday, November 09, 2007, at 10:45 am until 11:45 am. Those attending the meeting were Jeff Lowe (NMGRA), Michael Norman (TGRA), Ron Trusley (AGRA), Larry Lindstrom (IGRA), and Jeffrey Shaw (CGRA). I want to thank the members of the committee for their contributions to the business we conducted this year.

The committee considered all proposals that we had on hand. The proposals were approved and the recommendations for the Rodeo Rules Committee will be submitted to the Convention by that committee. The proposals for Standing Rules are attached. The committee recommends adoption of the attached proposals.

Also attached is the list of recertified Auditors, Secretaries, and Scorekeeper, which were approved by the IGRA Board of Trustees on Thursday, November 08, 2007.

Respectively submitted,
Jeffrey Shaw and Ron Trusley, Co-Chairs,
Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper Certification Program Committee

Recommended Changes to IGRA Rodeo Standing Rules

Auditor, Secretary, Scorekeeper Certification Committee to Convention 2007

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RULE XIII AUDITOR/SECRETARY/SCOREKEEPER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

AUDITOR

- I. Certification Program.
 - A. Successfully complete the Secretary and Scorekeeper certification program.
 - B. Serve as the Rodeo Secretary at **a minimum of** three (3) IGRA approved rodeos (Finals Rodeo excluded).
 - C. Work under the supervision of an IGRA Rodeo Auditor as an Assistant Auditor at **a minimum of** three (3) IGRA approved Rodeos.
 - D. **Attend or conduct a Rodeo Secretary/Scorekeeper Seminar and successfully pass each of the examinations with a score of 90% or better after the conclusion of the seminar.**
- II. Recertification.
 - A. Serve as the IGRA Rodeo Auditor, appointed Certified Auditor, or Assistant Auditor for **at least** one (1) rodeo during the current rodeo year.
 - B. Attend or conduct a Rodeo Secretary/Scorekeeper Seminar and successfully pass the **each** examination with a score of 90% or better at **after** the conclusion of the seminar.

SECRETARY

- I. Certification Program.
 - A. Must Serve as a Certified Scorekeeper at **a minimum of** one (1) IGRA approved rodeo.
 - B. Serve as an Assistant Secretary at **a minimum of** three (3) IGRA approved rodeos. Associations will not refuse any reasonable request from an applicant to serve as an Assistant Rodeo Secretary.
 - C. **Attend a Rodeo Secretary/Scorekeeper Seminar and successfully pass each of the examinations with a score of 90% or better after the conclusion of the seminar.**

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- II. Recertification
 3. Attend or conduct a Rodeo Secretary/Scorekeeper Seminar and successfully pass the **each** examination with a score of 90% or better at **after** the conclusion of the seminar.

SCOREKEEPER

I. Certification Program

- A. Serve as a Timer at a **minimum of** three (3) IGRA approved rodeos, and serve as an Assistant Scorekeeper at a **minimum of** three (3) IGRA approved rodeos, covering all 13 events. Associations will not refuse any reasonable request from an applicant to serve as a Timer.
- B. Attend and successfully complete one (1) Rodeo Secretary/Scorekeeper Seminar.
- C. Successfully pass the examination at the conclusion of the Rodeo Secretary/Scorekeeper Seminar.
- D. **Attend a Rodeo Scorekeeper Seminar and successfully pass the examination with a score of 90% or better after the conclusion of the seminar.**

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II. Recertification

- 2. Attend a Rodeo Secretary/Scorekeeper Seminar and successfully pass the examination with a score of 90% or better at **after** the conclusion of the seminar.

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RULE XVI—INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Section 5. If there is no Finals Rodeo held, the awards for each event in shall be determined by points accumulated at IGRA-sanctioned rodeos held that rodeo year, and shall be known as IGRA Division Champions. The finals purse **Finals day** money held in escrow by IGRA (\$2.00 portion of rodeo entry fees) for each event shall be disbursed among the top contestant qualifiers and shall be paid out according to Rodeo Rule VIII Rodeo Prizes and Payoffs.

Section 6. The Finals Rodeo purse day money held in escrow by IGRA (hat fines and the \$2.00 portion of rodeo entry fees) plus additional sponsored prize money and all Finals Rodeo entry fees will be totaled, divided by the number of events with entries, and distributed among the events, with the team events receiving additional amounts in increments according to the number of team members:

23rd IGRA Annual Convention
November 10, 2007-Kansas City, MO
Auditors-Budget Committee Report

Meeting called meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, November 9, 2007 with the following in attendance.

John King	AGRA-Corporate Auditor
Pierre Cadieux	ARGRA
Lorrie Murphy	ARGRA
Lyndon McWhorter	DSRA
Thom Brennan	GSGRA
Kirk Price	GWGRA
Dan Johnson	HGRA
Dan Johnson	NMGRA
Mike Hair	OGRA
Wes Wilkinson	SCCGRA
Michael Norman	TGRA
David Hill	Chairperson

John King, Corporate Auditor, reported that he had selected and reviewed two time periods, April and September, and found no compliance issues with the financial reports. The financial reports and tax returns have been prepared in a timely manner and in compliance with the by-laws.

The proposed 2008 budget was presented and discussed, see attached.

The contributions for 2008 are not coming from the current year sponsorships but are reducing the prior year reserves. This allows IGRA to support the associations/rodeos insurance for another year.

The committee accepted the proposed 2008 budget, as adjusted. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hill
Chairperson

John King
Corporate Auditor

Report of the Bylaws Committee to the 23rd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 10, 2007

The Bylaws Committee met on Friday, November 9, 2007 from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm. A total of 25 persons attended the meeting, 17 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 patience and hard work as we addressed the responsibilities of the committee.

The committee considered all proposals that were received prior to the start of the meeting as well as proposals introduced during the meeting. The proposals that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

Benjamin Avant
Chairman, IGRA Bylaws Committee

Bylaws Committee Attendance List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Doug Holmes	AGRA	X	Ed Barry	ILGRA	X
Gary Hatterman	AGRA		Jennifer Vrana	LGRA	X
Alec Masee	ARGRA	X	Marcel Pajuelo–Schwartz	LGRA	
Tom Lott	ASGRA	X	Cayree Ragsdale	MGRA	X
Frank Harrell	ASGRA		Mel Enness	MIGRA	X
Jeffrey Shaw	CGRA	X	Lorry King	NGRA	X
John Locke	CGRA		Darren Wernette	NGRA	
T. J. Lavelle	DSRA	X	Arnie Chavez	NMGRA	X
Jacky Green	DSRA		Jack Roach	NSGRA	X
Bill Chapman	GSGRA	X	Justin Waldner	SMRA	X
Ray Ostmann	GWGRA	X	Russell Bleakney	TGRA	X
Charley Wade	HGRA	X	Michael Norman	TGRA	
Kurt Ried	HGRA				

Proposal 2

Page 8, Article VI, Section 2

Section 2. Notice.

Advance legal notice shall be sent no less than sixty (60) days prior to the start of convention and shall specify the place, date and hour of convention, any related meetings (e.g. Board of Directors, Trustees, committees, training seminars, etc.), and those matters which the Board of Directors, at the time of giving notice, intends to present for action by the Member Associations. Such notice shall be given either personally delivered electronically or by first class mail addressed to each Member and Recognized Association, Board Member, Trustee, committee chairperson, the corporate auditor, and the annual convention parliamentarian. Notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time when delivered personally electronically or deposited in the mail.

Proposal 3

Page 21, Article X, Section 9, Paragraph B

Any and all disputes arising over interpretation of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Resolutions of the annual convention, and Resolutions of the Board of Directors, the Trustees shall resolve Resolutions of the Trustees, Standing Rules, Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship, and Rodeo Rules.

Any and all disputes arising over interpretation of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Resolutions of the Annual Convention, Resolutions of the Board of Directors, Resolutions of the Trustees, Standing Rules and Procedures, Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship, and Rules of Sanctioned Rodeos shall be resolved by the Trustees.

Proposal 5

Page 56, Rule XIV, Section 7

Section 7. Rodeos shall be sanctioned by the Board of Directors. A majority vote of the board will be required to sanction a rodeo. Sanctioning of a rodeo must occur:

- A. At least six (6) months prior to the planned rodeo date, and
- B. Before the beginning of the prior year's annual convention.
- C. **Rodeo application must be approved at a regularly scheduled board meeting.**
- D. **Rodeo application must be available for review no less than 7 days prior to sanctioning.**

Proposal BSR-01

Pages 35, Rule IV, Section 2

Section 2. With appropriate provision for recesses and for such special events as may be arranged, the general order of business at the annual convention of IGRA shall be:

- Call to Order
- Opening Exercises
- Roll Call and Seating of Voting Delegates
- Admission and Seating of New Member Associations
- Referral of All Proposals to Standing Committees
- Reports of Officers
- Reports of Standing Committees
- Old Business
- New Business
- Election of Officers
- Approval of Requests for Rodeo Dates
- Selection of IGRA Finals Rodeo Location
- Selection of IGRA Convention Location
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Proposal BSR-02

Pages 59, Rule XVI, Section 3

Section 3. Refer to Rodeo Rules VII Point System and VIII Rodeo Prizes and Payoffs regarding ties and buckles.

A. Individual Events.

1. The top twenty (20) qualifiers in each event will be invited to compete in the Finals Rodeo. In the event one (1) or more of the top twenty (20) cannot attend, the 21st through 30th point standing qualifiers **will then be considered eligible and** will be called, in order, to attempt to have a maximum of 20 competitors.

B. Two Person Team Events.

1. The top twenty (20) qualifiers will be invited to compete in the Finals Rodeo with each person selecting his/her own team member to compete with him/her. All team members must have competed in that event at least once during the rodeo year. If a team is comprised of multiple members in the top twenty (20), qualifiers, or one or more of the top twenty (20) cannot attend, the 21st through 45th point standing qualifiers **will then be considered eligible and** will be called, in order, to attempt to have a maximum of 20 teams.
2. In Team Roping, a contestant may compete once as a header and once as heeler each day but cannot compete additional times.

C. Three Person Team Events.

1. The top twenty (20) qualifiers will be invited to compete in the Finals Rodeo with each person selecting his/her own team member to compete with him/her. All team members must have competed in that event at least once during the rodeo year. If a team is comprised of multiple members in the top twenty (20) qualifiers, or one or more of the top twenty (20) cannot attend, the 21st through 65th point standing qualifiers **will then be considered eligible and** will be called, in order, to attempt to have a maximum of 20 teams.

Pages 61, Rule XVI, Section 8, Paragraph E

- E. In the event one (1) or more of the top twenty (20) fail to complete registration by 9:00 p.m. the night prior to Finals Rodeo, additional **eligible** contestants present in the Secretarial/Registration area by 9:15 p.m. will be asked, in point order, to compete until the maximum number of twenty (20) have accepted, provided the persons fielded have earned points during the rodeo year.

Resolution BSR-01

Resolved, That IGRA recommend Member and Recognized Associations not add anyone to a public E-mail listing without his or her permission;

Resolved, That IGRA recommend Member or Recognized Associations use a double opt-in process* for any publicly available online sign-up form; and

Resolved, That IGRA recommend Member or Recognized Associations counsel members on strategies to reduce E-mail spam.

[*In a double opt-in system, an address entered into the form is sent a confirmation email. The receiver must then either reply to the message or click a link embedded in the message before that address is added to the list. This prevents any third party from signing up someone without their permission.]

Proposal 6

Page 16, Article IX, Section 5, Paragraph D

ARTICLE IX – OFFICERS

Section 5. Duties of the Vice President.

Paragraph D. In conjunction with the Rodeo Director of the IGRA Finals Rodeo and Host Association, shall be responsible for the IGRA Royalty Competition and related items as set forth in these Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Page 30, Article XII, Section 11

ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

Section 11. Finals Rodeo Committee.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

The Executive Committee shall appoint a committee to administer the IGRA Finals Rodeo. The committee shall include the Vice President and contestant liaison.

Paragraph B. Duties.

The Finals Rodeo Committee shall be responsible for working with the co-hosting association to produce the IGRA Finals Rodeo. Duties of IGRA, the Finals Rodeo Committee, and co-hosting association shall be determined by mutual agreement.

Pages 40-42, Rule VI

RULE VI RULES GOVERNING SELECTION OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

Section 1. Selection of Judges.

