

## MINUTES

The annual meeting of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) was held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 beginning at 9:45 am at the Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the previous meeting in New Orleans were approved with no corrections.

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

Credentials Report. Membership Chair Larry Lindstrom reported that 26 Member Associations had met the requirements to be seated. It was noted that Georgia had dissolved, Kansas did not renew their membership, and that Heartland and Pacific Northwest did not send delegates to this convention. One new association, the Sonoran Gay Rodeo Association (SGRA) was presented and seated as the 27<sup>th</sup> Member Association of IGRA.

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

- 107 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 72
- majority = 54

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Vice President's Report. Andrew Goodman gave a verbal report thanking the 2009 royalty team.

Secretary's Report. Larry Lindstrom presented a visual report with no action items.

A 15-minute break was taken at 10:20 am.

President's Report. Brian Helander presented a visual report highlighting the following topics.

- Gay Rodeo Heritage Project at the Autry
- Gay Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation
- IGRA University
- Certified Officials Standardization
- Gay Games/IGRA Rodeo 2014
- World Gay Rodeo Finals® (noting the registered trademark)

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:05 pm resuming at 1:20 pm.

Roll Call. The Secretary performed the roll call.

- 109 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 73
- majority = 55

Trustees Chairman. Pierre Cadieux gave his annual report and pointed out that the Trustees were challenged when it came to understanding and interpreting new rules. Trustees are responsible for interpretation and administration of all rodeo, dance, and royalty competition rules – not here to rewrite or change the rules midway through the year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Animal Issues & Concerns. Heather Murray submitted a written report with no action items.

Archives. Patrick Terry submitted a written report with no action items.

Joint Certifications. Jorge Ramirez and Ron Trusley presented a 13–page proposal called SPECIAL–04, which passed in its entirety by a voice vote. It was composed of...

RULE XV General Rules For Certified Personnel. Delete and replace entire current rule.

RULE XVI Arena Director Certification Program. Delete and replace entire current rule.

RULE XVII Chute Coordinator Certification Program. Delete and replace entire current rule.

RULE XVIII Judges Certification Program. Delete and replace entire current rule.

RULE XIX Auditor Certification Program. Delete and replace entire current rule.

RULE XX Secretary Certification Program. Delete and replace entire current rule.

RULE XXI Scorekeeper Certification Program. Delete and replace entire current rule.

Auditors, Secretaries, Scorekeepers. Ron Trusley presented a written report with no action items.

Arena Directors. Jorge Ramirez presented a written report with no action items.

Chute Coordinators. Jorge Ramirez submitted a written report with the following proposal.

CC–1 to reduce the number of gate opening shifts from 3 to 2 and replace those shifts with 2 days as an Assistant Arena Director and 2 days as an Arena Crew Coordinator. The proposal passed by a voice vote.

Judges. Jorge Ramirez submitted a written report and a proposal defining the levels of judges (student, rookie, junior, senior). The proposal passed voice vote

Budget. Bill Chapman submitted a written report with no action items.

Bylaws & Standing Rules. Benjamin Avant presented the following proposals.

BSR–01 to change the time and place of Annual Convention passed by a voice vote.

BSR–02 to remove abstention votes from Annual Convention passed by a voice vote.

BSR–04 to insert a new standing rule for IGRA University passed by a voice vote.

BSR–05 to schedule University in relationship to other rodeos passed by a voice vote.

BSR–06 to clean up the rodeo review and approval process passed by a voice vote.

BSR–07 to schedule Finals Rodeo in relationship to other IGRA events passed by a voice vote.

BSR–08 to change the words “Old Business” to “Unfinished Business” at Annual Convention passed by a voice vote.

BSR–09 to clarify Finals Rodeo board approval passed by a voice vote.

A 15–minute break was taken at 2:00 pm.

Contestant Liaison. Rob Somers submitted a written report. His committee had created proposal CL-01, which later became RR-C43 (e.g. Contestant Liaison or their designee) in the Rodeo Rules Committee meeting.

Convention. CCGRA President Mark Samuel welcomed the delegates to Toronto.

Dance. Ernie Bowers submitted a written report and presented the following proposals.

DAN-01 changing the word “trophies” to “buckles” passed by a voice vote.

DAN-02 changing the beats per minute (bpm) from 180-206 to 160-200 passed by a voice vote.

DAN-03 changing the type of media to MP3 or CD/CDR passed by a voice vote.

Hall of Fame. Patrick Terry presented a written report with no action items.

Information Systems. Frank Harrell submitted a written report with no action items.

Internet Technology. Frank Harrell submitted a written report with no action items. He also presented the following facts.

- 518,000 visits YTD
- 6,327,000 hits YTD
- 55,000 visits to the calendar page
- “IGRA” and “gay rodeo” most popular search strings

Membership. Larry Lindstrom submitted a written report and presented the following proposals.

MEM-01 to change “non-profit” to “not-for-profit” in Article IV passed by a voice vote.

MEM-02 to remove “renewal deadline” from new member requirements passed by a voice vote.

A 15-minute break was taken at 2:40 pm.

Nominations. Justin James Waldner presented a written report with the following nominations.

- Vice President – Clark Monk, Patrick Terry, Wade Earp, and Andrew Goodman
- Secretary – Larry Lindstrom
- 2010 Annual Convention – Austin (TGRA), New Orleans (LSGRA), and Reno (HSRA)
- 2011 Annual Convention – New Orleans (LSGRA)

Health & Safety. Linda Frazier first presented a summary sheet of injuries incurred during the year. She then presented a proposal to change Rodeo Rule III Registration, Number 11 Volunteer Medical Form.

A 15-minute break at 4:00 pm.

Chuck Browning moved to amend #1 from “will” to “may” passed by a voice vote. After much debate, the proposal was sent back to committee for further work.

Marketing. Roger Bergmann presented the committee report which proposed adding a new #16 “develop standardized marketing materials which...” to Exhibit B. The committee also created proposal RR–C50 that was submitted to the Rodeo Rules Committee regarding free listings in association publications.

Rodeo Resources. Jim Mitchell submitted a written report with no action items.

University. Jeffrey Neal submitted a written report with no action items.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:00 pm.

The President resumed the meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2008 at 10:00 am and continued with standing committee reports.

Roll Call. The Secretary performed the roll call.

- 108 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 72
- majority = 55

Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty.

Nine changes to Standing Rule VI passed by a voice vote.

Eight changes to Standing Rule VII passed by a voice vote.

Growth & Planning. Mike Lentz submitted a written report with no action items. He also asked delegations to submit their proposed rodeo dates to him for 2010, 2011, and 2012. He finished his report with his *By the Numbers – IGRA Rodeo from 1985 to 2009* presentation.

Merchandising. Patrick Terry presented a written report with a proposed new exhibit when the color of the IGRA logo changes when it is the same as the official’s shirt.

Women’s Issues & Outreach. Proposal WIO–01 was to create a new section within Article XII – Committees. Sharon Starks moved to amend to remove the word “issues” from the title. The amendment passed by a voice vote. The amended proposal passed by a voice vote.

A 15–minute break was taken at 11:05 am.

Health & Safety. Linda Frazier re–presented a proposal to change Rodeo Rule III Registration, Number 11 Volunteer Medical form, 1–8. The proposal passed by a voice vote.

She then presented a proposal to change Rodeo Rule III Registration, Number 9 Waivers, and A & B. The proposal passed by a voice vote.

## Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty.

COFR–02 changing “must” to “recommended” attending one rodeo in each division passed by a voice vote.

COFR–03 to delete entire current Exhibit C1 and replace with this proposal and change viewing DVDs from one to two times.

Gene Fraikes moved to amend the proposal to state that the IGRA Vice President determines if the camera position is correct. The delegates questioned why lead changes were taken out. The amendment passed by a hand vote 64–33.

Clark Monk moved to amend to add a 10–point bonus for correct lead changes. After debate, the amendment was rescinded. The original proposal, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

COFR–04 where IGRA titleholders may not hold an elected board position at the local level where those duties are tied to a royalty program failed on a voice vote.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:15 pm resuming at 2:20 pm.

Roll Call. The Secretary performed the roll call.

