



27th ANNUAL CONVENTION
November 12–13, 2011
Hilton San Diego Mission Valley
8:30 am

AGENDA

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order

Convention Rules
Benjamin Avant

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates

Credentials Report
Larry Lindstrom

Seating of New Member Associations

Referral of All Proposals to Standing Committees

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Convention
Reno, November 13–14, 2010

Executive Board Reports

President
Douglas Graff

Vice President
Andrew Goodman

Treasurer
David Hill

Secretary
Larry Lindstrom

Trustees Chairman
Ray Ostmann

Administrative Assistant

Tommy Channel

Corporate Auditor

Ed Barry

Standing Committees

Animal Issues & Concerns	–	Kelly Peebles
Archives	–	Brian Rogers
Arena Directors	–	Heather Murray
Auditors, Secretaries, & Scorekeepers	–	Ron Trusley
Budget	–	David Hill
Bylaws & Standing Rules	–	Benjamin Avant
Chute Coordinators	–	Jay Beck
Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty	–	2011 Royalty Team
Dance Rules	–	Andrew Goodman
Hall of Fame	–	Roger Bergmann
Health & Safety	–	Linda Frazier
Internet Technology	–	Don Harris
Judges	–	Michael Lentz & Jack Morgan
Marketing	–	Ken Pool
Membership	–	Larry Lindstrom
Nominating	–	Justin Waldner
Rodeo Rules	–	Chuck Browning & Ty Teigen
Social Media	–	Peter Calabrese & Laura Scott
University	–	Patrick Terry
Women’s Outreach	–	Juanita Molina
World Gay Rodeo Finals	–	Brian Rogers

Unfinished Business

New Business

Election of Executive Officers

Vice President for two–year term

Secretary for two–year term

Selection of 2012 & 2013 Convention Sites

Announcements

CGRA, TGRA, GSGRA, AGRA, OGRA, MGRA, NMGRA, NSGRA, DSRA,
ASGRA, NGRA, ILGRA, ARGRA, MIGRA, SSRA, HSRA, RRRRA, SMRA,
GWGRA, FGRA, CCGRA, SCCGRA, SGRA, IAGRA, KGRA, LSGRA

Adjournment

MINUTES

The annual meeting of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) was held on Saturday, November 12, 2011 beginning at 9:00 am at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the previous annual meeting in Reno were approved with no corrections.

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

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

- 109 total present
- 89 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 60
- majority vote = 45

Credentials Report. Membership Chair Larry Lindstrom reported that 24 Member Associations had met the renewal requirements to be seated. It was noted that Pacific Northwest (PNWGRA), Liberty (LGRA), and Sonoran (SGRA) did not renew their membership. One new association, the Louisiana State Gay Rodeo Association (LSGRA) was presented, was recommended by the Membership Committee, and was seated as a Member Association of IGRA. The report was then approved by a voice vote.

Roll Call of New Associations. Secretary Larry Lindstrom gave the following revised numbers.

- 113 total present
- 93 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 62
- majority vote = 47

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President's Report. Douglas Graff gave a visual presentation with no action items.

Vice President's Report. Andrew Goodman gave a verbal report thanking the 2011 royalty team and meeting the fundraising goal of \$15,000. He then announced the 2012 royalty team.

- Mr. IGRA 2nd Runner-Up – John Paul Soto, GSGRA
- Mr. IGRA 1st Runner-Up – Rocky Buruse, CGRA
- Mr. IGRA – Rodd Smunk, TGRA
- Ms. IGRA – Kami Boles, MGRA
- Miss IGRA 2nd Runner-Up – Taylor Trash, NGRA
- Miss IGRA 1st Runner-Up – Diva Divine, TGRA
- Miss IGRA – Victoria Weston, TGRA
- MsTer IGRA 2nd Runner-Up – Nic Wells, TGRA
- MsTer IGRA 1st Runner-Up – Rocki Heffa, TGRA
- MsTer IGRA – Shane Lee, MGRA

Treasurer's Report. David Hill presented a written report indicating that LGRA still owed for their share of the 2011 insurance policy.

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

Trustees Chairman. Ray Ostmann presented the annual report due to the vacancy in the chair position. He thanked Bill Chapman for all his hard work this past year and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Ray indicated he is working on updating the Trustee handbook as well as getting more education for both new and older Trustees.

Ray then took a moment to acknowledge Tam Keltner, longtime PNWGRA Trustee, who passed away earlier in the year.

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

- Continue to submit current membership lists to him,
- The board will be approving a new insurance policy in St. Louis,
- Additional insured are due by the Monday preceding your event,
- Stock contractor liability insurance is due by the same Monday, and
- An insurance seminar will be conducted in St. Louis in January 2012.

Corporate Auditor. Ed Barry reported that he had conducted an audit for Q4 2010 as well as the first 3 quarters of 2011 and that everything was in order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Animal Issues & Concerns. Kelly Peebles presented a written report with one proposal.

Proposal AI-01 separated the \$100 fine for not meeting IGRA stock requirements from letter J and thus making a new letter K under Rule VI Rodeo Livestock Requirements. The proposal passed by a voice vote.

Archives. Brian Rogers presented a visual report with no action items.

Arena Directors. Heather Murray submitted a written report with no action items.

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

Bylaws & Standing Rules. Benjamin Avant presented the committee's recommendation to review and vote on each proposal separately.

BSR-01 to insert “/Recognized” to Member Associations in Rule XVI General Rules for Certified Personnel passed by a voice vote.

BSR-02 to change the acronym EPRB to “Ethical Practices Review Board” in Article X Trustees passed by a voice vote.

BSR-03 to clean up the duties of the Vice President in Article IX Officers passed by a voice vote.

BSR-04 to insert “/Recognized” to Member Associations in Rule VI Ethics and Sportsmanship passed by a voice vote.

BSR-05 to clean up Section 7 letter E regarding requesting results in Rule VII Selection of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA passed by a voice vote.

BSR-06 to clean up Section 4 letter D regarding discipline in Rule VIII Duties of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA passed by a voice vote.

BSR-07 to clean up Section 8 letter C regarding conduct in Rule XV International County/Western Dance Competition passed by a voice vote.

BSR-09 to clean up Section 2 letter B regarding amending the budget in Article XIII Budget passed by a voice vote.

BSR-10 to clean up Section 5 Paragraph B regarding special meetings in Article VIII Directors and Section 8 Paragraph F on special meetings in Article X Trustees passed by a voice vote.

BSR-15 to clean up wording on escrow money in Sections 5 and 6 in Rule XI International Champions passed by a voice vote.

BSR-16 to add new letter E “All reports and monies owed to IGRA must be settled prior to sanctioning” to Section 7 regarding rodeo sanctioning in Rule IX Divisions, Rodeos, and Rodeo Approval passed by a voice vote.

BSR-19 to change “preceding year” to “current rodeo year” in Section 1 Paragraph A regarding voting delegates in Article VII Delegates passed by a voice vote.

BSR-20 to clean up Rule II Officers and Officials Expenses Approved for Reimbursement passed by a voice vote following discussion.

BSR-22 to clean up number 2 in Section 1 Paragraph A regarding voting delegates in Article VII Delegates passed by a voice vote.

BSR-23 to change “Enact, repeal, or amend Rodeo Rules” to require a two-thirds (2/3) vote in Article VI Annual Convention passed by a voice vote.