- A. A random draw of all associations will be made by the current Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee chairs, **and** the Vice President, and the Finals Rodeo Director during the second IGRA board meeting of the rodeo year to achieve a panel of no more than nine (9) judges and three (3) alternate judges per segment of competition (Horsemanship, Interview, Entertainment, Western Wear/Public Presentation) with the remaining associations as alternates in the order selected.
- B. Each association has a deadline of sixty (60) days prior to the competition to submit to the Vice President the names of qualified judges for their chosen segment. "Qualified" is defined as someone with an active working knowledge of Royalty competition guidelines as per IGRA Bylaws. Judges name(s) shall be submitted for one (1) segment only. Judges can only represent one association during the entire Royalty competition. Current IGRA royalty and association royalty are not eligible to serve as a judge.
- C. In the event an association is unable to submit the name of a qualified judge for a segment, then each remaining association would move up in the rank of the order of the draw.
- D. In the event a submitted judge is unable to attend, the association shall notify the Vice President with a replacement name. If the association is unable to submit a replacement, then the association will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to the Hosting Association.
- E. In the event a committed judge does not show for the finals competition, their association will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable to the Hosting Association. The alternate judge next in line will be notified to judge the open segment.
- F. Each segment must have an equal number of judges. There must be a minimum of five (5) judges in each category. If there are not enough judges, the Vice President and a random draw of Trustees present, or their appointees, must fill the judging vacancies per segment.

Section 2. Registration/Information Packets.

- A. Royalty competition packets will be issued at the second annual Board of Directors meeting by the **Vice President** Finals Rodeo Host Association to all Trustees or their alternate who will sign for receipt. It is the contestant's responsibility to obtain their packet from their Trustee. If they are unable to do so, they must contact the Vice President to obtain one.
- B. Packets must include Standing Rule VI Rules Governing Selection of Mr/Ms/Miss/MstTer IGRA, related exhibits, competition deadline dates, registration contacts/ mailing address, and Finals Rodeo general information (host hotel and hotel phone numbers, locations, weekend schedule, stage layout, type of sound system, lighting, etc.).

Section 3. Judges shall use standardized scoring sheets and guidelines included as Exhibits C3 to C9 to be reviewed at the judges' meeting prior to competition.

Section 4. Royalty contestants and royalty contestant officials may not be under the influence or consume alcohol/illegal drugs during their active segments of the contest. Competition officials include Master of Ceremonies, stage staff, judges, and auditors. Active segments will be defined by the competition committee at the contest meeting.

Section 5. All contestants must be the current official title holder or 1st runner-up in an IGRA Member or Recognized Association. Each association can only send one representative in each category.

Section 6. All entry forms, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) entry fee, and IGRA fund raiser moneys must be postmarked by a government postal service no less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled competition. Entry form and entry fee are to be sent to the Vice President who will forward the money to the Treasurer (Exhibit C2).

Section 7. The one hundred dollars (\$100.00) entry fee from all royalty contestants will be distributed back to the team members. The total amount collected shall be divided by the number of categories and paid out to the royalty team as listed in Rodeo Prizes and Payoffs: Winner 50%, 1st Runner-Up 30%, and 2nd Runner-Up 20%. Fifty percent (50%) of the funds will be paid out when his/her individual fundraising obligation has been met and the remaining fifty percent (50%) will be paid out when all requirements have been met by that individual.

Section 8. Each contestant competing for the title of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA will be required to host a minimum of one (1) fundraising event for IGRA prior to application deadline. A minimum amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) must be raised. The Member Association's treasurer of each contestant shall forward any moneys raised along with the IGRA Fundraiser Deposit Form (Exhibit C12) to the Treasurer for distribution. Funds are to be split evenly between IGRA and a charity or charities to be determined by the IGRA Board of Directors, upon recommendation from the current IGRA royalty team. This is to take place during the first Board of Directors meeting of the rodeo year.

Section 9. Each contestant competing for the title of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer will be required to compete in a minimum of one (1) sanctioned rodeo event or volunteer for a minimum of four (4) hours (in any capacity) at any IGRA-sanctioned event and raise a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a non-profit entity under the laws of and in good standing in the state, province, territory, or other comparable territorial units of other nations during their regional reign. This requirement must be met no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Finals Rodeo and Royalty Competition.

Section 10. Contestants are required to wear their association title banners during the interview portion and parade of states of the competition.

Section 11. Contestants must provide a written plan of action consisting of goals for the IGRA royalty team. They must be in a sealed envelope with the contestant name and association listed on the front. They must be turned in with the horsemanship tapes. The envelopes will be given to the Vice President to be opened, verified, and reviewed with the competition winners to build the teams final plan of action for the following year. Failure to provide a plan of action will result in a two (2) point deduction from each judge's score sheet in the interview segment.

Section 12. Each category (Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer) will have a second runner-up, first runner-up, and a winner.

Section 13. Upon assuming their respective title, Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA will become co–chairs of the Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee with the first and second runners–up serving as committee members.

Section 13. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA will serve as co–chairs of the Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee for the year of their reign. First and second runners-up will serve as committee members.

Section 14. All results of the Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer competition will become a matter of corporate record. Results shall reflect the order of placement and total scores shall be posted immediately after announcement of winners. Individual results and judges sheets shall be mailed to any contestants within thirty (30) days after competition upon receiving written request to the IGRA Executive Office.

Section 15. If a sash is lost, damaged, or stolen, the titleholder must notify the Vice President and must request a replacement at the titleholder’s expense. If a buckle is lost, damaged, or stolen, the titleholder must notify the Vice President and may request a replacement at the titleholder’s expense.

Section 16. Finals Royalty Competition and Announcement of Winners.

A. The Vice President, in conjunction with the Finals Rodeo Host Association, will ensure that all awards are consistent in design and provided at the competition. All sashes are to be ordered from the official IGRA vendor. Sash colors will be as follows:

1. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer – Black
2. First Runners–Up – Red
3. Second Runners–Up – White

B. IGRA Royalty Competition shall take place immediately prior to and/or during **IGRA Convention Finals Rodeo weekend**, exclusive of **meeting rodeo competition** times.

C. Announcement of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA shall take place during the **Convention Finals Rodeo** weekend and after an audit has been completed.

D. The audit verification shall consist of both computer tally the IGRA Auditor and manual tabulation of judging sheets by an audit committee chosen by the current IGRA royalty team and the Vice President.

Section 17. The IGRA Royalty Competition will not discriminate against anyone based on disability according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If a contestant requires special accommodations or cannot compete in a certain category of the IGRA Royalty Competition because of his/her disability, that contestant must notify the Vice President ninety (90) days prior to the IGRA Royalty Competition. At that time, the Vice President and the royalty competition committee will decide upon a fair and reasonable resolution with consideration of all contestants. The decision of this committee will be final only for that specific category.

Pages 43-44, Rule VI

RULE VII DUTIES OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

Section 1. IGRA Rodeos and Event Attendance.

- A. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA must attend at least one (1) rodeo in each division, Annual Convention, and Finals Rodeo. They must also make every effort to attend the IGRA Board of Directors meetings and if they cannot attend, they must notify the Vice President at least 30 days prior to each meeting.
- B. Runners-up must attend at least one (1) rodeo in each division and Finals Rodeo and make every effort to attend the annual convention.
- C. If for any reason a current IGRA title holder or runner-up does not complete the minimum rodeo attendance requirement, the said royalty member will forfeit their step down privileges, except for extenuating circumstances left to the discretion of the Vice President and the current IGRA royalty team.

Section 2. Fundraising.

- A. Royalty team must raise funds for operating costs and support of IGRA. Funds raised over the minimum will be available for distribution determined by the IGRA Board of Directors upon recommendation from the royalty team at the second board meeting of the year.
- B. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA must raise a minimum of \$1,200 per person. First runners-up must raise a minimum of \$1,000 per person. Second runners-up must raise a minimum of \$800 per person.
- C. Funds raised must be sent to the Vice President for requirement accountability. Funds will not be credited to the said royalty member(s) without the IGRA Fundraiser Deposit Form (Exhibit C12). Funds will then be forwarded to the Treasurer for deposit. Checks from the venue, money orders, or certified checks should be made out to IGRA. No personal checks will be accepted.
- D. All monies from IGRA fundraisers must be received by the Vice President within seven (7) days of the fundraiser. Monies must be in the form of a check from the venue, certified check, or money order.

Section 3. Additional Responsibilities.

- A. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA must compete in a minimum of two (2) sanctioned rodeo events or volunteer for a minimum of eight (8) hours (in any capacity) at each IGRA-sanctioned rodeo attended for requirement accountability to receive a complimentary entrance pass and/or hotel accommodations. Runners-up must compete in a minimum of one (1) sanctioned rodeo event or volunteer for a minimum of four (4) hours (in any capacity) at each IGRA-sanctioned rodeo attended for requirement accountability to receive a complimentary entrance pass and/or hotel accommodations.
- B. Work with Member Associations to further the goals of the Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committees. This shall be inclusive of, but not limited to, Member Association royalty competitions, volunteering at rodeos, fundraising events, other community event support, and charity contributions.
- C. Responsible for selection of Member Association and presentation of the traveling IGRA Spirit Stick Award.

- D. All IGRA royalty team members must supply a list of their proposed fundraisers and rodeos they plan to attend during their reign to the Vice President within one (1) month of the start of the rodeo year.
- E. Responsible for ensuring Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity information is included on the IGRA Web site.
- F. Any other duties pursuant to Standing Rule VI Rules Governing Selection of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA.

Section 4. Discipline.

- A. If, for any reason, a current IGRA title holder or runner-up does not demonstrate a good faith effort within the first three (3) months of the rodeo year toward the accomplishment of their duties according to the bylaws, the Vice President shall mail a certified letter of reprimand, postmarked within ten (10) days after the first day of the fourth month of the rodeo year, to said royalty member.
- B. The royalty member will have thirty (30) days to appeal the charges before the IGRA Board of Directors, who will make the final decision of removal from the royalty team.
- C. In the event of a royalty removal, the next highest scored qualified contestant will be contacted and offered the vacant position and will be recognized at the next IGRA function. This process will continue until the position is filled or no eligible contestant remains. If removed from the royalty team, individual will be stricken from the records and the member that replaces individual will be named in that position and have their name added to all official records.
- D. Minimum financial requirements must be completed within the first six (6) months of the rodeo year. If the minimum financial requirements are not met within the first six (6) months of the year, then the Vice President will recommend to the Board of Directors that said royalty member(s) be removed from the team.
- E. Failure to deliver monies within seven (7) days will result in a certified letter from the Vice President requesting the funds immediately. If the money is not received within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the certified letter, the Vice President will file an EPRB against the royalty team member.

Pages 63, Rule XVII, Section 13

RULE XVII SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Section 13. Presentation.

All special IGRA awards shall be presented at annual convention with the exception of the Sprit Stick Award, which shall be presented at Finals Rodeo.

Pages 67-68, Rule XX

RULE XX INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE COMPETITION

Section 1. Competition to be held in conjunction with **IGRA University** annual convention.

Section 2. No more than two (2) couples per dance division and two line dancers or two groups per division per association will be allowed to compete. New associations at annual convention may also have contestants entered.

Section 3. Dancers must be current members in good standing of the association they represent and be at least the legal age of majority to sign contracts according to guidelines of the nation or the superseding principality where the host association is located. The host association must inform Member Associations of legal age restrictions as soon as possible prior to the competition.

Section 4. The dance competition should be structured in such a way as to be self-sufficient.

Section 5. Entry forms and registration fees of thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per individual line dancer, seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for couples, or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per open dance team, nonrefundable, and payable to **IGRA** the host association, per couple, will be mailed to the dance competition coordinator, and must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days prior to **beginning of the competition** opening of the annual convention. Entry forms and registration fees received up to fifteen (15) days past deadline will result in a twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) late fee per entry. Registrations received within fifteen (15) days prior to the **competition** annual convention will be refused. Only the official IGRA Registration Form shall be used. All registration fees collected shall be applied to the production of the dance competition (Exhibit D2).

Section 6. A computer audit of the judges' manual scores shall be done by the IGRA Corporate Auditor or his/her designee before the announcement of winners.

Section 7. Official judges sheet shall be used and results shall be available as Exhibits D3-D4.

Section 8. All results of the dance competition will become a matter of corporate record. Results shall reflect the order of placement and total scores shall be posted immediately after announcement of winners. Individual results and judges' sheets shall be mailed to any contestant within thirty (30) days after competition upon receiving written request in the IGRA Executive Office.

Section 9. Conduct.

A. The decisions of the judges, the contest coordinator, and director will be final. All contestants are expected to act in a professional manner. Any contestant causing a disturbance, or involved in unethical conduct interpreted as solicitation of privileged contest information from any contest official, may be disqualified from all competition. Contestants are not allowed to question or consult the judges under any circumstances regarding the administration and execution of the contest during the event. Contest questions on all matters should be directed to the contest coordinator only.

B. The judges are allowed to socialize with all who attend the event when not working, provided privileged information about judges scoring or contest results is not divulged. As judges, specific

contest observations are to be considered privileged for the duration of the event and shall not be revealed to anyone other than proper event officials. Non-compliance by any contestant, or improper conduct by any contest official, as well as formal contest inquiries or protests, should be brought to the attention of the contest coordinator or the event director.

C. Dance contestants and dance officials may not be under the influence or consume illegal drugs/alcohol during the contest. Contest officials include master of ceremonies, announcer, judges, auditors, scorekeepers, and their staff.