- 103 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 69
- majority = 52

Rodeo Rules. The committee co–chairs recommended the delegates accept all of the rodeo rule changes as a package. A caucus was called at 2:35 pm so that delegates could discuss and request specific proposals be pulled to be discussed separately.

RR–C1 regarding stall fees was pulled, had no discussion, and passed by a voice vote.

RR–C6 regarding registration and the fees contestants pay. Clark Monk moved to amend the proposal to leave letter A as is (\$17.00 as opposed to \$16.50) and to reduce letter D to \$.50 (online infrastructure). The amendment passed by a voice vote. The amended proposal passed by a voice vote.

RR–C7 regarding registration late fees was pulled, had no discussion and passed by a voice vote.

RR–C8 would have 2 timers for all camp events. Rik Kelly moved to amend the proposal to remove Steer Decorating but leave in Goat Dressing. The amendment failed by a 38–59 hand vote. The original proposal failed on a voice vote.

RR–C10 defining steers was pulled, had no discussion, and passed by a voice vote.

RR–C13 would rewrite the Rodeo Protest Procedures. After debate, Rik Kelly moved to extend time. The motion failed due to lack of second. The proposal failed on a voice vote.

RR-C14 on who times the 60 seconds to enter the arena. Rik Kelly moved to amend that the Arena Director or “his/her designee” will time...” passed by a voice vote. The amended proposal passed by a voice vote.

RR-C22 on goat realignment and exchange. Bruce Roby moved to amend to add “maximum of 8 heats” in parenthesis passed by a voice vote. Cris Yturri moved to amend to add “should Arena Director pull one goat both goats must be pulled” failed on a voice vote. The amended proposal (with the first amendment) passed by a voice vote.

RR-C24 on machine raking and setting patterns. Brian Rogers moved to consider each section separately. The motion passed by a voice vote.

RR-C24a that changes hand-raked to machine-raked passed by a voice vote.

RR-C24b alters the barrel and flag patterns so that barrel #3 and the end pole are not in the same place. After debate, Travis James moved to extend time. The motion failed due to lack of second. This section of the original proposal passed by a voice vote.

RR-C25 that changes Team Roping back to allow both heading and heeling. After debate, the proposal passed by a hand vote 63-37.

RR-C36 on Finals Rodeo Invitation Acceptance. Brian Rogers moved to amend to delete “at the next scheduled...” and add “at the next meeting” and change ‘Second third offense’ to “The offense...” After debate, the amendment passed by a hand vote 63-27. The amended proposal passed by a voice vote.

RR-C42 where medallions would be restricted to the WGRF (only) passed by a voice vote.

RR-C51 where penalties for Chute Dogging be removed passed by a voice vote.

The entire package of Rodeo Rules proposals, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

A 10-minute break was taken at 4:40 pm.

Elections. The Secretary verified there was 100 voting delegates and that no total vote should contain more than this number. After speeches and presentations, a ballot vote was taken for the position of Vice President.

A runoff was announced between Andrew Goodman and Clark Monk (Andrew Goodman 40 votes, Clark Monk 30, Patrick Terry 20, and Wade Earp 10). On the second ballot, Andrew Goodman won reelection (60-38).

For Secretary, Larry Lindstrom won reelection by a ballot vote (91-2).

For Convention 2010, HSRA and the city of Reno were selected (Reno 51 votes, Austin 43, and New Orleans 5).

Convention 2011 was voted not to be held in New Orleans (53-44). It was announced that bids for convention in 2011 and 2012 could then be made at next year’s convention in Reno.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CGRA thanked CCGRA for a great convention.

TGRA reminded everyone of the Dallas rodeo September 10–12, 2010.

GSGRA announced their 3 rodeos in 2010: Palm Springs April 30–May 2, San Francisco August 13–15, and San Diego September 10–12.

AGRA reminded everyone they have moved out of January and will be February 12–14, 2010.

OGRA announced their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary rodeo Memorial Weekend of May 28–30, 2010.

MGRA invited everyone to their rodeo Labor Day Weekend of September 3–5, 2010.

NMGRA will be asking the Trustees for a date change to the weekend of July 23–25, 2010.

NSGRA announced they are approaching 20 years as an association.

DSRA thanked CCGRA for a great convention and will be back on the schedule in 2011.

ASGRA thanked CCGRA for a great convention.

NGRA reminded everyone to come to IGRA University in Las Vegas January 15–17, 2010 and to Laughlin for Finals Rodeo October 21–24, 2010.

ILGRA invited everyone to Chicago the weekend of August 20–22, 2010 for their annual rodeo.

ARGRA was proud of their sister association for hosting a great convention and invited everyone up north for their rodeo July 2–4, 2010.

MIGRA announced they are back on the schedule – June 25–27 – the first time since 2004.

SSRA is back on the schedule the weekend of October 1–3, 2010.

HSRA thanked everyone for selecting Reno for the next convention.

RRRA thanked CCGRA for a great convention.

SMRA said it was a great convention, especially Remington's.

GWGRA announced that Gene Cheek, Mr. IGRA 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up was the first sash for Gateway.

FGRA invited everyone down to Fort Lauderdale April 16–18, 2010 for their 5<sup>th</sup> rodeo.

LGRA thanked CCGRA for a great convention.

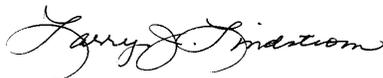
CCGRA thanked everyone for coming up to Toronto.

LSGRA thanked CCGRA for a great convention.

SCCGRA reminded everyone of their next rodeo June 11–13, 2010.

SGRA thanked CCGRA for a great convention.

With no further business to conduct, the President adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary

IGRA  
Animal Issues Committee  
YTD Summary  
2009

RODEO	STOCK CONTRACTOR	ANIMAL INJURIES	STOCK MET REQUIREMENTS	ISSUE	FINE
Phoenix	Bill Lyle	None	YES		
Ft. Worth	Mike Perschbacher	None	YES		
Ft. Lauderdale	Five Star	None	NO	Riding Steer	\$ 50.00
Little Rock	Mike Perschbacher	None	YES		
Palm Springs	Bill Lyle	None	YES		
OKC	Ronny Mead	None	See Note 1	Contract	
Sacramento	Omar Hafsi	None	See Note 2	Bulls	
Calgary	Doug Richards	None	YES		
Denver	Razer's Edge	None	See Note 3	Riding Steer	
Philadelphia	Derek Bevington	None	See Note 4	Camp Steer	\$ 50.00
Chicago	Derek Bevington	None	NO	Goats	
San Antonio	Lester Meyer	None	YES		
Kansas City	Mckelips	None	YES		
San Diego	Bill Lyle	None	YES		
Las Vegas	Ben German	None	YES		
Finals	Razer's Edge	None	NO	Riding Steer	
16 Rodeos Total					\$ 100.00

Bill Lyle	3
Mike Perschbacher	2
Derek Bevington	2
Razer's Edge	2
Five Star	1
Ronny Mead	1
Omar Hafsi	1
Doug Richards	1
McKelips	1
Ben German	1
Lester Meyer	1
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- 1) Contract was incorrect with regards to animal groupings.
- 2) Bulls very large and were not acceptable for IGRA contestant level/skill.
- 3) Riding Steer were underweight.
- 4) Banded steer were used in Camp events.

Animal Injuries: None Reported

Contractors: 4 New Stock Contractors for 2009.  
2 New Contractors from 2008 returned.

Fines: Inconsistent at best.

Stock:

- 1) 2008 Goat Issues seems to have improved.
- 2) 2009 most consistent issue with riding steer, passed to Rodeo Rules for evaluation and possible change to using Jr. Bulls.
- 3) Advise Chute Coordinators that horns & tipping came up in a few post rodeo reviews.

# **IGRA ARCHIVES**

## **2009 Convention Report**

### **Saturday, October 14, 2009**

I am very pleased to tell all of you that Wayne Jakino, God rest his soul and my years of being a packrat paid off! When I started working in the office in 1993, I thought that maybe I should start sorting through the many boxes of stuff that Wayne and some others over the years had collected that pertained to IGRA and it's events. I began organizing it by year and made a decision that there was enough for me to continue saving items from IGRA events going forward, so I did. I told Larry Lindstrom and David Hill that we needed to remodel the office we had in the basement of Charlie's in Denver, so I could begin archiving information, records, etc. from our events. Larry and David thought I was out of my mind, but could see I was serious about my new project and agreed to help me remodel the IGRA office!