BSR-28 to clean up Rule XI International Champions passed by a voice vote.

BSR-36 to change references from “Executive Committee” to “Executive Board” passed by a voice vote.

BSR-38 to delete “Any paid employee of IGRA shall not serve as a Committee Chairperson” from Section 1 in Article XII Committees passed by a voice vote.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:40 am.

BSR-39 to add new Paragraph F “If no proposals are received, or if no proposals are accepted by the convention, IGRA shall assume responsibility for producing Annual Convention” to Section 1 of Article VI Annual Convention passed as amended by a voice vote.

Chute Coordinators. Jay Beck presented a written report with no action items. He also showed a video that he produced regarding junior bulls.

Community Outreach-Fundraising-Gender Diversity. The committee presented a written report along with two proposals.

COFR-01 to revise the gender identity portion in Exhibit C1 to more closely match the gender identity portion of IGRA passed by a voice vote.

COFR-02 to revise the entertainment time limit in Exhibit C1 from 7 minutes to 5 minutes passed by a voice vote.

Dance Rules. Andrew Goodman presented the committee’s report. The committee proposed to delete “...be current members in good standing of the Member or Recognized Association they represent and...” from Section 2 of Standing Rule XV International Country/Western Dance Competition.

MGRA called for a 10–minute caucus. The proposal failed after debate.

The committee also proposed changing Exhibit D1 that required a 30 by 30–foot dance floor to a 20 by 20–foot dance floor that most hotels can accommodate. This proposal was approved by a voice vote.

Hall of Fame. Mark Larson presented a written report along with one proposal.

HOF–01 to clean up Section 4 on the nominating procedure, Section 7 on the award type, and Section 8 on the induction ceremony from Rule XIII IGRA Hall of Fame passed by a voice vote.

The committee also recommended making this rule change effective immediately and the recommendation passed by a voice vote.

Internet Technology. Chuck Browning highlighted the written report submitted by Don Harris.

Judges. Michael Lentz presented a written report on the following topics.

- Certifications for 2012
- Developing training videos
- Find more student judge training
- Reinstate the requirement for an annual seminar
- Focus on rookie judge training
- 2011 judging activity
- 2011 judging pairings

JUD–01 to reinstate the annual seminar attendance for judges only in Rule XVI General Rules for Certified Personnel passed by a voice vote.

JUD–02 to increase the requirement for rookie judging from 4 to 8 days in Rule XIX Judges Certification Program passed by a voice vote.

Joint Certifications. Ron Trusley presented a written report. The committee voted to delete Standing Rule XXIII Arena Crew Coordinator and Standing Rule XXIV Rodeo Announcer because there was no process in place to monitor these positions.

Proposal JCC–01 to clean up Section 7 Seminars of Standing Rule XVI General Rules for Certified Personnel passed by a voice vote.

Proposal JCC–02 to clean up Standing Rules XXIII and XXIV rather than deleting them was sent back to committee for further review.

The committee also proposed revising the Rodeo Official Evaluation Form.

Membership. Larry Lindstrom presented a visual report and 4 proposed rule changes.

MEM-01 to add new Paragraph C to Section 8 of Article IV Membership where “A Member Association will have its membership terminated if all renewal requirements (Article IV, Section 6, Paragraph A) have not been met by the start of Annual Convention” passed by a voice vote.

MEM-03 to modify Paragraph A of Section 6 of Article IV Membership where all funds received must be verified before a renewal request can be approved passed by a voice vote.

MEM-04 to modify Paragraphs D and E of Section 6 of Article IV Membership where all funds received must be verified before a renewal request can be approved passed by a voice vote.

MEM-05 to clean up Paragraph E of Section 4 of Article IV Membership passed by a voice vote.

Nominating. Justin James Waldner presented a written report. The following nominations were made and accepted for the position of Vice President.

- Michael Butts, AGRA
- Wade Earp, TGRA
- Gene Fraikes, TGRA
- Mitch Gill, IAGRA
- Donald Moore, CGRA
- Laura Scott, NGRA

The following nomination was made and accepted for the position of Secretary.

- Larry Lindstrom, CGRA

There were no bids received for either the 2012 or 2013 Annual Convention.

The chair opened nominations for Vice President. Laura Scott nominated Randy Edlin and he declined the nomination.

Rodeo Rules. Chuck Browning and Ty Teigen presented a written report along with the committee’s proposals for rule changes. Amy Griffin moved to accept as a packet except for ones pulled. The motion passed by a voice vote.

SCCGRA called for a 10-minute caucus.

Robert Thurtell (CGRA) moved to reconsider the motion.

CGRA called for a 10-minute caucus.

The motion to reconsider failed and the following proposals were reviewed and voted on.

RR–C15 to clean up notification to contestants of penalties or disqualification in Rule V Judges passed by a voice vote.

RR–C17 to have horns of uniform length in letter F Camp Event Steers in Section 6 of Rule VI Rodeo Livestock Requirements passed by a voice vote.

RR–C23 to delete numbers 10 and 11 from Calf Roping on Foot passed by a voice vote.

RR–C26 was a proposal to rewrite the event requirements for Chute Dogging.

Bobby Fender (FGRA) moved to amend the proposal by striking number 3 letter C. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Gene Fraikes (TGRA) moved to amend the proposal by removing number 2 letter C numbers 1 and 2 and striking number 3 letter C “turning the steer in an attempt to begin dogging” and adding “beginning to dog.” The motion failed on a voice vote.

The original proposal passed on a division vote, 54 in favor, 38 opposed.

RR–C28 adding announcers. Don Moore moved to amend the proposal to add Assistant Scorekeeper and Assistant Secretaries. The amendment failed on a voice vote. The original proposal passed on a voice vote.

RR–C29 to modify the terminology regarding medical personnel in both Rodeo Rules and Standing Rules passed by a voice vote.

RR–C30 to delete “be similar to” and add “never exceed” to bucking stock in Rule VI Rodeo Stock Requirements passed by a voice vote.

RR–C32 to insert the section regarding rodeo numbers and access badges to Rule III Registration passed by a voice vote. This section was erroneously omitted from the 2011 Rodeo Rules handbook.

RR–C34 to add “and arena size and conditions permit” when running speed events back–to–back to General Rules for Speed Events passed by a voice vote.

Convention. Due to the fact there were no bids submitted for Annual Convention in either 2012 or 2013, Brian Rogers highlighted the following items from a proposal from the Tuscany Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas for 2012.

- Dates of October 31 – November 12
- Room rates of \$55 Sunday–Thursday and \$95 Friday–Saturday
- One complimentary suite for every 40 suites booked
- Meeting room rental waived with food & beverage minimum of \$10,000 (\$8,000 for a 2–year contract)
- Resort fee waived
- IGRA may use own A/V at no charge

University. Patrick Terry presented a merchandise report, which summarized sales for the year. He also presented a report for IGRA University, which will next be held in St. Louis the weekend of January 13–15, 2012.

Proposal UNIV–01 was sent back to committee for further review.

Women’s Outreach. Kimberley Kay presented a written report with no action items.

World Gay Rodeo Finals. Tommy Channel presented a written report that recapped net profit from the past 4 years. He introduced Janie Van Santen (ARGRA) as the 2012 Rodeo Director. The report also highlighted the 2011 event as well as presented the 2012 production plan.