Notes

Advise dance and co/fr committees to check their exhibits

Exhibit C1, Section 3, Paragraph A

Exhibit C1, Section 5, Paragraph A

Exhibit C15, Duties, #2-3

Exhibit C17, Duties, #2-3

Exhibit D1, Section 5, Paragraph A

Exhibit D1, Section 5, Paragraph B

CHUTE COORDINATOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: November 10, 2007

Date and Time of Meeting: November 09, 2007 09:30 AM (1 hour duration)

Attendance: 12 in committee meeting, 9 voting delegates

Chair Persons: Heather Murray & David Hallwood

Attachments: Attendance of meeting, no proposal

Overview of the business conducted:

- As of this weekend we have 5 new individuals signed up for the Chute Coordinator program, and 6 current students active in the program.
- Currently there are 9 certified active Chute Coordinators in the IGRA circuit.
- Using the Chute Coordinator Yahoo group for resources, archive and forum for open discussion to mentor the students and current officials in the program.
- Working with the stock contractor and rodeo directors within different associations to communicate our chute needs and to help them with their needs and concerns to run a concrete production.
- Creating flow of communication with new contestants at the rodeo for mentoring their success. {Partner up a new contestant with a senior competitor or coach }
- Brought forward rodeo livestock issues and forwarded on concerns to Animal Issues.
- In conclusion Chute Coordinator committee will work to be more of a cohesive functioning team, enhancing communication, fostering positive attitude and being an internal resource to each other.

hdm

COFR Committee Report Friday, November 09, 2007

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM with 19 voting Delegates present (see sign in sheet).

Matt a.k.a. Miss Patty has asked for assistance from current, former and future royalty who would like to help with the IGRA convention office to see her in the IGRA office on the 7th Floor.

Brian Helander, IGRA President – Spoke to the committee regarding three priorities for IGRA.

1. Finals Rodeo – Spoke about IGRA taking control of Finals Rodeo
2. Diversifying our Revenue sources – Working on establishing an IGRA Travel store (commissioned based source of income), looking at diversifying merchandising for IGRA taking the middle person out, proposal to raise contestant fees by \$2.
3. Proposal to move the royalty contest from Finals to Convention and move the Dance competition from Convention to University.

Lot's of discussion about proposal to move royalty and dance competition. Both pros and cons of the switch. All committee attendees are open minded and are interested in seeing Brian's Proposal.

Discussion after Brian Helander has left the room:

Ivan – ASGRA – Mentioned that it is challenging enough for their local association to raise funds for their royalty than to include a special finals royalty

Janet – CGRA/IGRA When considering finals, should we consider adding a day onto finals (Thursday) to incorporate the royalty competition into finals and continue that bridging the gap and STILL allow for finals to have a dance and celebration event.

Mitch Gill – Referenced the aspects of the challenges getting judges to convention. Would like for everyone to consider the proposal and keep an open mind.

Billy – ARGRA, Spoke to the lack of judges. It will be considered problematic either way.

Zoe – MGRA – Liked the perspective of having the competition on one day. Like the adding of a day at finals to accommodate the competition and finals.

John – GWGRA – Not in favor of moving the contest, likes the idea of having it on Thursday of finals with crowing on Friday night and having a dance competition on Saturday at finals during the day.

Rick – DSRA – Feels moving royalty to convention it would hinder their ability to learn/vote because a large contingency

BREAK 10:45 – 11:00

Proposal to remove Horsemanship:

Proposal to remove horsemanship from the IGRA Royalty competition.

Discussion: There are plenty of horse folks who are willing to help and horsemanship is a key element that makes it tie us to rodeo. Discussion about the fact that we have a large contingency of royalty that live in metropolitan areas and do not have access to horses. The argument was made that going into the competition contestants for IGRA know that they need to complete horsemanship and should be more prepared and reach out. There were also suggestions that there should be alternatives to horsemanship. See below:

Alternatives to change horsemanship would be:

1. Working both days for Arena Crew 1 rodeo in each division.
2. Compete in Rodeo Events
3. Score Keeper, timer, etc.

Steve Wollert – Against removing horsemanship. He feels it's very important to introduce horsemanship to the rodeo contestants.

Call to question: Vote to remove Yay = 2, Nay = 12, Abstentions = 4
Horsemanship Stays.

Meeting adjourned for Lunch at 11:45 AM

Meeting Reconvened at 1:25 PM

Proposal to Move Finals Royalty Competition to Convention:

Proposal from Brian Helander to move the royalty competition from Finals weekend to convention weekend in 2009 and move the dance competition from convention to university.

Votes are as follows: Yay = 11, Nay = 6, Abstentions = 1

Proposal to change Pg 16, Article 9 Motion approved by Randy Edlin and Seconded by Trisha Davis

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

Proposal to change

Janet Jenkins motions to approve proposed changed, seconded by Steve Wollert

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

Proposal to change Pg 40-42, Rule 6 Rules governing selection of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer. Randy Edlin motions to pass proposed changed, Tom Coleman seconds.

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

Proposal to change Section 2 Registration/Information Packet

Friendly avengement by James Jenkins, seconded by Leroy Aune. Friendly amendment was approved.

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

Motion to change verbiage for committee Serving.
Randy Edlin Motions to accept, seconded by Trisha Davis.

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

Motion to remove verbiage about finals.

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

Motion regarding Spirit Stick award
Randy Edlin Motions to accept, seconded by Trisha Davis.

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

Proposal to add a section to the IGRA Website called “Royalty”. This section would contain, but would not be limited to:

- A. Link to the Royalty contact page**
- B. Link to the Forms page (where applicable forms could be accessed)**
- C. What to consider when running for your local and international Titles**
- D. IGRA Contest Preparation section**
 - i. Check list**
 - ii. What to consider when writing your plan of action**
 - iii. What not to forget**
 - iv. Royalty Requirements, competition guidelines, etc.**
- E. Interview 101 Section**
 - a. Syllabus, Interviewing tips/tricks, It’s a Job Interview!**
- F. Horsemanship 101 Section**
 - a. Horsemanship video developed by Candy Pratt of RRRRA breaking down horsemanship step by step.**
 - b. Contact database of horse folks around the country who would be willing to assist royalty and potential royalty.**

- c. **What to consider when putting together horsemanship video (i.e. just don't learn to ride, learn what it takes to be a horse person, respect your trainer and their horse/time. Do not procrastinate, etc.)**
- G. Western Wear/Public Presentation/Entertainment 101**
 - a. **What to consider section**
 - i. **When putting together western wear & entertainment**
 - ii. **Tips on writing your WW description**
- H. Competition information – This does not change other than the dates and possible room dimensions, why not post it early and provide CD's at IGRA university and workshops?**
- I. Fund-raising 101 – Include ideas on fund-raising, things to consider when selecting a charity partner for your local or IGRA charity partner, tips on successful events**
- J. Miscellaneous – Include items that don't fit in a category above.**

Committee concurs with proposal and the current IGRA Royalty Team and Vice President will work with the webmaster to make the recommended changes.

Motion to revise the selection of judges. See Attached.

Christopher Wilson Motions to accept, seconded by Steve Wollert

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

Motion to revise score sheets as presented.

Mitch Gill Motions to accept, seconded by James Jenkins

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

Motion to adjourn

Votes are as follows: Motion Passes

COFR-01

IGRA Standing Rules

Rule VI

Rules Governing Selection of Mr/Ms/Miss/Mster IGRA

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Section 2. Submission and Selection of IGRA Interview Questions

- A. **The current IGRA royalty team will compile a pool of twenty-five (25) questions per category (possible 100 questions per contest) and submit them to the IGRA Vice President forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the IGRA Royalty contest.**
- B. **The Vice President will then submit all the questions to the IGRA Executive Board, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the IGRA Royalty contest for review and vote.**
- C. **The IGRA Executive Board will appoint an ad hoc committee to review and vote on the top twenty (20) questions per category from the questions submitted and submit them to the IGRA Vice President no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the IGRA Royalty contest.**
- D. **The interview judges for the Royalty contest will meet immediately prior to the start of interview and select the fifteen (15) questions per category to be asked from the twenty (20) questions approved by the ad hoc committee.**
- E. **Questions must be comprised of the following: IGRA history, rodeo rules, and general IGRA knowledge and person opinion. A syllabus outlining from where questions will be derived from will be provided in the registration/information packet for contestants.**

Section 2. Registration/Information Packet

- B. **Packets will be posted on-line on the IGRA website and in CD Format. Packets must include a syllabus outlining where interview questions will be derived from. Packets will include the Standing Rules VI Rules Governing Selection of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA, related exhibits, competition deadline dates, registration contacts/ mailing address, and Finals Rodeo general information (host hotel and hotel phone numbers, locations, weekend schedules, stage layout, type of sound system, lighting, etc.).**

COFR-02

RULE VI RULES GOVERNING SELECTION OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

Section 1. Selection of Judges

A. A random draw of all associations will be made by the current Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee chairs **and** the Vice President, and the Finals Rodeo Director during the second IGRA board meeting of the rodeo year to achieve a panel of no more than nine (9) five (5) IGRA judges, two (2) Community judges and three (3) two (2) alternate IGRA judges per segment of competition (Horsemanship, Interview, Entertainment, Western Wear/Public Presentation) **for each segment of the competition, excluding Horsemanship** with the remaining associations as alternates in the order selected.

B. A random draw of all associations will be made by the current Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee chairs and the Vice President, during the second IGRA board meeting of the rodeo year to achieve a panel of seven (7) judges and two (2) alternate judges for the Horsemanship segment of the competition with the remaining associations as alternates in the order selected.

C. The judges from the community at large shall not be members of the International Gay Rodeo Association. All IGRA member associations shall be encouraged to submit names of potential Community judges for consideration.

B. Each association has a deadline of sixty (60) days prior to the competition to submit to the Vice President the names of qualified judges for their chosen segment. "Qualified" is defined as someone with an active working knowledge of Royalty competition guidelines as per IGRA Bylaws. Judges name(s) shall be submitted for one (1) segment only. Judges can only represent one association during the entire Royalty competition. Current IGRA royalty and association royalty are not eligible to serve as a judge.

C. In the event an association is unable to submit the name of a qualified judge for a segment, then each remaining association would move up in the rank of the order of the draw.

D. In the event a submitted judge is unable to attend, the association shall notify the Vice President with a replacement name. If the association is unable to submit a replacement, then the association will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to the Hosting Association. **IGRA.**

E. In the event a committed judge does not show for the finals competition, their association will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable to the Hosting Association. **IGRA.** The alternate judge next in line will be notified to judge the open segment.

F. Each segment must have an equal number of judges. There must be a minimum of five (5) judges in each category. If there are not enough judges, the Vice President and a random draw of Trustees present, or their appointees, must fill the judging vacancies per segment.

CONTESTANT LIASION COMMITTEE

November 9, 2007

Kansas City

11 people representing 7 associations attended the committee meeting.

Discussion topics on Friday included proposed rodeo rules changes, rodeo lengths, the idea that while performance rodeos are very difficult for the arena crew, they add entertainment value to what we do, and the idea that it is important for our rodeos to have some latitude to structure their events as appropriate for their local markets.

We support the chute dogging rule changes, except the section regarding crossing the path of the animal. Many contestants turn or spin their steers in an effort to get them out of the chute. We believe the time limit should remain at 60 seconds.

We absolutely do not support the proposal to eliminate steer decorating.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Griffin for Ty Teigan

Corporate Sponsorship Report

CO-CHAIR: Barry Luke (FGRA), Lorry King (NGRA)

1. Corporate Sponsorship Background:

- Did market research on GLBT, Sports, and Rodeo demographics
- Prepared list of options that IGRA can "sell" or offer as benefits
 - insure no conflict with local association sponsorships
- Prepared list of possible sponsors based on similar groups
- Asked Trustee's to reach consensus on all issues
(family friendly vs. adult entertainment; sponsor benefits)
- Asked Trustee's to identify potential sponsors and to make "first contact" and refer back to IGRA

2. Corporate Program

- Posted on IGRA Web Site
- 4 Levels available
 - PLATINUM: (1) \$ 50,000
 - GOLD: (4) \$ 20,000
 - SILVER (unlimited) \$ 10,000
 - TRAIL BOSS: \$ 5,000

3. Difficulties

- Slow response from Trustee's on corporate leads
- Slow response from potential corporate partners
- Local Associations struggle to get their own sponsors
- Lack of 501(c)(3) to apply for grants

4. Options

- 3 Options Discussed
 - Continue on current course
 - Create Focus Group
 - Outsource to Professional Fundraising Group

5. Recommendation:

- Investigate options for professional fundraising group
- Bring results back to next Executive Board meeting

23rd IGRA Annual Convention
November 10, 2007
Credentials Committee Report

All membership renewals and monies owed to IGRA have been received. Monies can include, but not limited to, annual dues, sanction fees, insurance, mailings, and rodeo fines.