Ten years after that beginning, I stepped down as the IGRA Administrative Assistant, I told everyone that whoever took over as the Admin, that I expected them to continue collecting items from our events, and that someday it would pay off! The first thing I told Tommy Channel when I began training him to replace me, was that he had to continue collecting items from our events and that I would store it and keep it organized. He too thought I was out of my mind, but I said that I was serious and that he had better do it!

Then the last year, Brian Helander was contacted by a gay writer Gregory Hinton that wanted to write a book about Gay Rodeo and wanted to know if we had any Archives from previous years of IGRA. Brian replied, "Well as a matter of fact, yes we do" and put him in contact with me. Conversations began and Gregory was actually coming back to Colorado where he had go to school, and we made arrangements to meet at Charlie's in Denver. He arrived and I took him downstairs to the office, that wasn't even being used any more, except for storage of the IGRA Archives and junk from Charlie's and CGRA. Of course the Archives were not junk and had to be kept separate behind closet doors, away from the other junk!

We started going through the boxes and Gregory was just amazed at how much there was and how orderly it was, to which I replied "well duh!!!!!!!" He then told me he had been in touch with the Gene Autry Heritage National Heritage Museum about displaying the famous "Brokeback Mountain Shirts" that were in the movie, that a gentleman had purchased at an Auction for \$100,000 and didn't know what to do with them. Well the Autry Museum was very interested and asked if he knew of any other "Gay Western Heritage" and he replied that he knew of the International Gay Rodeo Association and would contact them and that is how our connection was made. After spending three long 12 hour days in that office, going through everything, he asked if he could take a small sample of the Archives back to them to look over. So, he did and they were very impressed with what he had and asked how much did we have in the Archives? His reply was, you can't even imagine, there are 18 large file boxes and 4 flat boxes, full of Archives! Then they replied, "Well when can we take a look at them?", to which he told them he would find out and that is where the ball started to roll.

Next we had to figure out how to get all of those boxes to LA, without being damaged, as some of it could not be replaced. We were able to secure a vehicle large enough to drive all of those boxes to LA,

thank you very much John Nelms, General Manager at Charlie's Denver. Then we had to figure out who could drive them out and when, so we could get them there as soon as possible. I talked Tommy Channel into going with me to take them to LA and drive back in 5 days, as that is all of the time we had in August with our busy schedules. So, we loaded up everything and hit the road August 12, 2009, stopping overnight at the wonderful Palace of Andrew Goodman! Thank you Andrew for your wonderful hospitality! The next day we drove the rest of the way to the museum, arriving around 1pm. They greeted us with a very positive attitude and were excited to begin going through all of those boxes! So we unloaded them all and they recorded what they had received. Then we were taken on a tour of the museum, what a treat that was, as they even took us behind the scenes and showed us the process of preserving and cataloging the stuff in the boxes. It was a very interesting tour, but we were already exhausted and knew we had to turn around and head home the next day. We went down to Laguna Beach to visit our dear friends Rohn Roldan and his partner Michael. We had a wonderful dinner, and late partying evening. The next day we hit the road for the long haul home, arriving back in Denver two days later.

Then on September 15, 2009, IGRA received a letter from the Autry Museum, notifying us that they had accepted the IGRA Archives for the museum of the American West! They said they were "Delighted with the stuff they had received and feel that it will make a important and lasting addition to the museum's collection!" I had to fill out a Deed of Gift form, sign it and send it back to them, completing the transaction and giving them full ownership of said items. What a feeling that was, that all of those years and all of that stuff had paid off and was now going to be recognized in a beautiful museum, telling to history of The International Gay Rodeo Association's history! They told they would notify us when some of the items would begin appearing on display and that the items would also be preserved for research, for many years to come. I will continue to collect items and send them more on a continual basis, adding to the collection of IGRA Archives.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patrick Terry  
IGRA Archivist

REPORT OF THE JOINT CERTIFICATION COMMITTEES  
TO THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IGRA CONVENTION

Saturday, November 14, 2009

The committee met on Friday, November 13, 2009, from 1:15 pm until 2:45 pm. Sixteen people, including the 2 Committee Co-Chairs, attended the meeting – 7 of whom were voting members. An attendance list is attached to this report.

The committee reviewed and discussed Standing Rules XV through XX1. The purpose of the proposal is to standardize some of the certification and recertification processes – including seminars, exams composition, and to begin a formal evaluation process. The evaluations will be used when recommending certifications/recertifications.

Everyone was reminded that this is somewhat of a new concept, and it is probably a “work in progress”.

We want to thank the committee members for their valuable input, suggestions, and willingness to help ensure this process is efficient, accurate, and fair to everyone.

The committee considered all of the proposals and made a few changes to the original proposal. Scotty Shadix moved to approve the proposals with changes. C. D. Slusser seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Trusley & Jorge Ramirez  
Co-Chairs, Certification Committees

REPORT OF THE JOINT CERTIFICATION COMMITTEES  
TO THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IGRA CONVENTION

Saturday, November 14, 2009

The Joint Certification Committees met on Friday, November 13, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

A total 5 people, including the Committee Chairperson, attended the meeting – 4 of whom were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their valuable input and help to complete the business of the committee.

The committee reviewed basic certification requirements for Scorekeeper and briefly discuss the certification requirements for Secretary. The committee discussed the necessity to be alert, on time, and efficient when working as a Timer, Scorekeeper, or Secretary.

Ron Trusley  
Co-Chair, Auditors/Secretaries/Scorekeepers Committee

# Report of the Arena Directors Committee To the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 14, 2009

The Arena Director Committee met on Friday, November 12, 2009 from 8:30 am until 9:30 am. A total of 8 persons attended the meeting, 7 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

Jorge Ramirez, the Chair, reported on the status of the Arena Directors for 2010. At the start of 2009 there were only 3 certified ADs: Russell Bleakney, Jeanne McLeod and Jorge Ramirez. During the year, Dee Zuspahn recertified and Heather Murray was certified. All 5 of those ADs requested recertification for 2010. They were part of the test program for new recertification process being presented in another report. They submitted self-evaluations, and were subject to an Annual Evaluation, which was presented to the trustees. The trustees approved recertification of all 5.

Kim Dawson had not been certified during 2009, but applied for recertification for 2010. She met the requirements and was approved by the trustees. In addition, Jim Mitchell had completed all requirements in 2009 and requested certification. The trustees approved him.

This results in IGRA starting 2010 with 7 certified Arena Directors.

The committee considered one proposal that was presented during the meeting. That proposal resulted in a recommendation that was made to the World Gay Rodeo Finals committee. The committee had no proposals to present to the convention.

Jorge Ramirez  
Chairman, IGRA Arena Directors Committee

## AD Committee Attendance List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>
Jorge Ramirez	Chair			
Kimberly Kay	CGRA	X		
Jim Mitchell	FGRA	X		
Barry Roberts	SMRA	X		
Scotty Shadix	GSGRA	X		
Matt Komornik	ASGRA	X		
Heather Murry	ARGRA	X		
Murmur Tuckness	RRRA	X		

# Report of the Chute Coordinators Committee To the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 14, 2009

The Chute Coordinators Committee met on Friday, November 12, 2009 from 9:30 am until 10:30 am. A total of 8 persons attended the meeting, 7 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

Jorge Ramirez, the Chair, reported on the status of the Chute Coordinators for 2010. At the start of 2009 there were 11 certified CCs: Jay Beck, Thom Brennan, Panda Champion, Kim Dawson, Sue Downing, David Hallwood, Matt Komornik, Tim Miller, Heather Murray, Jorge Ramirez, and Scott Stringer. Only 9 of the 11 applied for recertification, with Thom and Sue choosing to retire.

The remaining 9 were part of the test program for new recertification process being presented in another report. The submitted self-evaluations, and were subject to an Annual Evaluation, which was presented to the trustees. The trustees approved recertification of all 9.