Proposal FR–01 to change the composition of the committee in Section 11 Finals Rodeo Committee of Article XII Committees failed on a division vote, 51 in favor, 32 opposed (56 was needed for a 2/3 vote).

Proposal FR–02 to clean up Standing Rule X International Finals Rodeo passed by a voice vote.

Joint Certification. Ron Trusley presented the following proposal.

Proposal JCC–02 to clean up Standing Rules XXIII and XXIV rather than deleting them passed by a voice vote.

The meeting recessed for the day at 6:00 pm.

The chair resumed the meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 9:00 am and continued with standing committee reports.

Roll Call. The Secretary performed the roll call.

- 86 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 58
- majority vote = 44

NEW BUSINESS

Marketing. The chair announced that Nikol Hillman had volunteered to assume the Marketing & Public Relations position for the next 3 years.

Health & Safety. Linda Frazier presented a written report along with one proposal.

HS–01 to add a new #3 “The Rodeo Review Trustee will be assigned to complete the IGRA Voluntary Rodeo Injury Report during the running of the rodeo. The trustee will give the Arena Director and/or the Chute Coordinator the completed injury reports for their respective review and signature” to Section 9 of Article X Trustees passed by a voice vote.

Proposal NB-01 to keep the royalty competition at convention. MGRA called for a 5-minute caucus. Linda Frazier then called for a ballot vote. The proposal failed with 27 agreed and 65 disagreed.

Proposal NB-02 to add the description “long-sleeve” to the word shirts for rodeo personnel in Rule I Association Requirements passed by a voice vote.

Nominating. The chair resumed nominations for the positions of Vice President and Secretary. Scotty Shadix nominated Laura Scott and she accepted the nomination.

Elections. The Secretary verified there was 94 voting delegates. After campaign speeches, David Hallwood moved to close all nominations. The motion passed by a voice vote.

A ballot was taken for the position of Vice President with the following results.

- Gene Fraikes (TGRA), 30 votes
- Laura Scott (NGRA), 30
- Wade Earp (TGRA), 22
- Mitch Gill (IAGRA), 8
- Michael Butts (AGRA), 2
- Donald Moore (CGRA), 2

It was announced that a runoff ballot would take place between Gene Fraikes and Laura Scott.

CGRA requested a 10-minute caucus.

A second ballot was taken for the position of Vice President. A ballot was also taken for the position of Secretary. Larry Lindstrom won reelection with 91 votes.

University. Patrick Terry presented the following proposal.

UNIV-01 to clean up Section 1 Time and Place of Rule IV IGRA University passed by a voice vote.

Michael Lentz presented a working draft of an event calendar for the next 3 years (2012-2014).

The chair then recessed the meeting at 11:45 am for lunch and the annual awards ceremony. Vice President Andrew Goodman gave a visual presentation.

The chair reconvened the meeting at 1:40 pm.

The second ballot for the position of Vice President produced the following results.

- Gene Fraikes, 64 votes
- Laura Scott, 29 votes

Hall of Fame. The committee inducted former Arena Director Erin Eaton and past IGRA President Bob Pimentel into the IGRA Hall of Fame for 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chair announced that bids for the 2013 convention would be accepted no later than 60 days prior to the 2012 convention.

The chair thanked GSGRA, Lloyd, and Frank for their work behind the scenes.

CGRA announced their 30th consecutive rodeo the weekend of July 13–15, 2012. CGRA will also be donating \$25,000 to their charities on Saturday, December 3, 2011.

TGRA announced the Texas Tradition Rodeo at the Watt Arena in Fort Worth the weekend of March 2–4, 2012. During 2011, TGRA will have donated \$60,000 to their charities.

AGRA reminded everyone of their rodeo February 17–19, 2012 in Chandler, Arizona.

MGRA thanked Andrew Goodman for his years as the IGRA Vice President.

NMGRA is celebrating 25 years as an association and their next rodeo is August 3–5, 2012 in Santa Fe.

NSGRA thanked the 2011 royalty team and welcomed in the 2012 royalty team.

DSRA is looking to host their next rodeo in April 2013 in Little Rock.

ASGRA thanked the 2011 royalty team for their efforts this past year.

NGRA announced the next BigHorn Rodeo the weekend of May 11–13, 2012 and that NGRA is donating \$10,000 to their charities this year.

ILGRA wanted to squelch rumors about their rodeo being cancelled in 2012 and invited everyone to Chicago the weekend of August 17–19 for their 17th rodeo.

ARGRA invited everyone up north for their rodeo June 30 through July 2, 2012.

MIGRA invited everyone up to MoTown for RodeoFest #3 the weekend of July 27–29, 2012.

RRRA recognized their President and the 2011 International All–Around Cowgirl Candy Pratt.

SMRA thanked the 2011 royalty team for their efforts this past year.

GWGRA reminded everyone to come to St. Louis the weekend of January 13–15, 2012.

FGRA invited everyone down to South Florida for the Sunshine Stampede the weekend of April 20–22, 2012.

CCGRA thanked all the associations that sponsored breaks. They also announced that they have spent the past 5 years sponsoring a horse at a child development ranch in the Toronto area.

SCCGRA announced a new Web site and that they are back on the circuit the weekend of June 8–10, 2012.

IAGRA indicated that they will be hosting 2 rodeo schools in 2012.

KGRA thanked everyone for their support this past year.

LSGRA thanked the 2011 royalty team and welcomed in the new Vice President.

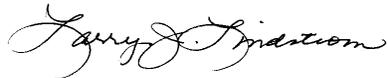
GSGRA thanked everyone for coming to San Diego, which helped make their room block. Success could not have been accomplished without 100% support from their 4 chapters.

They also thanked those associations who sponsored coffee breaks, Chris Shaw for the shuttle buses, and Andrew Goodman for his efforts on the royalty competition.

And finally, GSGRA announced the following events for 2012:

- January 7th – Palm Springs royalty competition
- May 4–5 – Palm Springs rodeo
- September 7–9 – San Diego rodeo
- September 21–23 – Bay Area rodeo

With no further business to conduct, the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary



President's Report

IGRA Annual Convention

November 12, 2011

San Diego, California



2011 IGRA
Successes
Challenges
Opportunities



Successes

- 2011 IGRA Royalty Team
- 2011 IGRA Finals in Fort Worth, TX
- Transition to Junior Bulls
- IGRA website
- Multiple Regional Dance Competitions
- Social Media Presence
- It Gets Better Video
- Finding new a more “Youthful” contestant base



Challenges

- Horse Virus
- Empty IGRA PR/Marketing Chair
- Empty IGRA Corporate Sponsorship Chair
- Trustee Representation at Rodeos
- Pulling in a more “Youthful” contestant base



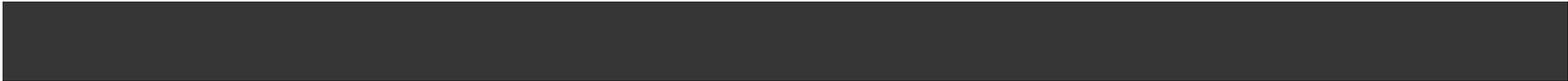
Opportunities

- IGRA website and Social Media
- Royalty
- Dance
- Rodeo Schools
- Leveraging our tried and true talent