At Thursday's board meeting, High Sierra was moved to Recognized Association status due to an incomplete renewal package. There are 25 Member Associations in IGRA and they are all eligible to vote.

It should be noted that Kansas, Georgia, and Red River did not send delegates to this convention, but did complete the renewal process. In addition, PONY did not renew their membership, which I will cover in my membership report later today.

Two groups have met the requirements and have submitted the necessary paperwork, as required by the IGRA bylaws, to be seated at this convention.

The **Louisiana State Gay Rodeo Association (LSGRA)** started working on their application immediately after last year's convention and was voted as a Recognized Association at the Board of Directors meeting in Phoenix.

They currently have 80 members of whom 90% reside within the state of Louisiana. Their territory will be the state of Louisiana and they will be headquartered in New Orleans. It is the committee's recommendation they be seated as the 27th Member Association of IGRA.

[Pause here for the vote.]

On August 25th, the **Golden State Gay Rodeo Association** Board of Directors released the counties of **Placer, Sacramento, and San Joaquin** in Northern California to the **Sacramento Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association (SCCGRA)**.

They also have 80 members of whom 85% reside within these 3 counties and they will be headquartered in Sacramento. It is the committee's recommendation they be seated as the 28th Member Association of IGRA.

[Pause here for the vote.]

[Roll call the new delegates and then state the increase in voting delegates.]

Report of the Dance Committee to the IGRA Convention

The Dance Committee met on Friday, November 9, 2007. A total of 11 persons attended the meeting, 8 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I'd like to thank the attendees for their passion for growing dance, and especially for the attendance of two members from LSGRA, who contributed greatly to the committee.

The committee considered the proposal that was received prior to the start of the meeting. In addition, we approved two more proposals which are attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

Lorry King
Chair, IGRA Dance Committee

DANCE COMMITTEE SIGN-IN SHEET

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Lorry King	NGRA	X
Wade Earp	TGRA	X
Kimberley Kay	CGRA	X
Leigh Broschat	LSGRA	
Pam Simmons	LSGRA	X
Shane Anderson	ARGRA	X
Gene Fraikes	TGRA	
Darren Wernette	NGRA	
Chris Maurizio	LGRA	X
Carlos Garcia	AGRA	X
Jack Roach	NSGRA	X

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Rule XX International Country/Western Dance Competition

Section 1. Competition to be held in conjunction with annual convention.

Section 2. No more than two (2) couples per dance division and two line dancers or two groups per division per association will be allowed to compete. New associations at annual convention may also have contestants entered.

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Rule XX, Section 3. Dancers must be current members in good standing of the **Recognized or Member** association they represent and be at least the legal age of majority to sign contracts according to guidelines of the nation or the superseding principality where the host association is located. The host association must inform **Member and Recognized** Associations of legal age restrictions as soon as possible prior to the competition.

RESOLUTION DAN-01

Be it resolved that in 2008, dance workshops and dance events will be held at IGRA University and the Dance Competition will be delayed until 2009.

Be it also resolved that \$2,000.00 from the IGRA 2008 budget be earmarked to support the dance activities at IGRA University.

Report of the Finals Rodeo Committee to the 23rd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 10, 2007

The Finals Rodeo committee met on Friday, November 09, 2007 at 3:15 PM

Things Discussed:

1. There will be a Finals Rodeo planning meeting at University in February.
2. We had a discussion about moving the dance competition to IGRA University and moving the Royalty competition to Convention (Proposal 6).
3. Roger gave information on what is already booked for the Finals Rodeo next year.
 - a. Hotel Contract is signed
 - b. Stock Contractor is signed
 - c. Facility Contract under review
4. IGRA is trying to take a longer focused approach to Finals Rodeo with regard to location.
5. We need to spell out very clearly the roles of IGRA and the local Association in regards to finals.
6. The communication between the Directors of cows and non-cows needs to be clear and frequent.
7. Associations will be asked to commit to sharing a piece of the work load and duties associated with IGRA-hosted Finals Rodeo.
8. The committee will create an organizational chart detailing the duties and responsibilities for Finals Rodeo. (The chart will be divided up into cow versus non-cow).
9. The committee reviewed, discussed and revised a proposed budget submitted by IGRA Treasurer, David Hill.
10. A motion was made that the profit margin on the 2008 Finals Rodeo should be \$4000. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Courtemanche,
IGRA Finals Rodeo Committee Chair – Cow

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IGRA Finals Year Location <i>List as of 11/08/2007</i>		2008 Denver	2009 Albuquerque	2010 TBD	2011 TBD
IGRA Finals Committee Chair			Roger Coutemanche	Bob Pimentel	Brian Rogers
Rodeo Director(Cow)		Roger Coutemanche	Bob Pimentel	Brian Rogers	Jim Mitchell
First Asst Rodeo Director		Bob Pimentel	Brian Rogers	Jim Mitchell	Ken Pool
Second Asst Rodeo Director		Brian Rogers	Jim Mitchell	Ken Pool	Roger Coutemanche
Events Director (Non-Cow)		Jim MitchellL	Mitch Gill	Richard Legge	
First Asst Event Director		Mitch Gill	Richard Legge		
Second Asst Event Director		Richard Legge			
International Sponsorship Director		Barry Luke	Barry Luke	IGRA	IGRA
Local Sponsorship Director		CGRA	NMGRA	NMGRA	NMGRA
Security Coordination Contact:	Cow				
Ticket Printing Processing Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	SMRA	SMRA	SMRA	SMRA
Marketing/ Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	NGRA	NGRA	NGRA	NGRA
Equipment Coordination Contact:	Cow	CGRA	CGRA	CGRA	CGRA
Grand Entry Coordination Contact:	Cow	TGRA	TGRA	TGRA	TGRA
Awards Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	KGRA	KGRA	KGRA	KGRA
Gate Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	FGRA	FGRA	FGRA	FGRA
Volunteer Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	NMGRA	NMGRA	NMGRA	NMGRA
Entertainment Coordination Contact:	Non-cow				
Communications Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	IGRA	IGRA	IGRA	IGRA

Registration Coordination Contact:	Cow	FGRA	FGRA	FGRA
Camping/RV Coordination Contact:	Cow	HGRA	HGRA	HGRA
Family/ Child Care Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	ILGRA	ILGRA	ILGRA
Dog and Pet Care Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	HGRA	HGRA	HGRA
Contestant Comfort Coordination Contact:	Cow	RRRA	RRRA	RRRA
Horse Stall Coordination Contact:	Cow	HSRA	HSRA	HSRA
IGRA Stockyard Retail Coordination Contact:	Non-cow			
IGRA Finals LOGO Merchandise Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	OGRA	OGRA	OGRA
Program Coordination Contact:	Non-cow	ARGRA	ARGRA	ARGRA
Buckles Contact:	Cow	KGRA	KGRA	KGRA
Ribbons Contact:	Cow	KGRA	KGRA	KGRA
Other Awards Contact:	Cow	KGRA	KGRA	KGRA
Cash Control Officer Contact:	Non-cow	Lori King	Lorry King	Lorry King
Special Event for Women (Outreach) Contact:	Non-cow			
Special Event for Men (Outreach) Contact:	Non-cow			
Arena Volunteers	Cow			

Officials	Cow			
Hotel	Non-cow			
Hospitality	Non-cow			
Transportation	Non-cow			
EMS Vet	Cow			

Growth & Planning Committee November 9, 2007

Chairman – Tommy Channel

13 voting members

6 non-voting guests

The discussion of producing a short 5 min. promotional video.

Brian H. advised that there is a New Sponsor package presentation available on line.

Gene F. suggests that this would create consistency for all associations to use.

Linda suggests that this tool would help associations promote themselves.

Brian H. advises this video will be addressed with our new PR Chairman.

John King speaks about how money in the bank is going down and we are spending more than our income. He wants to talk about how we get more butts in the seats, more sponsors.

Brian H. discussed diversity of revenues. Changing items we do, thinking outside rodeo for revenue, travel store commissions and offer our customer what they want to see.

John King talks about how and why our current events were developed 25 years ago and they were never intended to remain the same or for IGRA to maintain the same number of events.

Tommy advises that we have had complaints that we have the same show that we have had for many years.

John King talks about redesigning our rodeo event.

Linda F. makes a motion to eliminate Steer Deco from the required events list.
Seconded by Bob P.

Discussion took place and motion passed by voice vote.

Eric Hanson motioned to eliminate calf roping on foot from the required events list.
Seconded by John King.

Discussion took place and motion failed by voice vote.

Mark Samuel motioned the heading and healing event to limited to one go per day.
Seconded by Lester Liu.

Discussion took place and motion passed by voice vote.

Linda F. motioned speed events will be limited to 10 men and 10 women during performance with the remaining contestants running in morning slack.

Discussion took place and motion passed by voice vote.

Lori motioned to eliminate goat dressing from the required events list.

Seconded by John King

Discussion took place and motion failed.

Keith Swanson ask about IGRA's 5013C status and much discussion took place This status has been pursued several times and failed. Brian H. will work on this again with a committee.

More discussion on this process and this need.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE

All the passing motions from above were taken to Rodeo Events and all motions failed to pass this body.

Tommy Channel

Report of Health and Safety Committee

23rd Annual IGRA Convention

November 10th, 2007

The Health and Safety Committee met on Friday, November 9th, 2007 from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm. A total of 5 persons attended the meeting all of which were voting members. A list of the attendees is attached to this report. I'd like to once again thank the members of the committee for their dedication and work to address the issues brought forward this year.

We did not have any proposals to review during this meeting. General discussion was on the following topics.

Continued efforts to have all contestants and volunteers on a "Buddy System" should the case of an emergency arrive.

The use of "Energy Drinks" with contestants.

Current skill set of livestock verses contestants.

Protective rodeo gear (protection vests, mouth pieces, hockey helmets, gloves)

Working with the stock contractor to properly prep animals for contestant levels.

Respectful Submitted

Travis Gardner

Health and Safety Committee Chair 2007

Report of the Hall of Fame Committee to the 23rd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 10, 2007

The Hall of Fame Committee met on Friday, November 09, 2007 from 10:45 am until 11:45 am. A total of 12 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 dedication and hard work.

The committee talked about how to structure bios so they are more uniform and the possibility of adding information on those inductees that have past away like date of birth and date of death. These items will be recommended to the committee going forward.

We also talked about the need to do a better job reminding hosting associations how and when to nominate people to the IGRA Hall of Fame.

Committee Recommendation:

Discussion on what to do with the documentation and historical items acquired by the HOF committee lead to a motion that IGRA create a committee to collect, preserve, and display historical artifacts and records for IGRA and Member associations. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Pimentel
Chairman, IGRA Hall of Fame Committee

Hall of Fame Committee Sign-In Sheet

Name	Association	x if Voting
Carlos Garcia	AGRA	x
Frank Harrell	ASGRA	
Dusty West	DSRA	
Bryan Williams	CGRA	x
Thom Brennan	GSGRA	x
John A King	AGRA	
Lorry King	NGRA	x
Wes Wilkinson	SCCGRA	
Lorrie Murphy	ARGRA	x
Lonni La Bel	ASGRA	x
Rik Kelly	TGRA	x

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Information Systems Report

Meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, November 9, 2007 with the following in attendance.

Gary Hatterman	AGRA
Chris Hochmuth	CGRA
Kurt Ried	HGRA
Eric Hanson	GSGRA
Chris Maurizio	LGRA
Brian Rogers	NGRA
Ken Hogg	NMGRA
Kelly Peebles	NMGRA
Chris Josephes	NSGRA
Scott Hinman	SCCGRA
Rob Pierce	SCCGRA
Barry Roberts	SMRA
Gene Fraikes	TGRA
David Hill	Chairperson

The on-line contestant registration system was discussed. This project has progressed from limited testing in the first half of 2007 to going live in July at the Denver rodeo.

The rodeo on-line registration system was discussed in detail.

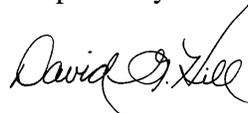
The committee discussed a “wish list” for information systems of the following:

- On-line system to provide communication with available partners by rodeo when needed
- On-line system to collect shared rigging’s and shared horse information
- On-line system to collect and provide announcer card information
- On-line system to provide queries to historical data by contestant and/or association

These items will be provided to the program manager to investigate the cost and feasibility of implementing each item.

There was additional discussion about converting the rodeo program into a Window’s format, the program is currently still in a DOS version of dBase IV.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hill
Chairperson

Report of the Internet Technology Committee to the 23rd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 10, 2007

The Internet Technology Committee met on Friday, November 10, 2007 from 3:00 PM until 3:30 PM. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their dedication and hard work as we addressed the challenges that we encountered this year.

Items that were discussed included adding a section to the IGRA website to include exciting and informative information for rodeo fans to supplement the current functional content.