The committee considered one proposal that was presented during the meeting. That proposal was passed and is attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Jorge Ramirez  
Chairman, IGRA Chute Coordinators Committee

## CC Committee Attendance List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>
Jorge Ramirez	Chair			
Kimberly Kay	CGRA	X		
Jim Mitchell	FGRA	X		
Barry Roberts	SMRA	X		
Scotty Shadix	GSGRA	X		
Matt Komornik	ASGRA	X		
Heather Murry	ARGRA	X		
Murmur Tuckness	RRRA	X		

Report of the Judges Committee  
To the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 14, 2009

The Judges Committee met on Friday, November 13, 2009 from 10:45 am until 12:15 pm. A total of 8 persons attended the meeting, 6 of whom were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

Jorge Ramirez, the Chair, reported on the status of the Judges for 2010. At the start of 2009 there were 9 certified Judges: Ashley Anderson-Buick, Frank Elam, Amy Griffin, Rick Jones, Michael Lentz, Jack Morgan, Kyle Putman, Jorge Ramirez, Dee Zuspahn. Only 8 of the 9 applied for recertification, with Ashley choosing to retire.

During the year, five students completed the Judges student program. Gene Fraikes was certified as a Rookie Judge and completed the requirements to be elevated to full Judge status. Jim Gant and Anthony Ovaldson were certified as Rookie Judges and made progress towards reaching full Judge status. Roger Courtemanche was certified as a Rookie Judge, but has yet to work a rodeo as a Judge.

Gene was considered a full Judge for recertification purposes and along with the other 8, was a part of the test program for new recertification process being presented in another report. They submitted self-evaluations, and were subject to an Annual Evaluation, which was presented to the trustees. The trustees approved recertification of all 9.

The other 3 were recertified as Rookie Judges. Finally, Kris Baldwin completed the requirements for and was certified as a Rookie Judge here in Toronto.

The committee considered one proposal that was presented during the meeting to better define and delineate a step-wise progression of officials through the judges program. The proposal seeks to enhance the training and development opportunities of new judges. It specifies limitations put on new judges as well as responsibilities of the more senior judges. That proposal was passed and is attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Jorge Ramirez  
Chairman, IGRA Judges Committee

Report of the Judges Committee  
To the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Judges Committee Attendance List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Jorge Ramirez	Chair	
Gene Fraikes	TGRA	X
Jeff Barr	SCCGRA	X
Elizabeth Anderson	GSGRA	X
C D Susser	CGRA	X
Kevin Boyer	ARGRA	X
Dan Iverson	AGRA	X
Michael Lentz	ASGRA	

## **Report of the Finance and Audit Committee**

### **To the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention**

14 November 1009

The Finance and Audit Committee met on Friday, 13 November 2009 from 1:15 pm until 2:45 pm. A total of 5 persons attended the meeting, all of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

There were no proposals brought before the committee.

The committee reviewed the Corporate Profit and Lost report through 31 October 2009 and the Corporate Balance sheet as of 31 October 2009.

The committee reviewed the Corporate budget for the fiscal year beginning 1 January 2010.

I wish to especially thank Mr. John King for his many years of service as the Corporate Auditor and for his mentoring of his successor.

Finance and Audit Committee Attendance List

Name	Association	Voting
John King	AGRA	X
Mike Lunter	GWGRA	X
Frank Maxxo	TGRA	X
Bill Trunzo	NGRA	X
Wes Wilkinson	SCCGRA	X

Income	Jan - Oct 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Explanation > 10%
4110 · Rodeo sanction fees	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -	
4120 · Rodeo additional seat tax	2,192.00	2,800.00	(608.00)	Attendance down
4130 · Rodeo general operating income	4,724.00	5,000.00	(276.00)	Two one day rodeos
4140 · Rodeo fines income	2,500.00	900.00	1,600.00	11 late renewal packages
4150 · Finals Rodeo	117,550.54	108,300.00	9,250.54	Reported separately
4200 · Initiation fees/annual dues	15,600.00	16,200.00	(600.00)	Down one association
4300 · Mr/Ms/Miss entry fees	1,000.00	1,500.00	(500.00)	Fewer contestants
4310 · Mr/Ms/Miss fund raisers	9,653.54	6,700.00	2,953.54	Mr \$2798/Ms \$2335/Miss \$3306/MsTer \$1215
4320 · Mr/Ms/Miss cont fund raisers	3,055.00	8,500.00	(5,445.00)	Mr 1,124/Ms 675/Miss 1,256
4400 · Contributions	-	22,400.00	(22,400.00)	Nothing to date
4460 · Gay Rodeo Legacy Project income	2,150.00	-	2,150.00	Not budgeted
4470 · IGRA University income	15,263.35	12,290.00	2,973.35	Reported separately
4540 · Dance income	1,243.00	-	1,243.00	Reported separately
4600 · Interest income	561.89	420.00	141.89	Balance higher than budgeted
4700 · Merchandise commission	205.62	460.00	(254.38)	Melaleuca \$5/YTB Travel \$200
4750 · Merchandise income	2,798.11	-	2,798.11	Nothing budgeted
4800 · Miscellaneous income	94.92	-	94.92	Seminar \$50/deposit error \$20
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 188,191.97</b>	<b>\$ 195,070.00</b>	<b>\$ (6,878.03)</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
6500 · Office supplies	\$ 851.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (148.25)	Purchases lower than budgeted
6510 · Telephone expense	1,274.70	1,350.00	(75.30)	
6520 · Postage	1,122.08	1,100.00	22.08	
6530 · Printing	53.91	200.00	(146.09)	Copies/NCR 3 part
6560 · Payroll expenses	8,560.70	8,700.00	(139.30)	
7500 · Document scanning fee	178.20	200.00	(21.80)	34 duplicate CD's insurance
7530 · Committee meeting expense	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	Nothing to date
7540 · Dance competition	3,018.45	2,000.00	1,018.45	Reported separately
7550 · Royalty competition	625.98	5,400.00	(4,774.02)	Crown & buckles only
7560 · M/M/M/M winnings	-	1,400.00	(1,400.00)	Nothing to date
7600 · Travel	3,956.95	6,000.00	(2,043.05)	Travel cheaper than budgeted
7650 · Executive meeting expense	5,723.00	7,750.00	(2,027.00)	More in Nov
7750 · Computer-hardware	719.22	2,500.00	(1,780.78)	One laptop purchased
7760 · Computer-software	628.75	3,000.00	(2,371.25)	Norton \$100/SSL \$259/McAfee \$270
7770 · Computer-maintenance	462.02	500.00	(37.98)	
7780 · Computer-on line services	1,236.53	1,455.00	(218.47)	Purchases lower than budgeted
8150 · Finals Rodeo expense	118,730.96	104,200.00	14,530.96	Reported separately
8200 · Marketing expense	3,035.98	3,000.00	35.98	
8400 · Storage fees	480.00	-	480.00	Nothing budgeted
8460 · Gay Rodeo Legacy Project expense	3,564.58	-	3,564.58	Nothing budgeted
8470 · IGRA University expense total	10,791.93	11,190.00	(398.07)	Reported separately
8500 · Donations and contributions	-	-	-	
8510 · Legal and professional services	881.26	1,400.00	(518.74)	Trademark \$494/ASCAP \$100/BMI \$287
8520 · Taxes and licenses	2,874.68	4,000.00	(1,125.32)	2008 taxes lower than prior year
8530 · Bank charges	54.32	100.00	(45.68)	Lower than budgeted
8535 · Credit card charges	1,658.77	680.00	978.77	Fees increased
8545 · Sponsorship development	5,125.00	5,000.00	125.00	
8550 · Association/rodeo insurance	302.37	500.00	(197.63)	Less than budgeted
8750 · Merchandise expense	5,421.57	-	5,421.57	Nothing budgeted
8900 · Convention registration fees	720.00	1,000.00	(280.00)	9 attendees
8950 · Convention int'l awards	1,885.62	1,250.00	635.62	Charge backs in Nov
8955 · Convention expense	-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	Nothing to date
9510 · Miscellaneous expense	68.35	-	68.35	Nothing budgeted
9510 · Bad debt expense	-	-	-	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 184,007.63</b>	<b>\$ 180,875.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,132.63</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,184.34</b>	<b>\$ 14,195.00</b>	<b>\$ (10,010.66)</b>	