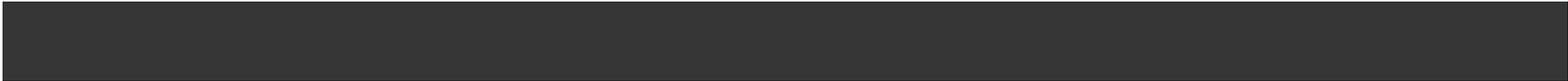


Vice President's Report

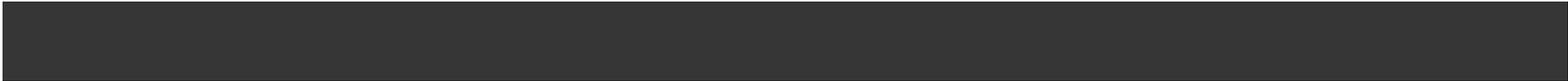
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- Raise money
 - Represent our own subgroups
 - Contribute to our sense of tradition
 - Help meet beverage minimums

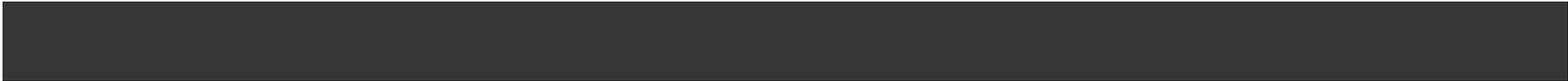
Things we do well...

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- Continue to try and meet the needs of a diverse group
 - Validity
 - Smart Use or blatant abuse

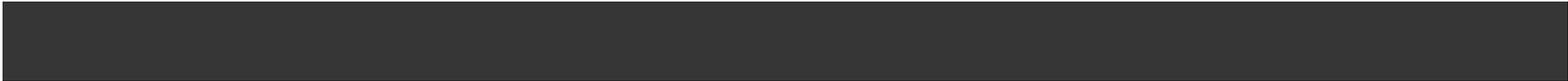
Opportunities for Improvement

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- Interview Competition
 - Reorganization of our rules
 - Greater number of participants
 - Fundraising
 - 2008 \$3,951.50
 - 2009 \$9,954.54
 - 2010 \$5,378.10
 - **2011 \$15,002.61**

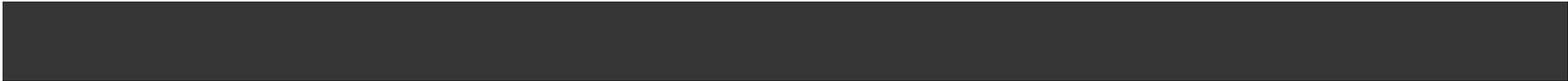
Accomplishments



How do we look at
things?

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- Competition at Finals
 - Continuing to support royalty
 - Royalty continuing to support you
 - Consistent Revenue for IGRA
 - Support of charity partners

Moving Forward



What is within your
circle of influence?

27th IGRA Annual Convention
November 12th, 2011-San Diego CA
Treasurer Report

Convention Attendees,

The financial report for the period ending October 31st, 2011 is presented for your information.

At this time, Liberty Gay Rodeo Association still owes for their 2011 insurance in the amount of \$206.39.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David G. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

David G. Hill
Treasurer

Report of the IGRA Corporate Auditor
to the 27th Annual IGRA Convention

Annual Report to the Convention & Board of Directors. The entire set of books for IGRA were at my disposal. I reviewed the period 10/01/10 through 10/31/11 which included the first, second, and third quarters of 2011. I reviewed the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, General Ledger, Bank Statements, and also performed detailed testing on invoices randomly chosen using a random number generator. Items that were reviewed were properly supported. The books balanced, as do the Bank Statements. The Income Statement and the Balance Sheet do appear reasonable when compared to prior periods. There is nothing to indicate anything improper within the books of IGRA based on this level of review. Each quarter's financials' were also reviewed as the year progressed. I submit to the Convention & BOD that our books are in good order and thank our Treasurer, David Hill, for a job well done.

Ed Barry
IGRA Corporate Auditor 2011

ANIMAL ISSUES COMMITTEE 2011

Members Present:

Elizabeth Anderson, GSGRA
Lisa Smith, DSRA
Chris de Espinoza, ILGRA
Jerry Tropf, MGRA
Kim Fry, CGRA
Linda M. Frazier, MGRA
Voni Whitaker, FGRA
Nikol Hillman, FRGA
Rodd Smunk, TGRA
Jay Beck, RRRRA

Chute Coordinator Stock Reports & Rodeo Check List Reports

Junior Bulls

- FGRA, Sunshine Stampede: Only two junior bulls were used for nine contestants, one had been used as a bull in prior years. One kept going down in the chute, leaving only one animal for Saturday. This made a bad show for the audience, delayed the rodeo and creates undue stress on the animals.
- MIGRA, Rodeo Fest: A variance was requested and approved to use steers, but not used when the stock contractor realized that junior bulls are the same animal that they call novice bulls.
- ILGRA, Windy City Rodeo: A variance was requested and approved to use steers. The steers were too small for the size of some contestants, under performed, went down in the chutes and one didn't make it out of the chute.
- GSGRA, Best Buck in the Bay – not enough animals due to a spike in contestant numbers at registration.

Camp Steers

GSGRA, Best Buck in the Bay – Steer Deco and Chute Dogging used to use the same stock. When the steers were separated into different groups in Rodeo Rules, the minimum horn length necessary in Chute Dogging carried over to the new Camp Steer category. By this rule requirement, the horns were too short. This has been addressed in Rodeo Rules.

Roping Steers

NMGRA, Zia Regional Rodeo – Lost horn sheath in Team Roping. The sheath was recovered and reattached by the vet on duty at the rodeo, given antibiotics.

Calves

NMGRA, Zia Regional Rodeo – In an attempt to bring calves with no horns, the stock contractor brought calves in of two different sizes. These were broken up into to groups to be used in different events but the quantity not adequate for either event resulting in stressed animals.

Goats

- FGRA, Sunshine Stampede: Billy goats were used.
- CGRA, Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo – goats were too small.

New Stock Contractors

- Williams Ranch, Oklahoma
- High Stakes Rodeo Productions, Missouri

General Stock Conditions

ARGRA, Canadian Rockies International Rodeo, some stock too green.

Return Gates – need to be covered with a banner to prevent animal injuries.

FGRA, Sunshine Stampede: Return gate was not covered; this was corrected when brought to the rodeo director's attention.

DSRA, Rodeo in the Rock: Return gate was not covered; this was corrected when brought to the rodeo director's attention.

Chute Gates

NGRA, Big Horn Rodeo – chute gates were not secured prior to loading of the animals.

Hot Shots

Hot shots were used in accordance with IGRA guidelines in the FL, AB, and OK rodeos. The stock contractors were reminded of our rules and corrected their handling of the stock. OGRA was using a new stock contractor. The stock contractors for FGRA and ARGRA were longtime, seasoned contractors and will most likely not be used again for this reason as well as several other issues.

Animal Injury Reports

These were only filed for the Zia Regional Rodeo. The report needs to be filled out whenever there is an injury reported. These reports are available from the rodeo secretary. In the discussion it was recommended that the trustees help out by preparing the reports for the Chute Coordinator to sign. This keeps the rodeo from delays of the official from having to stop to fill the form out and by doing it as it happens; there is a greater chance of documenting things before they are forgotten by the end of the day. It was also discussed that it would be helpful to make a place to note weather conditions on injury forms to see how it relates to injuries. Animals were observed to get ranker when weather conditions got bad resulting in an increase in contestant injuries.