We discussed the need to include a privacy statement covering intended uses of information contained in the IGRA databases on the website. The committee concluded this needs to be developed and the webmaster will develop some basic ideas and submit them to the IGRA board for initial comment.

There was some discussion of items that were brought up in the Information Systems committee including IGRA database improvements and integration.

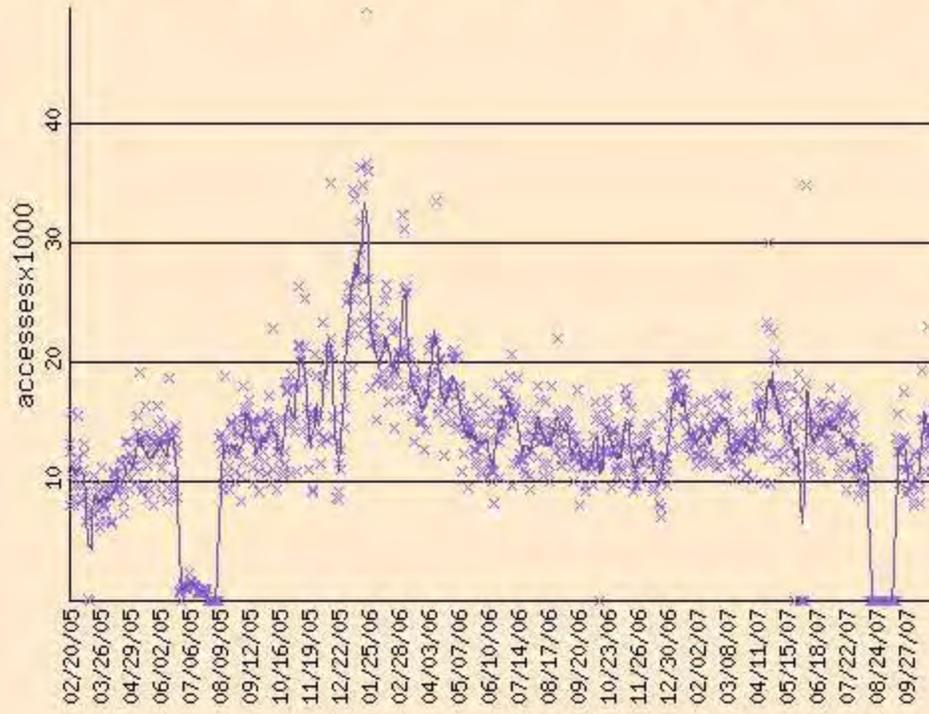
There were no proposals generated during the meeting.

Frank Harrell

Chairman, IGRA Internet Technology Committee

In attendance	Association	Voting
Frank Harrell	IGRA	Committee chair
Walker Crawford	NSGRA	X
Chris Maurizio	LGRA	X
Sandy Bidwell	DSRA	X
Kurt Reid	HGRA	X
John Carpenter	AGRA	X
Eric Hanson	GSGRA	X
Shane Anderson	ARGRA	
Larry Lindstrom	IGRA	
Shelley Foster	HGRA	
Randy Edlin	TGRA	X
Lorrie Murphy	ARGRA	X
Ian Bowles	CCGRA	X
Kelly Peebles	NMGRA	X

2/20/2005 to 11/3/2007: Traffic by Day



All passwords will expire on December 31 unless you get with me before that date

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Secure area users,

David Hill at 48 visits, 375 files

Happy Jack at 21 visits, 251 files

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Rodeo calendar 35,366 hits over 30,000 visits

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Yahoo Underground with about 1,000 referrals

Equineinfo.com with 555 referrals. Page is dealing with speed events and points to our page for photos of barrel racing, pole bending, and flag racing.

Search servers

Google with 51,931

Yahoo 6,320

MSN 3,753

Search words,

IGRA with 20,999

Gay rodeo with 9,430

Cowboy cha cha line dance 47

RODEO JUDGES COMMITTEE

November 9, 2007, Kansas City

9 people representing 8 associations attended the committee meeting.

Discussion topics on Friday included the ongoing effort for consistency, the need to recruit more students so that we can expand the pool of available judges, the benefits of the expanded rookie program, and a suggestion that judges (or at least one judge) carries a radio. We also spent considerable time discussing chute dogging, and would love to see an investigation of the feasibility of adapting high school rodeo rules for IGRA dogging. We recognize that there may be some logistical issues to work out, but feel this might be an issue for Mr. Beck's vivid imagination to examine for future rodeo rules committee consideration.

In light of the aforementioned ongoing effort for consistency, we recommend that judges confer before the start of a rodeo, or prior to a particular event on the day, and review the event requirements in an effort to insure that we are all on the same page.

Throughout the year, we made a number of recommendations to the Rodeo Rules Committee. One suggestion that we are particularly enthusiastic about is a change to chute dogging wherein the contestant must maneuver all four feet of the steer over the 10 foot line in order to earn a whistle signal from the line judge (which is their signal that "it's okay to dog now"). We firmly believe that this is a positive and necessary rule change which should eliminate a lot of ambiguous "dogs" by contestants, as well as make the event easier to officiate. We encourage the delegates to support this change.

The year-round committee has been very busy. The communication between the members has been extremely frequent and productive. Seminars were held in Phoenix, Oklahoma City, Chicago, Las Vegas, and Kansas City in 2007.

The trustees have recertified all 11 judges who fulfilled the requirements and applied for recertification for 2008. We also have a number of students in various stages of training. Given the "graying" of our current group of judges, we are particularly anxious to develop some new judges. Please help us spread the word. If you or someone you know has an interest in becoming IGRA judges, please contact Rick or myself.

Many thanks to Thom and Brian for all their hard work with us this year, as well as to the convention committee for their valuable suggestions and input.

Finally, we would like to congratulate the 2007 Finals judges: Amy, Rick, Frank and Kyle.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Griffin & Rick Jones

Report of the Marketing Committee to the 23rd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 10, 2007

The Marketing & Media Committee met on Friday the 9th of November at 9:30 AM in room 2605.

This committee was chaired by Dan Johnson delegate from NMGRA in the absence of the IGRA representative.

Topics of discussion consisted of methods of media & marketing currently employed by member associations. The meeting was primarily focused on ways to get the word out via various media such as Posters, newspaper ads, community events & local city/town involvement. All of the committee shared their various approaches discussing what worked well in promoting their Rodeo events. Several key points were brought up by the group that in marketing Rodeo we need to be focused on our goals, use scripted (but not restricted) public statements using several spokespersons to represent the organizations goals as opposed to individual agendas. Fundraising was viewed as a major tool to promote. Also a need for media sharing, sending promotional materials to all IGRA sanctioned associations. Overall the group input was very informative and motivating.

The outcome of this meeting was a motion to present on the floor that IGRA produce a promotional CD/Video about Gay Rodeo for all the Associations to use. The recommended timing was that it should be short (5 to 10 minutes) using footage from prior or upcoming Rodeos.

The motion was passed unanimously by all in attendance.

Recommendation: To support Marketing endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Johnson, NMGRA

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Membership Committee Report

1. Attendance. Fourteen people from 12 associations attended the Friday meeting.
2. Membership Counts. The following chart shows our total current membership count.

CGRA	180	HGRA	59
TGRA	163	ARGRA	376
GSGRA	276	MIGRA	118
AGRA	130	PNWGRA	64
OGRA	68	SSRA	102
KGRA	26	HSRA	98
MGRA	66	RRRA	34
NMGRA	66	SMRA	101
NSGRA	143	GWGRA	107
DSRA	85	FGRA	236
GGRA	79	LGRA	190
ASGRA	139	CCGRA	75
NGRA	141	LSGRA	80
ILGRA	94	SCCGRA	80
			3,376

The total membership only increased by 70 from 2006. However, only ARGRA showed considerable growth at 38%.

3. PONY. While it is always great to welcome new associations into the IGRA family, we must also recognize those that make the decision not to continue.

At the IGRA convention in Chicago in July 1995, the Pennsylvania Gay Rodeo Association (PGRA) was seated as a Member Association. Its geographical area was the state of Pennsylvania. Four years later at the IGRA convention in Long Beach, the state of Ohio was added to PGRA's geographical area, and subsequently moved its base of operations from Pittsburgh to Cleveland.

In 2000, PGRA was changed to PONYGRA and its geographical area included Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York exclusive of metropolitan New York City, Westchester County, and Long Island. The very next year, PONYGRA officially shortened its name to just PONY. However, its incorporation remains the Pennsylvania Gay Rodeo Association.

One year ago, PONY relinquished 12 counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania in order for the Liberty Gay Rodeo Association to be seated. And just this past summer, the Executive Board received word that PONY had officially dissolved after 12 years.

4. New Associations. The chairman verbally presented the LSGRA membership application and reported that the board of directors and membership list had been updated. Rik Kelly moved to approve the application. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The chairman verbally presented the SCCGRA membership application and stated that it was in order. Dan Johnson moved to approve the application. The motion passed by a voice vote.

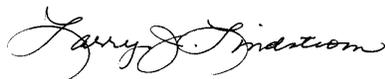
5. Membership Renewals. The chairman reported that all remaining applications were in order and all debts owed to the IGRA were paid at yesterday's Board of Directors meeting.
6. Territory Requests. The membership application from Liberty (LGRA) was reviewed at Friday's committee meeting. They requested to increase their territory to include the entire state of Pennsylvania. The request was denied when no documentation was provided indicating 10 members in the new geographical area.

The membership application from Michigan was then reviewed. They also requested to increase their territory by adding the state of Ohio. That request was also denied when no documentation was provided indicating 10 members in the new geographical area.

The membership application from NSGRA was then reviewed. They also requested to increase their territory by adding the portion of Iowa east of Highway 71. Heartland currently has the area west of Highway 71. That request was also denied when no documentation was provided indicating 10 members in the new geographical area.

7. Membership Guidelines. After last year's convention, Benjamin Avant and I put together a 2-page document to outline what is necessary for a new association to form. We came up with 12 steps and put them in chronological order starting with selecting a name and acronym and ending with paying the \$600 annual dues.
8. Future Associations? The membership committee is a year-round position. In addition to the two new associations seated today, I have also had inquiries from Alabama, Hawaii, Indiana, and New England. Outside North America, I have also been in contact with 3 men in different parts of Australia as well as one from Brazil.
9. Bylaw Changes. Attached is a two-page document with proposed changes from the Membership Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Lindstrom
IGRA Membership Chairman



GEOGRAPHY

- Slightly smaller than the U.S. 48 states
- Russia is the largest country – Canada the second largest
- Australia is made up of 6 states and 2 territories

POPULATION

U.S.	=	300 million
Canada	=	33 million
Australia	=	20 million

CURRENCY

USD	=	\$ 1.00
CAD	=	\$ 1.06
AUD	=	\$ 0.91

TRAVEL

- 7,500 miles each way
- 14½ hours outbound – 13½ hours return
- Leave LA or SF at 11 pm arrive 6 am **two** days later
- Leave Sydney at 2 pm arrive LA or SF 10 am same day

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Section 4. Current Member Associations.

Paragraph D. Member Associations must have twenty (20) members in good standing and at least of the legal age of majority to sign contracts according to Guidelines of the Nation or the superseding principality where that Member Association is located. Ten (10) of the required members must be legal residents of the Member Association's geographic area.

1. Individual members may join as many Member or Recognized Associations as they wish providing they are in compliance with the respective association's membership policies.
2. Removal of a member from “good standing” status could be for, but is not limited to, the following reasons; any reason considered detrimental to the Association.
 - a. Passing a bad check to their or any other Member or Recognized Association without having made timely restitution.
 - b. Having an arrest warrant sworn out against them for an offense committed against their or any other Member or Recognized Association.
 - c. Making an “arrangement” with their or any other Member or Recognized Association in order to avoid issuance of an arrest warrant by said association.
3. If a member is removed from "good standing" status, the following actions shall be taken:
 - a. The involved association will notify the Secretary within seven (7) days. Such notification will include a copy of the bad check, of the arrest warrant, of the “arrangement”, if documentation is available, or a copy of the minutes of their Board of Directors, Executive Board, or other appropriate committee, wherein ratification of the “arrangement” has been noted or a letter of explanation for the reason for removal. The minutes and/or letter must include at least the following: documentation indicating removal from “good status.”
 1. Names of persons making arrangements.
 2. Terms and dates of arrangements.
 3. Means by which the individual was officially notified of the arrangement.
 - b. The Secretary must send a letter to notify the IGRA Board of Directors and all Member and Recognized Associations within seven (7) days of receipt of said notification. advising them of the member’s status with the reporting Member or Recognized Association. The Secretary will not disclose the reason for the member’s change of status to the Member and Recognized Associations.
 1. As of this point in time, the member will become ineligible to participate in IGRA sponsored/sanctioned events/rodeos.
 2. Rodeo Auditor will make the proper notations in the computer files.
 - c. The involved Association must notify the Secretary within seven (7) days of rectification of the problem, even if said association still does not wish the individual member to rejoin their association.
 - d. Within seven (7) days, the Secretary must advise the IGRA Board of Directors and all Member and Recognized Associations of the rescinding of the earlier notice, thus allowing the individual member and all associations to make further membership decisions as they might mutually desire.