Income	Jan - Oct 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Explanation > 10%
4542 · Registration	\$ 875.00	\$ -	\$ 875.00	Nothing budgeted
4544 · Sponsorship	368.00		368.00	Nothing budgeted
<b>Total Dance Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,243.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,243.00</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
7541 · Advertising	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)	Nothing incurred
7542 · Award buckles/ribbons	1,402.95	1,150.00	252.95	Buckles \$898/ribbons \$505
7543 · Facility cost	715.50	-	715.50	Sound \$500/floor \$108/bar \$108
7544 · Instructor/judge's honorarium	900.00	750.00	150.00	Six instructors/judges
7545 · Supplies/printing	-	-	-	
<b>Total Dance Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,018.45</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,018.45</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (1,775.45)</b>	<b>\$ (2,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ 224.55</b>	

Income	Jan - Oct 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Explanation > 10%
4152 · Ad sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
4154 · Buckle sponsorship	9,190.00	8,950.00	240.00	
4156 · Chute sponsorship	2,250.00	3,250.00	(1,000.00)	Only 4 chutes sponsored
4158 · International sponsorship	16,450.00	17,200.00	(750.00)	
4160 · Arena fund	14,000.00	14,000.00	-	
4162 · Gate sales	15,575.00	10,700.00	4,875.00	Ticket sales up
4164 · Contestant entry fees	38,076.00	47,000.00	(8,924.00)	Entries down 51/cont fund down \$6,600
4166 · Entertainment	4,424.00	2,700.00	1,724.00	Ticket sales up
4168 · Camping	1,418.00	-	1,418.00	Not budgeted
4169 · Donations	422.04	-	422.04	Hospitality liquor donation
4170 · Merchandise sales	2,008.00	4,000.00	(1,992.00)	More merchandise to sell
4171 · Parking income	-	-	-	
4172 · Vendor sales	1,570.00	-	1,570.00	11 vendors not budgeted
4174 · Travel fund	7,784.00	-	7,784.00	From calendar sales
4175 · Stall income	3,953.00	500.00	3,453.00	Include \$4 from entry fees
4179 · Ticket convenience fee	430.50	-	430.50	ClinknPrint internet fee
<b>Total Finals Rodeo Income</b>	<b>\$ 117,550.54</b>	<b>\$ 108,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,250.54</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
8152 · Advertising	\$ 14,640.61	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,640.61	Increased advertising
8154 · Ambulance	1,840.39	1,500.00	340.39	More than budgeted
8156 · Arena rental	9,316.87	6,000.00	3,316.87	Budget too low
8158 · Award buckles	5,832.50	1,850.00	3,982.50	Error buckles \$1,717/budget too low
8159 · Award ribbons	1,243.41	950.00	293.41	Medallions higher than budgeted
8160 · Camping expense	1,725.00	1,000.00	725.00	More camping than budgeted
8162 · Contestant payout	38,077.00	43,600.00	(5,523.00)	Matched income
8164 · Entertainment expense	7,173.34	15,000.00	(7,826.66)	Great cost containment
8166 · Equipment & supplies	1,412.63	1,000.00	412.63	Budget too low
8168 · Equipment rentals	534.51	500.00	34.51	
8169 · Hospitality suite	886.45	-	886.45	Not budgeted
8170 · Insurance	302.36	400.00	(97.64)	Actual less than budget
8172 · Merchandise expense	2,973.65	2,000.00	973.65	More items ordered
8174 · Official's travel	6,564.85	4,500.00	2,064.85	Budget too low
8175 · Parking expense	-	-	-	
8176 · Poster expense	92.82	-	92.82	Not budgeted
8178 · Program expense	1,951.76	1,500.00	451.76	Sales tax/shipping not anticipated
8179 · Ticketing expense	1,956.43	-	1,956.43	ClinknPrint fees
8180 · Security	-	-	-	
8182 · Stock contractor	10,777.96	10,500.00	277.96	
8183 · Stall expense	2,550.00	3,000.00	(450.00)	Fewer stalled requested
8184 · Volunteers	-	-	-	
8185 · Travel fund	7,784.00	-	7,784.00	Matched income
8186 · Veterinarian	1,094.42	900.00	194.42	Room expense \$194
8188 · Miscellaneous expense	-	-	-	
<b>Total Finals Rodeo Expense</b>	<b>\$ 118,730.96</b>	<b>\$ 104,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,530.96</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (1,180.42)</b>	<b>\$ 4,100.00</b>	<b>\$ (5,280.42)</b>	

Income	Jan - Oct 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Explanation > 10%
4472 · Registration	\$ 7,485.00	\$ 6,740.00	\$ 745.00	Registrations up
4474 · Sponsorship	5,482.00	4,350.00	1,132.00	Sponsorships up
4476 · Commissions	2,247.20	1,200.00	1,047.20	Room commission up
4478 · Merchandise	49.15		49.15	Commission
<b>Total University Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,263.35</b>	<b>\$ 12,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,973.35</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
8471 · Facility costs	\$ 1,870.25	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (129.75)	
8472 · Food service	5,925.20	5,785.00	140.20	
8473 · Instructors honorarium (rooms)	1,450.00	1,700.00	(250.00)	Twelve instructors/staff/scholarship \$250
8474 · Supplies/printing	1,546.48	1,705.00	(158.52)	
<b>Total University Expense</b>	<b>\$ 10,791.93</b>	<b>\$ 11,190.00</b>	<b>\$ (398.07)</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,471.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,371.42</b>	

# Report of the Bylaws Committee To the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 14, 2009

The Bylaws Committee met on Friday, November 13, 2009 from 10:45 pm until 5:45 pm. A total of 21 persons attended the meeting, 16 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. The Chairman would like to thank the members for their input and help to complete the business 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.

In addition, the committee reviewed proposals presented by other committees and made recommendations for changes, as necessary.

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>
Ed Barry	ILGRA	X	Ken Hogg	NMGRA	X
Roger Bergmann	GSGRA	X	Daryl Keating	CCGRA	X
Chris Caufield	GSGRA		Tom Lott	ASGRA	X
Darrell Dern	AGRA		Alec Masse	ARGRA	X
Gary Eddy	SCCGRA	X	Jeffrey Neal	NGRA	X
Frank Elam, Jr.	TGRA	X	Ray Ostmann	GWGRA	
Mike Fontenot	FGRA	X	Leroy Rickard	SMRA	X
Gregory Gillum	AGRA	X	Steve Schultz	GWGRA	X
Jacky Green	DSRA	X	Murmur Tuckness	RRRA	X
Steve Guidry	CGRA		Michael Weldmann	AGRA	
Chris Hochmuth	CGRA	X			

## **Report of the Contestant Liaison Committee To the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention**

Saturday, November 14, 2009  
Toronto, Ontario Canada

The Contestant Liaison Committee met on Friday November 13, 2009 from 10:45AM to 12:00PM. A total of 11 persons attended the meeting, 9 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

### **Proposal CL-01**

The committee reviewed and passed unanimously proposal CL-01, as attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

The intent of this proposal is to ensure the IGRA Contestant Liaison, or their designate, would attend the new contestant meeting at each of the IGRA sanctioned rodeos. This is to assist the new competitors in what they need to know, and is a venue for them to ask questions and request support if required.

This proposal was sent to Rodeo Rules Committee for review and incorporation. Under the Rodeo Rules Committee CL-01 became RR-C43 and will be brought to the floor for review and approval under the Rodeo Rules Committee.

### **Overview of the Business Conducted**

Briefly the committee review the role of the Contestant Liaison, what they do and who they can be, especially at the local association level.

Over the past year it was shown that having a Contestant Liaison representative made available both at the new contestant meeting and throughout the weekend can be valuable in solving issues before they became problems.

In addition to assisting with the “soft” issues, the committee reviewed the “tangible” resources to the contestants as well. While existing resources were reviewed, it was identified that additional resources could be developed that could assist competitors.