Equine Herpes Virus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM) - Neurotropic form of EHV-1

- EHV-1 (Equine Herpes Virus) – Common virus carried by equines and camelids.
- Most foals are born with it and it can resurface in times of stress.
- EHM is from mutant or neuropathogenic strains of EHV-1.
- Incubation time is four to six days, up to 12 days.
- Recommended quarantine time is 22 days to six weeks.
- Death can occur in as few as four days.
- There is currently no licensed vaccine against EHM and no treatment other than palliative care.
- The disease is highly contagious, and can spread through the air as well as through objects that have been in contact with infected horses including clothing.
- A drug trial is being conducted in select areas.
- This disease is classified by the USDA to be an emerging disease.
- EHM is not a reportable disease in all states and provinces.

An outbreak of EHM at the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) Western National Championships held in Ogden, Utah from April 29 to May 8, 2011 led to the cancellation of many equestrian events in the US and Canada. The USDA reported that the outbreak lasted approximately

two months, generating 90 confirmed cases of the disease, spread over 10 American states, and resulting in the deaths of 13 horses before it was declared contained by the US Department of Agriculture. Canada reported four confirmed cases and three deaths in two provinces. In October there has been a report of three confirmed cases of EHM in horses from an out-of province facility that were at a show in Manitoba. There are currently no confirmed cases in MB.

Biosecurity Recommendations

- Keep up to date on shots: West Nile and Tetanus in spring; Influenza and Rabies in the fall.
- When loading horses in the barn at a rodeo, separate Horses by region with an empty stall in between groups.
- Don't share tack, equipment, feed or water buckets or trailers.
- Bleach Walls of stalls before and after the event with a light solution of bleach. (Two table spoons of bleach per quart of water aka 30ml bleach per liter of water).
- Wash hands in between handling multiple animals from different regions.
- If a horse becomes sick at an event, isolate immediately and notify the event organizers.
- These recommendations will be added to the Rodeo Guidebook for use in the contestant bags and posting at rodeos.

Emergency Planning Recommendations

- Many fairgrounds have bunkers for animals.
- If a rodeo is held in an open area, release animals so they are not trapped and fend for themselves.
- Each rodeo venue has unique issues that should be discussed by each association with their arena contractors.

Stock Quantity Recommendations

Discussed how much stock to should be brought to a rodeo. This can vary due to weather conditions and number of contestants that are expected. It was recommended to consult with the stock contractor and chute coordinator.

Junior Bull Recommendations

Discussed how junior bulls did very well at our rodeos this year by loading in the chutes better than steers, cows or heifers and returning to the chutes. Some problems that occurred in the beginning of the year of junior bulls performing more like our bulls was addressed by Jay Beck, who called stock contractors before the rodeos to explain the kind of performance we expected from the animals:

- Should not do high bucks and dives or spins.
- Should lope out.
- These are for novice, beginner riders.
- Flanks should be tied loosely, the tighter these are tied, the more advanced moves the bull will make.
- Bulls may lay down in the chute if the rigging is pulled too tightly, letting the air out of the animal / restricting its breathing.

It was also deemed helpful for the stock contractors understand that what we call junior bulls in IGRA rules may go by different names that they may be more accustomed to such as: novice bulls, beginner bulls or peewee bulls. A video was shot at the Great Plains Regional Rodeo and the web address along with these recommendations will be presented to the Rodeo Guidebook.

Security

Reviewed Rodeo Rule I, 21 to confirm that stalls need adequate security. Security including the barn manager is additionally helpful in letting contestants know about horses that become sick at night.

Stock Requirements

Discussed problems of stock contractors that have brought goats to rodeos that do not meet IGRA requirements. Currently this a \$50 fine that some stock contractors would rather pay than to bring the correct stock. It was felt that it would be helpful to associations to have the same existing fines that are levied for steers to be applied consistently with all of the IGRA stock requirements to encourage compliance by the stock contractors that these fines would be passed on to. This lead to the recommendation of the following proposal that has since been presented to Rodeo Rules and was approved by that committee:

Sincerely,
Kelly Peebles
IGRA Animal Issues Chair



COMMITTEE MEETING

- The Committee Met Nov. 11, 2011
- There were Seven Attendees representing Seven Associations
- The Committee Review Activities in 2011 and Discussed Ideas for the Future
- There were No Actionable Items



MISSION

The IGRA Archives Committee Exists to Discover, Reveal and Preserve the History of Gay Rodeo.

It is Our Mission to Make Our Archive Accessible to Rodeo Fans and Scholars and to Document the Positive Impact Gay Rodeo has had on Our Culture and the Struggle for GLBT Equality.

2011 Activities and Initiatives

- There are a total of 238 unique rodeo programs in the archives, not counting additional copies
- 150 programs have been scanned for posting to the web
- 188 more in archives that still need to be scanned
- We have 2 electronic only programs with no hard copy
- Approximately 20 posters and 40 flyers have not been scanned
- 12 Issues of Roundup magazine from the earlier years
- Several other related magazines
- Approximately 15 award buckles and numerous ribbons reside in the current archives

Collection - Accessioning

- If you have or know someone who has relevant historical documents, photos or artifacts, please consider loaning or donating those objects for use in documenting and displaying our history.
- For those with private collections, please consider the IGRA Archives when estate planning.



Collection - Accessioning

- The Archives Committee is Currently Seeking
 - Rodeo Programs from the National Reno Gay Rodeo Years
 - Reno and IGRA Rodeo Posters
 - Photos of the Early Reno Rodeo Queens & Kings
 - Photos of Early All-Around Cowboys & Cowgirls
 - Photos of Early IGRA Royalty
 - Missing Association Rodeo Programs
 - Original Electronic Files of Association Rodeo Programs
 - Access Badges, Pins and Buckles from Finals and Association Rodeos



On-Going Accessioning Efforts

- The Archives Committee is Requesting from each Rodeo
 - Three Rodeo Souvenir Programs
 - One All-Access Badge
- These Should Go to Your IGRA Rodeo Auditor for delivery to the Collection
- Associations are Encouraged to Appoint an Archivist to Maintain the History of the Association and to Interface with the IGRA Archives Committee



Other Accomplishments in 2011

- Starting this year the Archives Committee has taken on the responsibility of official photographic documentation
 - Photographed every buckle winner at the Finals Award ceremony
 - Photographed every winner at the IGRA Royalty Competition
- These photographs will be available online by Year End



Donations and Fundraising

- The IGRA Archives receives **ZERO** funding from IGRA
- Your cash donations go into a special fund that we will use to preserve and protect our priceless legacy
- We will also use raised fund to cover shipping for item being loaned
- Any special fundraising by Royalty or other Groups is most welcome



Future Archives Projects

- **The Archives Committee will Continue to Work with the Autry Museum**
- **Future Display Ideas**
 - History of IGRA Presidents
 - Meet the Inductees of IGRA Hall of Fame
 - How Rodeo Rules Have Evolved Through the IGRA Ages
 - Rodeo Access Badges Through The Years
 - Rodeo Pin Display
 - Award Buckles Through the Years
 - Other Ideas...Send to the Archives Committee



The IGRA Archives Committee

- Committee Chair: Brian Rogers
- Contact: Archives@IGRA.com
- Archives Accessibility Developer: Frank Harrell
- History Website: www.GayRodeoHistory.org

- Special Thanks to Patrick Terry for his efforts maintaining the Archives for these many years.