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ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. New Member Associations.

Paragraph D. New Member Associations shall be approved and seated only at the annual convention. Recognized Associations anticipating approval as a Member Association at the annual convention shall submit a letter to the Secretary listing the convention delegates and alternate delegates and a list of current officers, no less than sixty (60) days prior to annual convention.

Section 6. Membership Renewals.

Paragraph A. A Member Association's renewal request will be considered by the Membership Committee when the Secretary has received all of the following:

9. List of convention delegates and alternate delegates.

Report of the Merchandise Committee
to the 23rd Annual IGRA Convention
Saturday, November 10, 2007

The committee met on Friday, November 09, 2007. 13 attendees 9 voting members

We proposed that IGRA will take complete control of merchandise. The inventory will be divided up between the four divisions. The inventory will be shipped out to the first rodeo of each division at the beginning of the year. The inventory will then be shipped out to the next consecutive rodeo in their division and so on. The final rodeo in that division will ship it back to the inventory control person.

If Canadian Law prohibits the transportation of inventory then we will see what type of transportation can be administrated.

Inventory will be done when shipment is received at said rodeos and taken at the end of rodeo. The money will be given with the inventory to the IGRA Treasurer at rodeo.

Pricing will be made by taking the hard cost of material plus printing/embroidery and putting 100% mark-up.

Division of profit;
50% IGRA
30% Rodeo Association
20% Inventory Control Person

Rodeo Association will send a list of all vendors of their rodeo to the committee chair of Merchandise/vendor. The list that is compiled will be given to the Rodeo Director of Finals so that he/she may send an invitation to all vendors for finals. We as a committee would like to give the vendors that have been to 2 or more rodeos a 50% discount to be a vendor at Finals.

Thank you,

Mary Arbuckle
Chairman, IGRA Merchandise/Vendor

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ARTICLE XV – MERCHANDISING

IGRA shall may license Member Association, merchants, etc. to **the** use of the IGRA logo on merchandise for promotional giveaway or sale provided such merchandise and use of the logo meets the approval of the IGRA Board of Directors. IGRA will receive five percent (5%) of the profits from sales of such items. The Board of Directors shall have the right to refuse use of the logo if it is felt it would be degrading to IGRA or does not promote the goals of IGRA as stated in Article II of these Bylaws. IGRA shall not receive revenue from the sale or giveaway of the individual Member Associations' promotional rodeo posters or rodeo programs.

Directors may review any proposal and negotiate a contract they feel may be beneficial to IGRA.

Report of the Nominations Committee to the 23rd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 10th, 2007

The Nominations Committee met on Friday, November 9th, 2007, from 8:30 am until 8:45 am. A total of 12 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 time.

There were no proposals or recommendations presented for discussion.

Nominations were taken for Vice President:

- Mitch Gill – HSRA
- Andrew Goodman – MGRA
- Steve Wollert – GSGRA

Nominations were taken for Secretary:

- Larry Lindstrom - CGRA

Bids for 2008 Convention:

- CCGRA – Toronto
- LSGRA – New Orleans
- MIGRA – Detroit

Bids for 2009 Convention:

- CCGRA – Toronto
- MIGRA – Detroit

The volunteer tellers will be Dan Iverson, Rik Kelly, and Dusty West. The back up teller will be Ken Hogg. The auditor will be Jeff Shaw. Thank you all for your time.

Justin Waldner
Chairman, Nominations Committee

Report of the Rodeo Rules Committee
to the 23rd Annual IGRA Convention
Saturday November 10, 2007

The Rodeo Rules Committee met on Friday, November 9, 2007 from 8:00 AM until 4:15 PM.

A total of 33 persons attended the meeting, 22 of which were voting members.

The list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank each of the members of the committee for their attendance, professionalism, and attention to the challenges placed before them. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work with.

The committee considered all proposals that were received prior to the start of the meeting and those that were presented by other committees during the meeting. The proposals that were approved by the Rodeo Rules Committee are attached to this report with their respective proposal numbers. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

Discussion included that "new events" needed to be created, and possibly exhibited at rodeos to "freshen" our venue and show. Although some proposals were not supported by the committee, the intent of the committees that submitted these changes is respected, and we encouraged those committees to consider using Spectator Surveys, and providing concrete supporting documentation in order for this committee to support such changes.

Respectively submitted,

Chuck Browning
Co-Chairman, IGRA Rodeo Rules Committee

2007 Rodeo Rules Committee Sign In Sheet for IGRA 2007 Convention:

Name	Association	Voting
Sammy Van Galder	SCCGRA	Y
Dan Iverson	AGRA	Y
John Beck	CGRA	Y
Jody Harvey	TGRA	Y
Dave Elliott	HGRA	Y
Lisa Smith	DSRA	Y
Michael Norman	RRRA	Y
Alana (Lonnie) La Bel	ASGRA	Y
Will Lann	NMGRA	Y
Mitch Petersen	NMGRA	N
Judy Munson	ARGRA	Y
Steve Schultz	ILGRA	Y
Chuck Kirkwood	MGRA	Y
Grigsby White	SMRA	Y
Carlos Garcia	AGRA	N
Travis Gardner	GSGRA	Y
Ernie Bowers	LGRA	Y
Unknown – Didn't print	SSRA	N
Brian Rogers	NGRA	N
Bill Watkins	NGRA	Y
Kyle Putman	NSGRA	Y
Skip Guthier	MGRA	N
Michael Lunter	GWGRA	Y
De Scott	DSRA	Y
George Raye	SCCRA	N
Kelly Peebles	NMGRA	N
Bob West	SSRA	Y
Mathew Salisbury	SCCGRA	N
Thom M Zim.....	LGRA	N
Mark Samuel	CCGRA	Y
Heather Murray	ARGRA	N
Roger Bergman	GSGRA	N
Lester Lieu	PNWGRA	Y

Rodeo Rules Committee - 2007 IGRA Convention –

Committee Approved Proposals:

Proposal RR-01

RULE II – REGISTRATION

Entries.

- A. With exceptions listed in paragraph 10.D, all entries for all contestants with an IGRA-assigned contestant number must be complete and postmarked by a government postal service or electronic date-time stamp for on-line registrations between the rodeo entry opening date and fifteen (15) days prior to the rodeo first performance. For those rodeos held outside the United States, (i.e., Calgary) entries must be postmarked by a government postal service or electronic date-time stamp for on-line registrations between the rodeo entry opening date and twenty-two (22) days prior to the rodeo first performance.
- B. It is the contestant's responsibility to assure their entry form includes all team member names (and IGRA numbers if possible) by close of registration.
 1. Non-compliance with the completion of team entries will result in the contestant(s) not participating in the event.
 2. In the event of a dispute regarding team members, those entry forms with matching team members will be recognized as a complete team, and those not matching will be refunded their entry fee for that event.
- C. Registration must be for three (3) hours and cannot end less than five (5) hours prior to the beginning of the first event. All registration times and earliest rodeo start time must be included on the Rodeo Application (Exhibit A3).

Proposal RR-02

13. Entry Fees for IGRA-sanctioned rodeos will be twenty three **twenty five** dollars (\$23.00 **\$25.00**) per person, per day, per event to be distributed as follows:
 - A. Sixteen **Seventeen** dollars (\$16.00 **\$17.00**) to contestant purse money.
 - B. Four Dollars (\$4.00) to the host association
 - C. Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be held in escrow by IGRA to be used as purse money for the IGRA Finals Rodeo
 - D. One Dollar (\$1.00) to support contestant online infrastructure.**
 - E. Fifty cents (\$.50) to be held in escrow by IGRA to be used for the sole purpose of financing an arena for the IGRA Finals Rodeo (see standing Rule XIV – IGRA Finals Rodeo, Section 2)
 - F. Fifty cents (\$.50) to the IGRA General Fund.

14. Entry fees for IGRA Finals Rodeo will be twenty three **twenty five** dollars (\$23.00 **\$25.00**) per person, per day, per event and will be combined with any contestant money held in escrow (see Rodeo Rule II – Registration, Number 10 Entries, Paragraph F)

Proposal RR-03

RULE I - REQUIREMENTS

1. Veterinarian.
 - A. Have a veterinarian on call for the period the Host Association permits animals on the rodeo grounds of rodeo weekend and provide post the name and telephone number in contestant packet and posted in the barn area.
 - B. **WITH NO EXCEPTION:** A veterinarian with large animal care experience will be on site during the running of all events, performance and slack, foot parade, and grand entry. Non-compliance will result in the Host Association/Chapter being fined \$1,500 for the entire rodeo. A second (2nd) consecutive rodeo violation will result in the Host Association/Chapter being fined \$3,000 for the entire rodeo and be suspended from hosting an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo the next year.

Proposal RR-04

1. ROPING EVENTS.

A. General Rules for Roping Events.

1. Lap and tap timing will be used. Two (2) Judges will be used to start and stop time. One (1) Judge will flag the barrier line at the chute. Time starts when calf or steers' nose clears the chute gate. The second Judge will be mounted on horseback and positioned in the arena to flag the finish of the event for mounted roping events. In Calf Roping on Foot, the finish flag Judge may **must** be on foot and positioned in the arena to flag the finish of the event.

Proposal RR-05

A. Calf Roping on Foot.

1. Lap and tap timing will be used. With a
2. **Contestant has a maximum** 30 second time limit, not including possible penalties **to complete their go.**
3. Each roper **is allowed to throw** will only have one (1) loop.
4. Contestants will be positioned in the roping box behind the head gate and behind a clearly marked barrier line, which will be approximately parallel with and located one (1) foot behind the chute gate hinge posts.
5. **Contestant must verify the Judges are ready, and notify the Chute Gate Puller on weather they will call or nod for the release of the calf. When Ready,** contestant signals for the calf.
6. and time starts when **As calf's nose clears chute gate, Judge will drop flag to start time.** judge flags calf's nose clearing the chute gate.
7. Contestant **must throw loop.** Loop must go completely over the calf's head, and then catch around the neck, leg(s), belly, or combination of these body parts.
8. When Once calf is roped, slack is has been pulled out of the rope, and the rope leaves has left the hand(s) of the contestant, Judge will drop flag to stop time.
9. Catch as catch can. Clean catch. Loop must go completely over the calf's' head, then catch around the neck, leg(s), belly, or combination of these body parts. A clean catch means that the slack must be pulled out of the rope. Judge will flag time when calf is roped, slack is pulled out of the rope, and the rope leaves the hand(s) of the contestant.

Then the flag will be dropped to indicate the time is complete. Legality of the catch will then be judged.

10. Following the Stop of time, Judges will determine the validity of the throw and catch and assess penalties or disqualifications.
11. There will be a ten (10) second penalty if the roper's foot steps on or crosses over the barrier line before the calf's nose clears the chute gate.
12. Reasons for disqualification.
 - a. **Snaring: Snaring is defined as holding loop in calf's path (in an attempt to have calf run into the loop) rather than skillfully throwing the loop to rope the calf.**
 - b. Signaling for release of Calf when Judges are not ready.
 - c. Ropers must throw the loop. Roping the calf without releasing the loop is not permitted. The loop must be released from the roper's hand prior to having any portion of the calf's head within the loop.
 - d. Ropers will be disqualified if entire rope is thrown at the calf.

Proposal RR-06

A. Team Roping.

1. Lap and tap timing will be used with a ninety 90 second time limit, not including possible penalties.
2. **Any individual may enter team roping twice but must switch positions, i.e.; head on one entry and heel on the other.**
3. **All changes in lists of roping order due to sharing horses must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in the chute. After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in order listed.**
4. **Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one (1) rope. Each team is allowed three (3) throws in all. "Dally" is defined to mean at least one (1) complete turn around the saddle horn.**
5. **A loop dropped to the ground is considered to be an expended loop.**
6. Team will start behind the barrier with one roper in each box.
7. **Header will signal for steer in order to begin the event.**
8. **Time starts when steer's nose clears the chute gate, and is flagged by the Start Judge.**

9. Header must throw the first loop at the steer's head. **If first loop is a miss, Header may rebuild loop and throw a second attempt.**
10. **There are only three (3) legal head catches:**
 - ?? **Both horns.**
 - ?? **Half a head.**
 - ?? **Around the neck.**
11. **After Header has made a legal head catch, a dally is required to secure the Steer, and then header must turn the animal left, across the arena.**
12. **Heeler may then throw their loop, but the steer must be moving when the heel loop is thrown.**
13. **For a clean legal catch, the heeler must rope both hind feet of the steer.**
 - a. **Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up both heels.**
14. **Heeler must then dally and straighten the line between the header and heeler.**
15. **Option: HEELER TIE ON RULE - Any heeler may "tie on" but must use a quick release device. Roper may not dally over tie on. Tie on roper must finish the run as started.**
16. **Time is stopped when header and heeler have made legal catches, dallied (Heeler Option for Tie On), horses are faced with all four (4) feet on the ground, are in a relatively straight line with the steer in the middle, and ropes are tight. Finish Judge will then flag the stop of time.**
17. **Any question as to catches in this contest will be decided by the Judge.**
18. The headers horse's tail must clear the box before the loop is thrown.
19. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed by the Barrier Judge if either horse breaks the box before the steer starts.
20. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one (1) rope. Each team is allowed three (3) throws in all. "Dally" is defined to mean at least one (1) complete turn around the saddle horn.
21. Time starts when steer's nose clears the chute gate. Time is stopped when header and heeler have made legal catches, dallied, horses are faced with all four (4) feet on the ground, are in a relatively straight line with the steer in the middle, and ropes are tight.