Brian Helander presented a demonstration of the new on-line rodeo information card system. While not complete, the system drew a very positive reaction from the committee.

## **Recommendations**

- Remind all association of the importance of water and food being available for the competitors at all times
- Emphasize communication between officials and contestants.
- With a Contestant Liaison person present, use them as a resource not only for the new contestant meeting, but thought the weekend.
- Encourage associations to develop their own local Contestant Liaison resource.

I would sincerely like to thank the members of this committee for their input and support now and thought the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Somers  
IGRA Contestant Liaison Chairman

## **Dance Committee Meeting** **Friday November 13, 2009**

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**Attendees:** Kimberly Kay (CGRA-voting), Michael Lackey (TGRA-voting), Lorry King (NGRA-voting), Eric Swafford (MIGRA-voting), Jim Sparks (GWGRA-voting), Lonni La Bel (ASGRA-voting), Mark Larson (NSGRA-voting).

The 2010 IGRA Dance Competition and classes will be held at IGRA University on January 15-16, 2010. The line dances for the 2010 competition have been posted on the IGRA website.

It was agreed that there would be some form of public recognition of the contributions of Tyler Goolsby to the IGRA dance program at the IGRA University 2010 Dance Competition.

Mark Larson requested that Ernie email him the information on cost breakdown for the dance competition.

Kimberly Kay raised the question as to why we did not provide buckles instead of trophies to the winners of the individual line dance competition. Lorry explained how the overall Dance Program was originally developed. The group agreed that for consistency with the rest of IGRA's competition awards we would prefer to award buckles. Kimberly Kay moved to change the Dance Competition General Rules (Section 3B) to reflect a buckle award instead of a trophy for the Individual Line Dance category; Lorry King seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Ernie Bowers will take the proposal to the Bylaws Committee.

Lorry King moved to change the Dance Competition General Rules (Section 5E Part 4) to reflect a change in the BPM requirements from 180-206 to 160-200 for the couples two-step; Eric Swafford seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Ernie Bowers will take the proposal to the Bylaws Committee.

There was considerable discussion regarding how to ensure that music provided by the dancers/instructors would be in a format compatible with the available equipment, based on the continuous changes in technology.

Lorry King moved to change the Dance Competition General Rules (Section 5G Part 1) to reflect that music should be in MP3 or CD/CDR format; Kimberly Kay seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Ernie Bowers will take the proposal to the Bylaws Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

## **Hall Of Fame Committee Meeting Friday November 13, 2009**

**Attendees:** Frank Harrell (ASGRA/IGRA), Jim Sparks (GWGRA-voting), Taylor Spangler (SMRA-voting), Jerry Jacobs (SGRA), Lorry King (NGRA-voting), Chris Keene (GSGRA-voting), Rik Kelly (TGRA-voting), Rich Valdez (CGRA-voting), Lonni La Bel (ASGRA-voting), Mark Larson (NSGRA-voting), Carlos Garcia (AGRA-voting), Ron Trusley (AGRA), Mitch Gill (NGRA), Bobby Fender (FGRA-voting), Matt Salisbury (SCCGRA-voting), John Merten (SCCGRA)

Meeting convened at 10:45am with Patrick Terry chairing as Bob Pimental could not be at the meeting.

Patrick provided an overview of the Hall of Fame process and introduced the selection committee members in attendance. Frank Harrell provided a review of those who have already been inducted since the HOF's inception in 2004.

This year the presentation will be handled in a slightly different manner – instead of announcing the inductees at the Sunday Awards luncheon as in previous years, we will announce the inductees and do a special visual presentation on the Convention floor immediately upon reconvening on Sunday afternoon.

We discussed the need for continued nominee submissions from the IGRA membership to ensure that we recognize those who have been an integral part of the inception and evolution of gay rodeo and IGRA. The form is available online under IGRA's Hall of Fame section. The form can be filled in online and submitted electronically or printed and mailed in.

Rik Kelly requested that Frank post a reminder notice on the IGRA website just in advance of the second IGRA Board meeting of the year requesting Hall of Fame nominee submissions.

Frank Harrell noted that as IGRA Webmaster he would like to receive the inductee 'write ups' early enough to be able to post them immediately following the announcement at Convention. The selection committee will discuss ways to make these available sooner.

Patrick invited other IGRA members interested in participating on the HOF selection committee to contact any of the current HOF selection committee members (Bob Pimental, Lorry King, Mark Larson, Patrick Terry and Lonni La Bel).

HOF Committee meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Information Systems Committee Report

November 13, 2009. 4:00 pm

Toronto, Canada

Hosted by Frank Harrell (Standing in for David Hill)

Present:

Mike Fontenot, FGRA

Chris De Espinosa, ILGRA

Gerald T. McMahon, LGRA

Carlos Garcia, AGRA

Tom Lott, ASGRA

Barry Roberts, SMRA

Discussed issues and problems involved in creating a centralized database for all Associations to enter various records involving their business processes.

There are no Bylaws of Standing Rules recommendations from this committee.

Internet Technology

November 13, 2009. 3:00 pm

Toronto, Canada

Hosted by Frank Harrell

Present:

Mike Fontenot, FGRA

Chris De Espinosa, ILGRA

Gerald McMahon, LGRA

Eric Swafford, MIGRA

Heather Murray, ARGRA

Judy Munson, ARGRA

Jeff Barr, SCCGRA

General discussion of new features including the upcoming contestant registration upgrade, Google Earth place marks, and RSS feed.

Discussed ideas on adding to resources area.

Discussed using the website to expand on communication. Explained that we are attempting to create an IGRA Newsletter which could include various articles of general communication.

There are no Bylaws of Standing Rules recommendations from this committee.

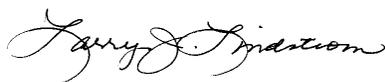
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November 14, 2009  
Membership Committee Report

1. Attendance. Sixteen people from 13 associations attended the Friday meeting.
2. Membership Counts. The following chart shows our total current membership count.

CGRA	135	ARGRA	331
TGRA	173	MIGRA	30
GSGRA	190	PNWGRA	46
AGRA	117	SSRA	41
OGRA	55	HSRA	62
MGRA	32	RRRA	38
NMGRA	45	SMRA	81
NSGRA	39	GWGRA	63
DSRA	50	FGRA	277
ASGRA	75	LGRA	156
NGRA	121	CCGRA	91
ILGRA	139	LSGRA	58
HGRA	34	SCCGRA	101
		SGRA	24
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The total membership only decreased 2% from 2008.

3. 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. Georgia dissolved their corporation back in January and Kansas did not submit a renewal package this year.
4. New Associations. The chairman verbally presented the SGRA membership application and state that was in order. The committee voted to approve the application and present it to the convention floor for approval.
5. Membership Renewals. The chairman reported that all remaining applications were in order and all debts owed to the IGRA were paid.
6. Bylaw Changes. The committee has two editorial bylaws proposals.



Larry Lindstrom  
IGRA Membership Chairman

Report of the Nominations Committee to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Nominations Committee met on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9:00am until 9:15am. A total of 8 persons attended the meeting, 6 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 that were taken and accepted prior to the Nominations Committee Meeting for the position of Vice President are:

- Clark Monk
- Patrick Terry
- Wade Earp
- Andrew Goodman

No further nominations were made during the meeting.

Nominations that were taken and accepted prior to the Nominations Committee Meeting for the position of Secretary are:

- Larry Lindstrom

No further nominations were made during the meeting.

Bids for 2010 Convention:

- Austin, TX hosted by TGRA
- New Orleans, LA hosted by LSGRA
- Reno, NV hosted by HSRA

Bids for 2011 Convention:

- New Orleans, LA hosted by LSGRA

I want to thank all the volunteer tellers and balloters for their time and patience.

Justin James Waldner  
Chairman, Nominations Committee

IGRA HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE  
2009 IGRA Convention  
November 14, 2009

The IGRA Health and Safety Committee convene at 8:34 am on November 13, 2009. There were 15 people present representing 12 associations. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee. A special THANK YOU to Gene Fraikes, TGRA and Steven Guidry, CGRA for acting as the committee scribes. There were no proposed by-law changes presented during the meeting.