Arena Directors Committee Report 2011

November 11, 2011

Committee Chair – Heather Murray

Heather was not able to attend so Scotty Shadix led meeting for her. Heather will remain as committee chair for 2012.

Committee Members:

Chris De Espinosa (ILGRA)	Dave Holmes (AGRA)	Jack Truman (MGRA)
Rodd Smunk (TGRA)	Mike Fontenot (FGRA)	Dan Iversen (AGRA)
Ed Hamilton (GSGRA)	Ken Hogg (NMGRA)	Forrest Mason (MGRA)
Kim Fry (CGRA)	Voni Whitaker (FGRA)	David Hallwood (MIGRA)

JT Clode (ARGRA)

Six arena directors completed recertification requirements and were approved by the Board of Directors on Thursday. They are Kim Dawson, Jorge Ramirez, Heather Murray, Dee Zuspahn, Jeanne McLeod, and Jim Mitchell. Scotty Shadix is the only known person in the certification program and should complete requirements in 2012.

The committee worked hard and came back with a recommendation (see below) to the IGRA University Committee to add an Arena Crew Coordinator Accreditation program to the University program. The proposal was delivered to Patrick Terry and Jeffrey Neal in person and via e-mail. The committee was succinct in that this should not be a certification program nor should the accredited individuals be referred to as certified officials. It was acknowledged that an educational piece should be in place and successful before such certification discussions should occur.

The committee recommends either allowing the Arena Directors to choose their assistants or, at the least, have an input in the selection of such.

The committee recommends Rodeo Directors invite Arena Directors ASAP to get the best travel deals.

The committee chair requests all Rodeo Directors report to her which Arena Director will be working their rodeo or call upon the chair for help in securing a Rodeo Director.

The committee chair requests analysis of the post rodeo review forms by the certification committee to make these more relevant to performance feedback.

The committee chair and her substitute would like to thank the committee for their hard work.

Scotty Shadix for Heather Murray

Proposal to University Committee:

For the purposes of further validating the Arena Crew Coordinator position, the Arena Directors Committee respectfully requests the IGRA University committee to add an Arena Crew Coordinator Accreditation program to its course list. In general, the Arena Directors Committee offers these loose guidelines and looks forward to working with the University committee to solidify these further.

- Open enrollment for all interested but prefer candidates have worked on Arena Crew at least once
- Invite each association to send one person through the initial class
- Initiate this for the 2012 University if possible
- Maintenance of accreditation based on working as ACC or on an Arena Crew at least once in the year
- Class should be taught by a current, or previously certified, Arena Director initially
- Course outline should be based on the rule book and should include:
 - Responsibilities of the position
 - Open book test
 - Practicum mock rodeo with variable arena conditions
- Once completed, accredited individuals are known as a Purple Shirt Princess.

Auditors/Secretaries/Scorekeepers

The Auditors/Secretaries/Scorekeepers Committee met on Friday, November 11, 2011 from 11:00 am until noon.

In addition to the committee chairperson, 13 people attended the meeting, 8 of whom were voting members.

The committee reviewed the certification and re-certification processes for Auditors, Secretaries, and Scorekeepers.

The chairperson reviewed the certifications and re-certifications for Rodeo Year 2012 that were approved by the Trustees in their meeting on Thursday, November 10. Bruce Roby from GSGRA was approved as a Secretary, and Glen Dickard from GSGRA was approved as a Scorekeeper.

With the new certifications and re-certifications, for 2012, there will be 2 Auditors, 7 Secretaries, and 13 Scorekeepers.

The committee discussed one proposal that had been submitted for Secretary and Scorekeeper re-certification, and did not approve the proposal.

No additional proposals were presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Trusley
Auditors/Secretaries/Scorekeepers Committee Chairperson

27th IGRA Annual Convention
November 12th, 2011-San Diego CA
Budget Committee Report

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11th, 2011 with ten individuals representing nine member associations.

The budget which was approved by the Board of Director's at yesterday's meeting, was presented and discussed at length. The budget for 2012 reflects I.G.R.A. convention and I.G.R.A. royalty competition to be I.G.R.A. productions.

There were no new budget items presented from any other committees.

There was discussion regarding the standing rules need to be updated to include the production of all I.G.R.A. activities. This item was sent to the Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

David G. Hill
Chairperson

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**I.G.R.A.
Budget 2012**

	10/11 Actual	2011 Budget	Revisions	2012 Budget
Income				
4110 - Rodeo sanction fees	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600	\$ -	\$ 8,400
4120 - Rodeo additional seat tax	1,445.00	2,200	-	1,900
4130 - Rodeo general operating income	4,210.50	4,400	-	4,200
4140 - Fines income	850.00	1,000	-	800
4150 - Finals rodeo	122,609.00	130,500	-	126,300
4200 - Initiation fees/annual dues	15,600.00	16,200	-	15,600
4300 - Royalty income	1,400	1,000	-	6,500
4310 - M/M/M/M fund raisers	13,732.03	7,750	-	13,500
4320 - M/M/M/M cont fund raisers	4,554.00	1,500	-	5,000
4400 - Realized deferred income	-	4,000	-	-
4460 - Gay Rodeo Legacy Project income	380.00	-	-	-
4470 - IGRA University income	11,789.24	11,400	-	11,650
4535 - On line structure income	1,978.00	3,000	-	2,050
4540 - Dance income	2,331.00	3,000	-	2,700
4600 - Interest income	184.04	350	-	250
4700 - Travel commissions	80.08	200	-	100
4750 - Merchandise income	7,223.00	4,800	-	6,000
4800 - Miscellaneous income	50.00	100	-	50
4900 - Convention income	-	-	-	22,250
Total Income	<u>\$ 198,015.89</u>	<u>\$ 201,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 205,000</u>
Expense				
6500 - Office supplies	\$ 1,293.78	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ 1,300
6510 - Telephone expense	645.48	650	-	900
6520 - Postage	1,036.68	2,000	-	2,000
6530 - Printing	-	3,200	-	4,000
6560 - Payroll expenses	8,711.03	10,400	-	10,500
7500 - Document scanning fee	-	400	-	400
7530 - Committee meeting expense	-	500	-	500
7540 - Dance competition	2,181.54	3,000	-	2,700
7550 - Royalty expense	1,485.26	6,000	-	6,500
7560 - M/M/M/M winnings	-	-	-	-
7600 - Travel	4,539.88	6,000	-	5,000
7650 - Executive meeting expense	4,209.52	8,000	-	6,000
7750 - Computer-hardware	1,579.82	2,500	-	2,500
7760 - Computer-software	1,977.33	3,000	-	1,000
7770 - Computer-maintenance	-	500	-	250
7780 - Computer-on line services	1,294.45	1,800	-	1,350
8150 - Finals rodeo expense	116,000.50	120,500	-	117,150
8200 - Marketing expense	2,466.00	3,000	-	3,000
8400 - Storage fees	480.00	500	-	500
8470 - IGRA University expense	9,079.96	10,400	-	10,000
8500 - Donations and contributions	75.00	550	-	150
8510 - Legal and professional services	407.12	500	-	500
8520 - Taxes and licenses	515.00	2,200	-	2,100
8530 - Bank charges	33.31	100	-	50
8535 - Credit card charges	3,885.32	4,000	-	4,000
8550 - Assn/rodeo insurance	412.22	400	-	400
8750 - Merchandise expense	8,211.87	2,500	-	4,000
8900 - Convention expense	6,657.16	7,500	-	18,250
8950 - Convention int'l awards	-	-	-	-
8955 - Convention stipend	-	-	-	-
9510 - Miscellaneous expense	169.30	-	-	-
Total Expense	<u>\$ 177,347.53</u>	<u>\$ 201,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 205,000</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 20,668.36</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**I.G.R.A. Convention
Budget 2012**