22. All changes in lists of roping order due to sharing horses must be made before any stock for that event is loaded in the chute. After stock is loaded, ropers must rope in order listed.
23. The steer must be moving when the heel loop is thrown.
24. If the header's loop hangs up on a horn or the horn wrap, catches a front hoof or hooves, shoulder, or body of the steer, it is a foul catch. Header may work slack to retrieve loop, but neither contestant may retrieve loop by hand.
25. If the heeler catches a front hoof or hooves in the heel loop, it is a foul catch. Neither contestant may recover the front hoof or hooves from the loop by hand; however, if the front hoof or hooves come out of the heel loop by the time the Field Judge drops his/her flag, time will be counted.
26. Any question as to catches in this contest will be decided by the Judge.
27. If the header's loop is on the steer, and the steer is injured or escapes the arena, the team will get lap and tap time with another steer with the rope on it in the chute. The rope will be placed on the steer in a similar manner as it was on the first roped steer. Judge shall make sure that the rope will not catch on the roping box upon release of the steer. Time will resume when the steer makes his initial move out of the chute. The header has the option of restarting in the roping box or within the arena. The heeler will restart in the roping box.
28. Any individual may enter team roping twice but must switch positions, i.e.; head on one entry and heel on the other.
29. A loop dropped to the ground is considered to be an expended loop.
30. Legal catches.
 - a. There are only three (3) legal head catches.
 - Both horns.
 - Half a head.
 - Around the neck.
 - b. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up both heels.
 - c. If only one (1) heel is caught when run is completed there will be a five (5) second penalty.

31. Penalties:

- ?? **There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed by the Barrier Judge if either horse breaks the box before the steer starts.**

?? **There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed by the Barrier Judge if the header horse's tail does not clear the box before the loop is thrown.**

?? **If only one (1) heel is caught when run is completed there will be a five (5) second penalty.**

32. Reasons for disqualification.

- a. If Hondo passes over one (1) horn, and the loop goes over the other horn, the catch is illegal.
- b. If loop crosses itself in head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.
- c. Cross fire catches will receive no time. If, in the opinion of the Finish Flag Judge, a heel loop is thrown before the header has dallied and changed the direction of the steer, the team shall receive no time.
- d. If the header catches one or both front feet or legs in the loop, it is a disqualification if **and** the header dallies. The header must release the rope to prevent injury to the steer.
- e. Dismounting or falling off horse before time is stopped with a legal catch.
- f. Roughly handling the steer.
- g. Ropers must throw the loop. The loop must be released from the roper's hand prior to having any portion of the animal within the loop.
- h. No tied **Tied** ropes are allowed.
- i. Header and heeler cannot switch positions during a run.
- j. If header accidentally jerks steer off its feet or steer trips or falls, header may not drag over eight feet (8') before steer regains its feet or the team will receive no time.
- k. If heeler ropes the steer around any other part of the body, there will be no time.
- l. A broken rope or dropped rope will be considered no time.
- m. Abusive treatment **of any animal** of the contestant's horse.
- n. If the header's loop hangs up on a horn or the horn wrap, catches a front hoof or hooves, shoulder, or body of the steer, it is a foul catch.
- o. If the heeler catches a front hoof or hooves in the heel loop, it is a foul catch.

Proposal RR-07

RULE V - RODEO LIVESTOCK

1. All IGRA rodeo livestock requirements must be included in the stock contract.
2. Stock Contractors bear the responsibility to know and follow all State or Provincial laws and/or rules regarding health certificates and/or Coggins tests for each State or Province that he/she is traveling in or entering, and must have the necessary paperwork that complies with each State's or Province's laws and/or rules, in regards to all of his stock, State laws can be found at Web site <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/>.

All contractor's livestock shall have any necessary health certificates required by the hosting state, province, territory, facility, or the Host Association.

3. Stock contractor must carry his/her own **current** liability insurance., The policy information will be recorded on the Trustee's Rodeo Checklist and include a copy. and must provide the Rodeo Checklist Trustee a copy in hand prior to starting any Rodeo Event. The copy will **must** include the policy name, policy number, **policy expiration date**, and insurance company phone number. The Host Association may also request a copy of this liability insurance policy at the time bids are accepted. Any IGRA-sanctioned rodeo shall add the following statements to the Stock Contractor's contract:
4. Any Stock contractor's personnel working within the IGRA-sanctioned rodeo may will be removed from the rodeo arena and working areas if under the influence or in the possession of alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind during the rodeo.
5. The Host Association shall inform the Stock Contractor that IGRA contestants in IGRA rodeos are of an amateur ability, and that the bucking stock provided should must be similar to that the level used in a high school rodeo. IGRA will request that all animals in riding events shall be of amateur ability and have been tried at least once as a bucking animal before being put into rough stock.
6. No animal shall be beaten, mutilated, or cruelly prodded. Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible. Animal shall be touched only on the hip or shoulder area with prod.
7. Mulie (non-horned) bulls, riding steers, and calves should be requested from the stock contractor.
8. Cows/heifers may be used for the steer riding event if riding steers are not available or of the proper size. If cows/heifers are used, then steers may not be used in that event.
9. All efforts shall be made by the stock contractor to provide chute dogging steers, which have been dogged, but not used for team roping in the past. All team roping steers used at IGRA-sanctioned rodeos shall be protected by horn wraps
10. Approximate weight of Requirements for livestock in the following events shall be...
 - A. **Bulls – minimum of 1,200 pounds, Non-horned, or with horns blunted to a minimum diameter of a fifty-cent piece, with smooth, rounded and non-jagged edges.** A minimum weight for bulls shall be 1,200 pounds.
 - B. **Bareback Broncs – Minimum 1,000 pounds, been previously bucked, and proven capable of the event.**
 - C. **Riding Steers – minimum of 900 pounds, non-horned, or with horns blunted to a minimum diameter of a quarter, with smooth, rounded and non-jagged edges.** Animals used for steer riding 900 to 1,200 pounds. Cows/Heifers may be used for the steer riding event if riding steers are not available of the proper **weight size**. If Cows/Heifers are used, then steers may not be used in that event.
 - D. **Steers– 400 to 500 pounds, and must have minimum of seven inch horns, blunted to the diameter of a dime, with smooth, rounded and non-jagged edges.**

- E. Calves - weighing 200 to 300 pounds, **no horns, with no more than a 30 pound difference between animals in the herd.** for calf roping.
 - F. Common goats - are to be of healthy stock with a minimum height requirement of 25 30 inches at shoulder, but no weight requirement. Goats should be **and be** similar/same in **breed**, height and size. No Billy goats or fainting goats. **Goats shall be exchanged after every eight (8) heats.** **(This is in the Camp Events General Rules and is redundant)**
 - G. **No animal with steel reinforcing bar or plaster on the horns shall be allowed in the competition.**
11. Two (2) groups of 400 to 500 pound steers. **Grouping of Steers** - The Chute Coordinator and Stock Contractor shall determine which animals are in each group. One group for chute dogging and steer decorating. The other group **One group** for team roping. and **One group** for wild drag race. All stock must be run through the event chutes and through the arena prior to the start of the rodeo where conditions permit. **Team Roping Steers cannot be used for any other event, must have been previously roped, and have protective Horn Wraps during the event. Chute Dogging Steers must have been previously dogged or wrestled a minimum of four times, and have not been previously used for Team roping.**
 12. Any livestock concerns should be addressed to the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator.
 13. The Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator will inspect stock upon arrival, **and Animals for all events will be inspected before prior to each** the first rodeo performance. and no **No** sore, lame, sick, **diseased**, or injured animal, or animal with defective eyesight, will be used in the Rodeo Events. shall be permitted in the arena.
 14. All IGRA stock requirements shall be included in the stock contract. (see #1 above)
 15. **It is the responsibility of the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator to insure that Stock Contractor's all horned animals are under follow the guidelines in Rule #9. have their horns tipped or cut back. The objective is to have the horns smooth or rounded with no sharp or jagged edges. Guidelines for the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator: bull horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a quarter fifty cent piece; steer horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a dime quarter; and for camp events and chute dogging, the horns should be a minimum of seven inches (7") long measured from the hair line out to the end of the horn on each side of the steer's head. If an animal does not meet any of the above specifications, said animal shall be removed from competitive status. if the Arena Director believes there are enough other animals for the competition. No animal with steel reinforcing bar or plaster on the horns shall be allowed in the competition.**
 16. Animals for all events will be inspected before the first rodeo performance, and no sore, lame, sick, or injured animal, or animal with defective eyesight, shall be permitted in the arena.
 17. Two (2) groups of 400 to 500 pound steers. The Chute Coordinator and Stock Contractor shall determine which animals are in each group. One group for chute dogging and steer decorating. The other group for team roping and wild drag race. All stock must be run through the event chutes and through the arena prior to the start of the rodeo where conditions permit
 18. Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator may must pull rodeo livestock from competition for the following reasons...
 - A. Unfit. If animals are **Animals** found to be unfit on the first day of the rodeo, they shall be pulled from competition. These animals can be re-evaluated on the second day of the rodeo and may be used if found to be fit. The stock contractor will be informed that a veterinarian is available.
 - B. Hazardous. If any animal is Animals pulled at any time due to the animal's behavior which could jeopardize the contestants' well being, these animals are to be visibly marked and will not be used for that event for the remainder of the weekend.

In either of the above situation(s), the Stock Contractor must be informed of these decisions.

19. **(Move to #7)**No animal shall be beaten, mutilated, or cruelly prodded. Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible. Animal shall be touched only on the hip or shoulder area with prod.
20. If an animal is injured during an event, it shall be removed as soon as possible from the arena to a place as isolated and comfortable as possible to reduce stress to the animal. Each rodeo shall provide a method and the equipment necessary to remove injured animals from the arena.

Proposal RR-08

A. Chute Dogging.

1. (previously 11) Event requires two (2) Judges and three (3) timers.
2. **Arena Buzzer or Horn will “sound” to indicate the end of the 60 second time limit.** Chute dogging is set up in the bucking chutes. Time limit will be sixty (60) seconds timed by three (3) hand stopwatches. An arena buzzer or horn will indicate the end of the event.
3. All **chute dogging** steers are "luck-of-the-draw". There will be no re-runs except in the case of an injured steer, interference, or the steer escaping the arena while in the contestant's control and allowed time limit.
4. Contestant will get into the chute with the steer and position self for start of the event.
5. **Contestant is responsible for obtaining Judges clearance before signaling for their “go”, then contestant** Contestant calls signals for the event to start. As the gate begins to open, the Start/Finish Judge will simultaneously flag and whistle the start of the event. This Judge's Flag signals the start of the Timers' stopwatches.
6. **As the gate begins to open, the Start Judge will simultaneously flag and whistle the start of the event. This Judge's Flag signals the start of the Timers' stopwatches.**
7. The Line Judge will whistle when steer's nose once all four feet of the steer have crossed the ten foot (10') line, and then the indicating contestant may **begin to “dog” the steer.**
8. **Contestant must use their strength and skill in a manner to bring steer to a stop, or change its direction.**
9. **Once the line judge has whistled, contestant must then twist steer down by applying hold to head and/or horns, without crossing steer's path.**
10. **Steer will be considered legally down only when lying flat on its side with all four feet clear from underneath him. Contestant must maintain control of steer when flagged.**

11. **Once the steer is legally down**, The the Start/Finish Judge will flag the end of the event once the steer is dogged. **Judge's Flag signals the stop of Timers' Stopwatches.**
12. The Start/Finish Judges will then rule on the legality of the actions leading up to and including the finish flag ending the event.
13. **If contestant signals for start of the event and Judge(s) have not given clearance, contestant will be disqualified.**
14. If the contestant dogs the steer before the **Judge's whistle has indicated the fourth foot crossing** nose has crossed the ten foot (10') line, he/she they may let the animal up and to continue the event, or be disqualified for an illegal dog.
15. **If steer is knocked down, tripped, or thrown, by putting head/horns into ground, by contestant crossing steers path, or any other unskilled or illegal fall, steer must be let up and thrown in the legal manner, or contestant will be disqualified.**
16. If the contestant loses **physical contact with Steer**, control of the animal (physical contact), contestant is disqualified. he/she is disqualified and the time stops. If the strength/skill of the contestant has the steer beginning to fall in a legal manner, but the contestant releases the steer prior to the Judge's flag, the contestant will be disqualified.
17. If the steer is not dogged within sixty (60) seconds, the Judge will inform the contestant that he/she is disqualified.
18. **If Contestant places their finger(s) in the steer's eye(s)**, Contestant will be disqualified. for placing finger(s) in steer's eyes.
19. (move up) If the contestant dogs the steer before the nose has crossed the ten foot (10') line, he/she may let the animal up and continue the event.
20. A steer is considered down when it has been taken down by the strength/skill of the contestant so that it is lying on its' side with all four (4) feet pointed the same direction as the nose when in a natural position. If the steer is taken down in a manner other than specified below (e.g. using a foot or leg to trip causing it to flip, etc.) the contestant shall allow the steer up and attempt to dog the steer in the following prescribed manner.
 - a. A legal fall will have the steer's legs following the same clockwise or counter-clockwise turn of the head.
 - b. A dog fall will have the steer's feet going one way while the nose is going the other way.
 - c. In the case of a dog fall, contestant must move the steer's head in either direction to obtain the correct position.
21. **(moved up)** All steers are "luck-of-the-draw". There will be no re-runs except in the case of an injured steer, interference, or the steer escaping the arena while in the contestant's control and allowed time limit.
22. If the Judge determines that the event was completed within the time limit, but no time is recorded, the contestant has the option of taking the maximum time allowed or having a re-run.