Here are the recommendations and suggestions presented to delegates for inclusion in to practice.

1. Voluntary IGRA Rodeo Injury Report changes: delete the Injury Classification. Change Treatment Level Provided: Hospital Care to add Transported via Ambulance or private vehicle (Please Circle one). Contact Information: Please print name. Add the Member Association of injured person.
2. H1N1 Pandemic Preparation – Follow the recommendations of the USA CDC and the Canadian Health Canada. We can also provide hand sanitizer at registration and gathering places at the rodeo grounds, etc. (An additional suggest post meeting: get small bottles of for contestant bags.)
3. Suggestion to put red dots on badges for people with allergies, so medical personnel can ask the question. Voluntary process.
4. Medical support at an IGRA Associations produced events. Have waivers for all participants; advertise the event will not provide paid or volunteer medical crew, if the association does not plan on having the personnel available. Identify qualified members in attendance willing to assist with any medical situation.
5. At all rodeos make sure there is an abundance of water and sports drink available for all people; contestants, volunteers, etc. Drink responsibly don't over due on sports drinks.
6. EMS issues: When the Arena Director and Chute Coordinator have their conference with the EMS staff make sure they understand they need to be as close to a gate into the arena as possible. You might need to should them where to go. (Sitting in the standing during rough stock events is not cool.)

Respectfully Submitted by

Linda M Frazier, Chair

## The Marketing and Public Relations Committee Report

25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Committee Chair was unavailable for this meeting, so President Brian Helander requested Roger Bergmann to Chair the meeting. The meeting came to order at approximately 3:15 pm. There were 13 individuals present; representing 9 Member Associations.

Question came up as to whether IGRA has any legal or public relations assistance. Specific request for assistance has to do with ongoing negative publicity.

IGRA does not have any paid legal staff, but donated legal services have been used before for researching information and providing guidance to the Association. Also, the Board of Directors has appointed Shaun Sewell as the IGRA Public Relations Spokesperson. It was suggested that Shaun may be able to provide Member Associations assistance with any media related issues in their areas.

Also suggested that the Member Association President or Trustee notify the IGRA President and Board of Directors for possible suggestions on how to deal with the issue.

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing “marketing.” Not just marketing rodeos, but how to market IGRA and Member Associations to increase membership.

The DVD that has been made available to Member Associations was discussed. Several delegates indicated that they have had difficulty getting local bars to show the video during their busy hours. Delegate from ARGRA stated that they used the DVD in a stand-up, three-part, fold-out display that incorporated a digital display photo frame. Additional printed material was on the fold-out display, and it generated a lot of interest from attendees to the various events where it has been used.

Providing additional member benefits, such as merchant discounts was mentioned, also.

The need for standardized promotional material from IGRA to assist with educating the local communities about IGRA Mission was discussed. An example was the tri-fold handout that IGRA prepared for use at the New York GLBT marketing exhibit. The indication from committee delegates was that Member Associations would be willing to cover publishing expenses for materials they can use to outreach to their local communities. Standardized materials in addition to tri-folds, could include block advertisement with IGRA logo and website with space available to include Member Association logo and website info. Such ads may be published in college newspapers, or sent to college gay groups or other community gay organizations.

The committee voted in favor of having the following statement added to the duties listed in Exhibit B – The IGRA Public Relations Spokesperson Position Description:

**16. develop standardized marketing materials which can be reproduced by Member Associations for outreach within their communities.**

Another marketing tool that was discussed was publishing a listing of currently approved IGRA events which are hosted by Member Associations. Back in the 1990's (a previous century), the IGRA Board of Directors approved a resolution that within their Rodeo Programs each Member Association Hosting an IGRA Sanctioned Rodeo would publish a full page listing of all upcoming IGRA Rodeo Events for the next 12 months. Over the years, this resolution has been forgotten, as various outside publications, such as "RoundUp Magazine," "Genre," and "Instinct Magazine" have done this for IGRA. The committee feels that listing of upcoming events in event programs is a good way of marketing to people who are already attending an IGRA event and may want to begin planning their next vacation. The following motion was passed by the committee:

**RODEO RULES**

**Rule I. Association Requirements**

**New 18. A non-revenue full page ad listing all currently approved IGRA events shall be published in each IGRA event program. The list shall begin with the next approved event and end with any approved event up to one year in the future. The ad will be provided to each Host Association by IGRA and will include the IGRA logo and website information.**

The motion was taken to the Rodeo Rules Committee for review, and several modifications to the wording were suggested. The Rodeo Rules Committee voted on the revised motion, and has incorporated the revised version into their package for presentation to the Convention Floor.

Sincerely,

Roger Bergmann

RODEO RESOURCES COMMITTEE (RRC) REPORT  
FRIDAY NOV 12, 2009

CHAIR : Jim Mitchell – FGRA

Attendees:

Gerry MacMahon – LGRA	Matt Salisbury – SCCGRA
Jon Merten – SCCGRA	Chris Keene – GSGRA
Jerry Jacobs – SGRA	Rich Valdez – CGRA
Frank Harrell – ASGRA	Mike Sanders = ASGRA
Rik Kelly – TGRA	Chris DeEspinosa – ILGRA
Darrel Reid – ARGRA	Janie Van Santen – ARGRA
Jeff Neal – NGRA	Patrick Terry – ILGRA

No Motions or proposals were initiated by the committee.

The committee discussed a variety of topics related to the Rodeo Resource tool within IGRA. The following have been identified as priority and action items.

From the Animal Issues Committee : Post an updated standard stock contract for associations to use as template.

RRC will be adding items specifically for use of new contestants.

RRC will be initiating a “Virtual Rodeo Director “ function that can receive inquires and questions and then provide a direct link to answer the question asked. when appropriate , copy IGRA officials or committee chairs for input and assistance.

RRC will work with IT and create an online posting board for all IGRA participants to be used as a ride needed, partner need type forum.

RRC is currently evaluating online documents for accuracy and will have updates complete by 2010.

# Report of the University Committee To the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 14, 2009

The University Committee met on Friday, November 13, 2009 from 1:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. A total of 13 people representing 9 associations attended. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

The committee discussed how University has stabilized and grown in recent years; various topics for future class offerings; and new ways to support the member Associations. University received requests from other Committees to include a special class for IGRA Officials to meet certification requirements, and to add a seminar or discussion group in support of the newly created Women's Issues/Concerns Committee focused on growth within the organization.

The committee was advised of the requests for bids to allow University to go 'on the road' so that Associations can bid to host University in new locations for the future and whether the MLK weekend was the only weekend in January to try and hold the event.

The committee would like everyone to plan to meet up again in Las Vegas this coming January for IGRA University from January 15-17 at the Tuscany Suites Hotel & Casino.

I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

Jeffrey Neal  
Chairman University Committee  
Chancellor IGRA University 2010

## University Committee Attendance List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Chris De Espinosa	ILGRA	X
Chris keene	GSGRA	X
Darryl Reid	ARGRA	
Frank Herrell	ASGRA	
Gerald T. McMahon	LGRA	X
Janie Van Santen	ARGRA	X
Jerry Jacobs	SGRA	X
John Merten	SCCGRA	
Matt Salisbury	SCCGRA	X
Mike Sanders	ASGRA	X
Patrick Terry	ILGRA	
Rich Valdez	CGRA	X
Rik Kelly	TGRA	X

## Royalty Committee Report

What a great year for our Royalty program. The team has been very busy this year. We had great representation at all of our IGRA rodeos. The team traveled all over the US and Canada. Thanks to Ms 1st RU, Elizabeth Anderson, for going to every IGRA rodeo this year. Thanks so much to the team for meeting their minimum requirements and going above and beyond. The quilt raffle was great and thanks to KGRA for donating it for our raffle. Thanks to Sharon and Michael for selling IGRA merchandise at finals. We had several of our team competed at finals and did well. We cannot believe it has already been a year and we are about to sash our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary years team. Thanks to our associations that provided rooms to the team at their rodeos, very much appreciated. We look forward to the completion this weekend. Thanks to all the associations for sending judges and helping support the IGRA Royalty program.