	<u>10/11 Actual</u>	<u>2011 Budget</u>	<u>Revisions</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>
4900 - Convention Income				
4905 - Convention sponsorship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
4910 - Convention fund raisers	-	-	-	-
4915 - Registration fees	-	-	-	15,000
4920 - Late fees	-	-	-	-
4925 - Room commissions	-	-	-	2,250
Total Convention Income	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 22,250</u>
8900 - Convention Expense				
8905 - Facility costs/conv registration	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
8910 - Audio visual	-	-	-	4,000
8915 - Break expense	-	-	-	2,250
8920 - Luncheon expnese	-	-	-	8,250
8925 - Office equipment	-	-	-	1,000
8930 - Office supplies	-	-	-	500
8935 - Printing	-	-	-	500
8950 - Convention int'l awards	176.06	1,500	-	1,750
8955 - Convention stipend	5,281.10	5,000	-	-
Total Convention Expense	<u>\$ 6,657.16</u>	<u>\$ 7,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 18,250</u>
Convention Net Income	<u>\$ (6,657.16)</u>	<u>\$ (7,500)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>

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**I.G.R.A.
Dance Budget 2012**

	<u>10/11 Actual</u>	<u>2011 Budget</u>	<u>Revisions</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>
4540 - Dance Income				
4542 - Registration	\$ 331.00	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
4544 - Sponsorship	2,000.00	2,500	-	2,200
Total Dance Income	<u>\$ 2,331.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,700</u>
7450 - Dance Expense				
7541 - Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7542 - Award buckles/ribbons	962.00	1,200	-	1,000
7543 - Facility cost	1,069.54	800	-	1,100
7544 - Instructor/judge's honorarium	150.00	900	-	500
7545 - Supplies/printing	-	100	-	100
Total Dance Expense	<u>\$ 2,181.54</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,700</u>
IGRA Dance Net Income	<u>\$ 149.46</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**I.G.R.A.
Finals Budget 2012**

	10/11 Actual	2011 Budget	Revisions	2012 Budget
4150 - Finals Rodeo Income				
4152 - Ad sales	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
4154 - Buckle sponsorship	13,943.00	10,000	-	12,000
4156 - Chute sponsorship	2,500.00	2,000	-	2,500
4158 - Finals sponsorship	18,000.00	26,500	-	20,000
4160 - Finals fund	15,666.00	16,000	-	16,000
4161 - Finals contestant fines	550.00	-	-	-
4162 - Gate sales	16,555.00	22,500	-	18,000
4164 - Contestant entry fees	21,425.00	20,000	-	21,500
4165 - Contestant finals fees	23,046.00	22,000	-	23,000
4166 - Entertainment	1,225.00	2,500	-	2,000
4167 - BBQ/awards banquet	3,440.00	2,500	-	4,400
4169 - Donations	438.00	500	-	-
4170 - Merch/shavings sales	1,788.00	2,000	-	1,500
4172 - Vendor sales	2,800.00	3,500	-	3,500
4175 - Stall income	908.00	500	-	900
4177 - Commissions	-	-	-	-
Total Finals Rodeo Income	\$ 122,609.00	\$ 130,500	\$ -	\$ 126,300
8150 - Finals Rodeo Expense				
8152 - Advertising	\$ 10,147.84	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 10,500
8154 - Ambulance	1,040.00	1,200	-	1,100
8156 - Arena rental	4,654.00	7,500	-	4,700
8158 - Award buckles/saddles	8,788.00	4,000	-	6,700
8159 - Award ribbons	1,426.49	1,000	-	1,500
8162 - Contestant payout	44,371.00	42,000	-	45,000
8164 - Entertainment-talent	300.00	1,000	-	-
8165 - Entertainment-other	3,202.23	1,500	-	2,500
8166 - Equipment & supplies	1,647.04	2,000	-	1,500
8167 - BBQ/awards banquet expense	4,400.00	2,500	-	4,400
8168 - Equipment rentals	1,387.00	4,500	-	1,700
8170 - Insurance	-	400	-	-
8172 - Merch/shavings expense	1,788.00	2,000	-	1,500
8174 - Travel/rooms	12,563.09	11,000	-	14,500
8175 - Parking/bus expense	15.00	400	-	-
8176 - Poster expense	-	300	-	-
8177 - Vendor expense	738.00	2,000	-	1,000
8178 - Program expense	1,432.02	2,000	-	1,500
8179 - Ticketing expense	554.54	700	-	600
8180 - Security	1,030.00	2,000	-	1,050
8182 - Stock contractor	11,180.00	12,000	-	11,500
8183 - Stall expense	4,250.00	4,500	-	4,800
8186 - Veterinarian	786.25	1,000	-	800
8187 - Ferrier expense	300.00	-	-	300
8188 - Miscellaneous expense	-	-	-	-
Total Finals Rodeo Expense	\$ 116,000.50	\$ 120,500	\$ -	\$ 117,150
Finals Rodeo Net Income	\$ 6,608.50	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 9,150

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**I.G.R.A. Royalty
Budget 2011**

	10/11 Actual	2011 Budget	Revisions	2012 Budget
4300 -Royalty Income				
4300 - M/M/M/M entry fees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500
4305 - Royalty sponsorship	-	-	-	5,000
Total Royalty Income	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 6,500
7500 - Royalty Expense				
7550 - Royalty competition stipend	\$ 1,485.26	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
7552 - Facility cost	-	-	-	500
7554 - Audio visual	-	-	-	1,500
7556 - Buckles/awards	-	-	-	1,500
7558 - Office supplies	-	-	-	500
7560 - M/M/M/M winnings/travel	-	1,000	-	2,500
Total Royalty Expense	\$ 1,485.26	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,500
Net Royalty Income	\$ (85.26)	\$ (5,000)	\$ -	\$ -

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**I.G.R.A.
University Budget 2012**

	10/11 Actual	2011 Budget	Revisions	2012 Budget
4470 - IGRA University Income				
4472 - Registration	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,550	\$ -	\$ 5,500
4474 - Sponsorship	5,850.00	5,850	-	5,500
4476 - Commissions	639.24	-	-	650
4478 - Merchandise	-	-	-	-
Total IGRA University Income	\$ 11,789.24	\$ 11,400	\$ -	\$ 11,650
8470 - IGRA University Expense				
8471 - Facility costs	\$ 84.00	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 500
8472 - Food service	5,314.65	5,700	-	5,700
8473 - Instructor honorariums (rooms)	2,625.00	2,700	-	2,700
8474 - Supplies/printing	1,056.31	900	-	1,100
Total IGRA University Expense	\$ 9,079.96	\$ 10,400	\$ -	\$ 10,000
IGRA University Net Income	\$ 2,709.28	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,650

Report of the Bylaws Committee
to the 27th Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 12, 2011