23. **At Judge's discretion, contestant** Contestant will **may** receive a re-run at the Judges' discretion for the following occurrences: interference, Injured Animal, Animal escaping arena under contestant's control, arena equipment failure, or a Rodeo Official's or other / arena personnel's error during the event. If a qualified dog was completed, the contestant has the option of keeping their original time, or accepting the re-run. However; if the contestant has no way of knowing **is unaware, that something did not happen or function correctly** and they continues to compete, the contestant **MUST** make a qualified dog in order to get **a re-run** another chance.
24. (moved up)Chute dogging requires two (2) Judges and three (3) Timers for the official stopwatch dogging time.

Proposal RR-09:

2. ROPING EVENTS.

A. General Rules for Roping Events.

1. Lap and tap timing will be used. Two (2) Judges will be used to start and stop time. One (1) Judge will flag the barrier line at the chute. Time starts when calf or steers' nose clears the chute gate. The second Judge will be mounted on horseback and positioned in the arena to flag the finish of the event for mounted roping events. In Calf Roping on Foot, the finish flag Judge may **must** be on foot and positioned in the arena to flag the finish of the event.

Proposal RR-10:

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4. Camp Events

D. Goat Dressing

2. Goats shall be exchanged after **a maximum of** every eight (8) heats. **The number of heats per goat will be announced prior to the running of the first heat.**

Proposal RR-11:

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21. A mandatory meeting and roll call for new contestants will be held before the start of the rodeo. All new contestants will be notified of the meeting and the requirement of disqualification for failure to attend. Items to be discussed, but not limited to, include dress code, use of alcohol and drugs, tie down and safety persons, shared riggings, knowledge of rules, animal safety and welfare, and other general information. This meeting will be held by the Arena Director or his/her designee. Any questions or rule clarifications from all contestants or rodeo personnel may also be addressed at this meeting. The time and place of the meeting will be posted at Friday night's registration. Attendance is required in order to compete or **the contestant will be disqualified and all entry fees will be forfeited, unless both the Rodeo Secretary and the Arena Director excuse the contestant from the meeting.**

Proposal RR-12:

RULE VIII - RODEO PRIZES AND PAYOFFS

1. Purse Day and Prize Money.
 - A. Entry fees designated as purse money will be distributed back to contestants. If an event purse is not won, it will be held in escrow by IGRA for the Finals Rodeo contestant purse. Purse money will be awarded to contestants on a daily basis by the formula in 1.E and 1.F below. Entry fees are defined as day money. Day Money will be distributed back to contestants based upon formulas found in 1.E and 1.F below, and day money that is not awarded by the end of a particular Rodeo Weekend will be held in escrow by IGRA for the Finals Rodeo Contestant Day money.

Proposal RR-13:

RULE X - GENERAL RULES (rewrite/renumber)

Paragraph 17 A meeting under the direction of the Rodeo Secretary will be held within thirty (30) minutes after the close of rodeo registration. The following rodeo personnel and their assistants will attend: Judges, Scorekeepers, Timers, Announcers, Arena Director, Chute Coordinator,

Rodeo Director, and the Rodeo Checklist Trustee. Any of these officials unable to attend this meeting due to circumstances, i.e.; flight delay,, etc., will be briefed by another Rodeo Official prior to the start of the rodeo performance of the first rodeo event on any discussions that took place. It is mandatory that the Scorekeeper hold a training session with the Timers immediately following the Officials Meeting that night or prior to the start of the first rodeo event the next morning. The purposes of these **this** meetings will be to clearly inform and define each person's duties and responsibilities, **and to make known any special situations which may take place.**

Paragraph18 It is mandatory that the Scorekeeper hold a training session with the Timers **and Assistant Scorekeeper(s) before or** immediately following the **Secretary's** Officials Meeting. that night or prior to the start of the first rodeo event the next morning **The purpose of this meeting will be to inform and define each person's duties and responsibilities and to test the accuracy of the hand stopwatches.**

Proposal RR-14:

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RULE III - TIMERS

3. Hand stopwatches will be used as the official time for events where an electronic timing light is not **to be** used. For camp events, there will be one (1) or two (2) stopwatches per team (see General Rules for Camp Events). For rough stock riding events, the official time will be a stopwatch held by one of the Judges. For roping events and chute dogging, there will be three (3) hand stopwatches used. All times will be recorded **unless a Timer reports a "no time"**. If three (3) stopwatch times are available, the high and low hand stopwatch times are not used, and the hand stopwatch time in the middle is the official time. If only two (2) hand stopwatch times are available, the average time will be used **with no round offs**. If only one (1) hand stopwatch time is available, the contestant will have the option of accepting that time or to re-run rerunning the event. The contestant must make their decision prior to any other contestant competing in the event.

7. Roping events, horse speed events, and Chute Dogging shall have only three (3) designated **official timers** Official Timers. The Scorekeeper will record only those three (3) designated official times for roping events and Chute Dogging. For horse speed events, the scorekeeper will only record the electronic timing light time. If **at any time** an electronic **timing light** time is not available for an individual run, all three (3) designated stopwatch times will be recorded and be considered the official time, unless the contestant accepts a re-run (see General Rules for Speed

Events, Paragraph 2). If an electronic timer is not available for an entire event, all three (3) designated stopwatch times will be recorded for all contestants and considered the official time **refer to General Rules for Speed Events, Paragraph 2, Parts A & B**

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Section 3. Speed Events

Paragraph A. General Rules for Speed Events

1. Second Sub-Paragraph of this section: Letter next sub-paragraph A and the following sub Paragraph B Sub-Paragraph A will read as it does now:
 - A. All rodeos shall be required to use an electronic timing light for all speed events. Three (3) hand stopwatches will be used as a back-up backup. The Scorekeeper will record only the electronic timing light time. If the electronic timing light malfunctions for a contestant, the Scorekeeper will record the **hand** stopwatch times (**as defined in the following sub-paragraph B**) and ensure that the contestant is advised immediately of the situation. The contestant will have the option of accepting the hand stopwatch time or rerunning the event. The contestant will be advised of the hand time before making a decision and must make that decision immediately. If three (3) stopwatch times are available, the high and low hand stopwatch times are not used, and the hand stopwatch time in the middle will be used. If only two (2) hand stopwatch times are available, the average time will be used. If only one (1) hand stopwatch time is available, that time will be used. If the electronic timing light permanently fails as determined by the Arena Director, stopwatch times will be used for all remaining contestants in the event for that go-round. (Refer to Rule III. Timers, paragraph 3)
 - B. **If the contestant opts to accept the stopwatch time instead of taking a rerun, all stopwatch time will be recorded.** If three (3) stopwatch times are available, the high and low hand stopwatch times are not used, and the hand stopwatch time in the middle will be used. If only two (2) hand stopwatch times are available, the average time will be used **with no round offs**. If only one (1) hand stopwatch time is available, that time will be used. If the electronic timing light permanently fails as determined by the Arena Director, **hand** stopwatch times will be used for all remaining contestants in the event for that go-round **as defined in this sub-paragraph.** (Refer to Rule III. Timers, paragraph 3)

RULE I - REQUIREMENTS

4. Offer events from approved list.
 - A. Each rodeo must provide:
 1. Four **Three** (4) **(3)** Rough Stock events.
 - a. Bareback bronc riding can be added as an additional fourth rough stock event
 2. Three (3) Roping events.
 3. Three (3) Speed events.
 4. Three (3) Camp events.

COMMITTEE REPORT
IGRA CONVENTION, KANSAS CITY
November 10, 2007

The IGRA University/ Rodeo Resources committee met on Friday, November 9, 2007 from 1:15 PM to 3:30 PM. Eighteen people attended representing 15 associations, 13 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

RODEO RESOURCES GUIDEBOOK:

- Chris Josephes (NSGRA) volunteered to keep track of changes from the convention floor that affect the online guidebook
- Changes will be submitted to Frank Harrell who will make the updates
- A yellow “Updated” flag will indicate sections with changes.

IGRA UNIVERSITY:

Las Vegas – February 22 – 24
Tuscany All-Suites Hotel & Casino 877-887-2261
\$85 Sun–Thu / \$119 Sat and Sun (ask for the IGRA rate)

- Funding University: \$1,000 from IGRA
- University will mainly be funded through tuition.
- 2007 Tuition: \$75.00 (\$60.00 early bird if sent by February 1)
- Online registration will be available, linking through the IGRA website. Snail mail registration will be available for those without internet access and for group registration

Based on our end of University round table meeting last year and after reviewing surveys from 2007 the following changes will be institutes

- Consistency and diversification
 - Deans have been appointed to manage each area of learning. They will be responsible for recruiting instructors, developing curriculum and tests and ensuring the classes have the correct skill level
- Curriculum Development
 - We are adding a “Association Executive Series” of advanced level classes
 - Dance workshops and demonstration are being added in 2008
- University Degrees will now be global (eliminating the separate tracks)
 - Certificate of Achievement: Minimum of 6 credits earned
 - Associate Degree in Rodeo Arts: Minimum of 12 credits earned
 - Bachelors Degree in Rodeo Arts: Minimum of 36 credits earned
 - Masters Degree in Rodeo Arts: Minimum of 48 credits earned
- Testing Out will be much more difficult this year and those tests will cover entire areas of learning.

- Major areas of Study (each with various levels of difficulty and each class worth 2 credits)
 - Rodeo Production
 - Website Development
 - Community Service
 - Association Development
 - Association Executive Series
 - Country & Western Dance (new for 2008)
 Lists of classes and full course descriptions will be available online by Dec. 1, 2007
- Sponsorships:
 - \$1,000: Cowboy Frank
 - \$1,000: Jorge Ramirez
 - \$677.84: UGRA
 The committee is recruiting sponsorships from the associations (see flyer handed out)
- IGRA will hold its first quarter board meeting at university in 2008. Some of the classes will be revised to address issues of interest to the trustees including:
 - The new Trustee checklist – for Trustees and Rodeo Directors
 - How to use the new standard budget form for rodeo applications
- A discussion was held about how to best market this event to the associations. Suggestions include:
 - Traveling banners for the rodeo arenas
 - Ad space or university logo in rodeo programs and association newsletters
 - Links to the University web pages on the association websites
- It is highly recommended that associations sponsor their members to attend University as an investment in the future of IGRA and their association.

Brian Rogers
 Chairman, IGRA University Committee/Rodeo Resources

RODEO RESOURCES & IGRA UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
IGRA-U COMMITTEE ATTENDEES
Friday, November 10, 2007 – Kansas City

Name	Association	Voting
Chris Arismender	AGRA	X
Ron Trusley	AGRA	
Janie Van Santen	ARGRA	X
Frank Harrell	ASGRA	X
Lonni La Bel	ASGRA	
Bryan Williams	CGRA	X
Lou Rushing	DSRA	X
Jim Mitchell	FGRA	X
Glen Dickard	GSGRA	X
Brian Helander	IGRA	
Linda Frazier	MGRA	X
David Hallwood	MIGRA	X
Jeff Lowe	NMGRA	X
Chris Josephes	NSGRA	X
Rob Pierce	SCCGRA	
Barry Roberts	SMRA	X
Rik Kelly	TGRA	X
Gene Fraikes	TGRA	