Respectfully submitted,

Wade Earp Mr IGRA, Rocket Cox MSTER IGRA, Aspen Vail Miss IGRA, Sharon Stark MS IGRA

**2009 IGRA Annual Convention  
Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville Hotel, Toronto, Ontario  
Growth & Planning Committee Report  
November 15, 2009**

The IGRA Growth & Planning Committee met from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Friday, November 13, in the High Park I meeting room. There were 12 participants present representing 11 associations in addition to the committee chairman. One was a first time convention participant.

The meeting began with introductions a brief history of the past roles and responsibilities of the Growth & Planning committee. We discussed an advanced standing rules proposal to limit rodeos to one per weekend. The committee members expressed opinions, both pro and con, with respect to the proposal. Having more than one rodeo per weekend may place great stress on our contestant, volunteer, officials and spectator pools. However, climate and scheduling issues, especially other calendar restrictions under consideration at this convention, mean that our full rodeo calendar cannot be reasonably accommodated if there is a limit of one rodeo per weekend. Additionally, such a limit would impair future rodeo growth. Although there was a general consensus recognizing the strength of both arguments for and against an increased restriction, the committee voted 10 to 1 against imposing any further limitation at this time. They chose to stand by the limit of no more than two rodeos per weekend, those being restricted to at least 500 miles (804 km) apart.

The committee discussed concepts of growth for our individual associations, particularly member recruitment and retention. We asked chancellor Jeffrey Neal to investigate adding a resource (either a seminar or part of a seminar) at IGRA University to assist in the development of practices that expand our organizations. Possible best practices in this area include:

- Use access to and participation in University to expand our leadership teams (CCGRA)
- Make our associations about more than rodeo; hold regular (monthly) social and events, big and small; look outside of our central cities to expand these possibilities (ARGRA)
- Develop traveling rodeo arena and chute crews as a means to growth connectios within our associations and to assist others (CCGRA)
- Focus on who our members are and what they get or expect out of gay rodeo; why we do what we do? (charity, community, competition, other?) (ILGRA)
- Find ways to introduce new participants to a higher level of involvement; give them new experiences (SCCGRA)
- Establish various levels of membership to lessen quorum problems (NGRA)
- Recruit younger participants in bars and elsewhere; increase our exposure, especially our outreach to women (GSGRA)
- Use existing resources to increase our outreach; examples include bulletin boards at a community center, distinctive chuck wagon booth and public calf roping opportunities at pride events; placing organizational information listings in gay press directories (SCCGRA)
- Find other groups to connect with, particularly sports groups; develop a mentoring program for contestants to share there skills and experiences (CGRA)

- Find occasions (other than rodeo) to expand our outreach to media outlets; try to focus on the multiple dimensions (not just the high profile aspects) of IGRA; be protective in limiting who represents us in interactions with the media (NGRA/ARGRA)
- Involve our charity partners in our events and make a dedicated effort to become more involved in theirs; coordinate activities with other IGRA associations (SCCGRA/CCGRA)
- Hold meet and greet or community events that are not just pleas for funds; we need to be careful not to make everything we do be about requesting money from others (SCCGRA)

We hope that by documenting these ideas that more organizations may be prompted to give something new a try in order to increase the growth of gay rodeo.

I want to thank all members of the committee for their serious and thoughtful contributions to our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lentz  
 Growth & Planning Committee Chairman  
[gmlentz@yahoo.com](mailto:gmlentz@yahoo.com)

Meeting Attendees (✓ indicates voting member):

Name	Assn		Name	Assn	
Janie Van Santen	ARGRA	✓	Mark Larson	NSGRA	✓
Wes Wilkinson	SCCGRA	✓	John Stortz	CCGRA	✓
Elizabeth Anderson	GSGRA		Michael Lackey	TGRA	✓
Chris Keene	GSGRA	✓	Taylor Spangle	SMRA	✓
Steven Guidry	CGRA	✓	*Hardy Mullannix	HSRA	✓
Patrick Terry	ILGRA	✓	Jeffrey Neal	NGRA	✓
*first time participant					

## **MERCHANDISE**

### **Saturday November 14, 2009**

The Merchandise Committee meeting was held on Friday, November 13, 2009 from 10:45am to 12 noon and was in combination with the Hall of Fame Committee meeting. This was due to the two committees being chaired by the same person, at the same time. The Hall of Fame has a separate report that will be presented later.

I gave an overview of current items being sold at events, new items, and what items we are looking into carrying. Some of the new items that the committee members suggested were a boot carrier, buckles, hat rack, hoody, and roping bags. I then spoke of the possibility of a custom designed boot, for IGRA, that an attendee of the Finals Rodeo approached Brian Helander about, which works for Dan Post Boots. I will be working with this possible new vendor and a new item for IGRA. I then spoke of sales this year, totaling over \$3500, at five different events this year, and that sales alone at the Finals Rodeo were \$2000. He said he wanted to especially thank Michael Butts, Sharon Starks, for their hard work, and also thank Elizabeth Anderson, Pussy LaHoot, all from this years Royalty team! He also wanted to thank a friend of his, Johnny Quintana in Albuquerque, for stepping in and helping. I hope to get the online store up and running this next year, to increase our revenue by quite a lot and be able to carry more items.

Next, we talked about the Officials Shirts and the need to change the logo on shirts that were the same color as the colors on the bgo, in order to make the logo visible on the shirts and not blend in. Below is a proposal that we would like to have put into the rules on the specifications for the Officials Shirts and the logo on the two shirts that are the same color as in the logo.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Terry  
Merchandise Chair

# Attendance

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER</u>
Patrick Terry-Chairperson	ILGRA	
Frank Harrell	ASGRA	
Jim Sparks	GWGRA	YES
Taylor Spangler	SMRA	YES
Jerry Jacobs	SGRA	
Matt Salisbury	SCCGRA	
Jon Merten	SCCGRA	YES
Chris Keene	GSGRA	YES
Frank Mazzo	TGRA	YES
Mitch Gill	NGRA	YES
Rich Valdez	CGRA	YES
Mark Larson	NSGRA	YES
Alana LaBel	ASGRA	YES
Bobby Fender	FGRA	YES
Ron Trusley	AGRA	YES
Carlos Garcia	AGRA	

## Report from the Rodeo Rules Committee to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Rodeo Rules Committee met on Friday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 9:00 am until 5:50 pm. A total of 25 people attended the meeting, representing 18 associations.

A list of attendees is attached to this report. I would like to thank CCGRA for their hospitality and the Rodeo Rules Committee Members for their input, assistance, and perseverance.

The committee reviewed all 2009 Post Rodeo Review Board Meeting minutes, with special attention to the protests. We then reviewed all proposals introduced submitted to the Committee Chairs, as well as those presented during the meeting. The proposals that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

Chuck Browning – Co-Chair IGRA Rodeo Rules Committee

Ty Teigen – Co-Chair IGRA Rodeo Rules Committee

25<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention Rodeo Rules Committee  
Friday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Members in attendance:

(We apologize that we lost the original sign in sheet in our room relocation – if you are missing from this list, please drop a note to the Chuck Browning, and he will add you to the list)

Candy Pratt	RRRA	Trustee	Voting
Lisa Smith	DSRA	Rodeo Dir.	Voting
Sandy Bidwell	DSRA	Event Coor.	
Kelly Peebles	NMGRA	Trustee	Voting
Rob Summers	ARGRA		Voting
Justin Waldner	SMRA		Voting
Sammy VanGalder	SCCGRA		Voting
Wes Wilkinson	SCCGRA		Voting
Jody Harvey	TGRA		Voting
Judy Munson	ARGRA		
Cris Yturri	HSRA		Voting
Tommy Channel #5	IGRA		
Dan Iversen	AGRA		Voting
Travis James	AGRA		
Mark Samuel	CCGRA		Voting
Beth Brockelman	ASGRA		Voting
Keith Huber	FGRA		Voting
Andy Struckhoff	GWGRA		Voting
Brian Rogers	NGRA		Voting
Lori King	NGRA		
Mitch Petersen	SGRA		
Bud Klein	ILGRA		Voting
Bruce Roby	GSGRA		Voting
Henry Tietz	GSGRA		
Rob Silversides	MIGRA		Voting