The Bylaws Committee met on Friday, November 11, 2011 from 11:00 am until 6:30 pm. A total of 25 persons attended the meeting, 17 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>
Jai Crystal	AGRA	X
Dave Holmes	AGRA	
Doug Holmes	AGRA	
Pierre Cadieux	ARGRA	X
Janie Van Santen	ARGRA	
Tom Lott	ASGRA	X
Peter Dillon	CCGRA	X
Dwight Skeates	CCGRA	
Robert Thurtell	CGRA	X
Tommy Channel	CGRA	
Jacky Green	DSRA	X
Gather Pennington	FGRA	X
Chuck Browning	FGRA	
Greg Brown	GSGRA	X
Ray Ostmann	GWGRA	X
Steve Schultz	GWGRA	
Ed Barry	ILGRA	X
David Burks	KGRA	X
Forrest Mason	MGRA	X
Jerry Tropf	MGRA	
Jeffrey Neal	NGRA	X
Jeff Lowe	NMGRA	X
Gary Eddy	SCCGRA	X
Justin Waldner	SMRA	X
Gene Fraikes	TGRA	X

CHUTE COORDINATORS COMMITTEE

2011 IGRA CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 12, 2011

Meeting met at 11:00 am.

The chair reported that 6 Chute Coordinators have met the requirements and will be recommended for recertification. Recertification recommendations: Jay Beck, Kim Dawson, David Hallwood, Tim Miller, Heather Murray, and Scotty Shadix.

Student Coordinators. There are currently 5 active student coordinators and they should be invited to any and all rodeos in order to complete their requirements for certification: Chris De Espinosa, Clay Collins, Diane Ross, Jefferson Clode, and Paula Scougal.

Injury Reports. Very few are being completed which results in a misleading year end report.

Stock Contractor Evaluations. The Chute Coordinators did a good job getting the evaluations completed and turned in. A little problem getting them to the people who need them, but I am working on a better system. Not necessarily because of the evaluations but we had very few instances when the contractor brought the wrong animals this year.

Junior Bulls. From the perspective of the Chute Coordinator and the stock contractor, Junior Bull Riding was very successful and a great improvement over Steer Riding. The only rodeos that had problems with junior bulls were because the contractor brought the wrong classification of bulls. In order to help our associations and our stock contractors to better understand what we require for junior bulls, I have a video that will hopefully be posted on the IGRA Web site. One thing we learned this year is different parts of the country have different names for the bulls we want them to bring. I can copy it to anyone's thumb drive or I do have a few blank discs but we are going to show the video now.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Beck
Chute Coordinator Chair

Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee

The Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee met at 8:00 am. on Friday, November 11, 2011. There were 25 people in attendance from 7 associations.

The committee approved the following 2 proposals:

Proposal 1—revising the gender identity portion of Exhibit C1 to more closely match the gender identity position of IGRA.

Proposal 2—revising the entertainment time limit from 7 minutes to 5 minutes.

The committee also entertained a motion to eliminate horsemanship from the IGRA Royalty Competition. This proposal failed.

Further discussion included moving the IGRA Royalty competition from World Gay Rodeo Finals to IGRA Convention. This proposal failed.

Finally, those in attendance shared fundraising ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Goodman

IGRA Vice President

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Credentials Committee Report
November 12, 2011

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

There are **24 current** Member Associations in IGRA and they are all eligible to vote. **Pacific Northwest** voluntarily withdrew its membership in mid-September. Both **Liberty** and **Sonoran** did not submit a renewal packet. On Friday, the Membership Committee voted to remove Liberty's and Sonoran's membership from IGRA.

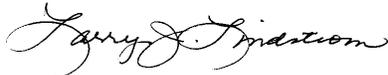
It should also be noted that OGRA, SSRA, and HSRA did not send delegates to this convention.

A new group has met the requirements, as required by the IGRA bylaws, to be seated at this convention.

On August 3, the **Louisiana State Gay Rodeo Association** (LSGRA) submitted the necessary paperwork to rejoin as a Member Association. They are based in the Shreveport-Bossier City area of Northwest Louisiana and their geographic area is the state of Louisiana. They have 64 members of whom 94% reside within the state of Louisiana.

It is the Membership Committee's recommendation they be seated as a Member Association of IGRA.

At this time, I request that the convention floor approve the credentials report and finish the roll call and seating of delegates.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary

Dance Rules Committee

November 11, 2011

Members Present –

- Ed LeBrash – GWGRA
- Robin Cagle – TGRA
- Kami Boles – MGRA
- Ken Hogg – NMGRA
- Jai Crystal – AGRA
- Ed Hamilton – GSGRA
- Mike Fontenot – FGRA
- Rocky Buruse – CGRA
- Mark Larson – NSGRA
- AJ Vawter – NSGRA
- Sandy Bidwell – DSRA

The committee reviewed the date and location of the Dance competition to be held at IGRA University in January 2012. All of the information is posted on the IGRA University Web site which includes the dances with instructional video. The dance poster was shown and is online at the IGRA University Web site.

The committee reviewed the classes to be offered at University.

Discussed the format in Exhibit D1 – Section 5 – B. The 30 x 30 dance floor size that is listed is not a standard dance floor size. The committee agreed and voted to change to no less than 20 x 20 dance floor. This accommodates most hotel dance floors. No additional money would be needed to rent a larger dance floor to accommodate the competition.

See attached recommended Standing Rule modification to match the current exhibit on the Web site.

Rule XV International Country/Western Dance competition Page 22.

Hall of Fame Committee

San Diego, California

November 11, 2011

Mark Larson, NSGRA
Patrick Terry, ILGRA
Frank Harrell, ASGRA
AJ Vawter, NSGRA
Rocky Buruse, CGRA
Ed Hamilton, GSGRA
John Stangle, KGRA

The committee discussed the necessity of using the nomination form to nominate candidates for induction into the IGRA Hall of Fame, as well as editorial cleanup which has previously been submitted to the bylaws committee.

The nomination form can be found on the IGRA Web site.

The members present also discussed the necessity for more nominees in any category. Nominees need not be members of IGRA, however must have had a significant contribution to the IGRA.

Frank has been working on gayrodeohistory.org to showcase the inductees to the IGRA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Larson

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

2011 IGRA CONVENTION

The Health & Safety Committee met on Friday, November 11, 2011 from 2:30 pm until 3:40 pm. A total of 11 people were present at the meeting with 8 voting member of the committee. A list of attendee is included below. I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and patience.

The committee covered all agenda items with the exception of the 2011 Injury Report Summary. The summary is attached to this report. The proposal that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Frazier

Attendees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting Member (Yes)</u>
Elizabeth Anderson	GSGRA	Yes
Hance Rawson	TGRA	Yes
Kim L Fry	CGRA	Yes
Chris De Espinosa	ILGRA	Yes
Michael Chavez	AGRA	Yes
Lisa Smith	DSRA	Yes
Voni Whitaker	FGRA	Yes
Nikol Hillman	FGRA	No
Michael Weidmann	AGRA	No
Brian Helander	NMGRA	No
Linda M. Frazier	MGRA	Yes

Judges Committee Report

November 11, 2011 - 8:30 to 10:00 A.M.
Carlsbad Room, Hilton San Diego Mission Valley

The Rodeo Judges Committee met with 9 participants present, representing 7 associations:

Michael Lentz	ASGRA	committee co-chair
Gene Fraikes	TGRA	
John Beck	CGRA	
Amy Griffin	ILGRA	
Greg Brown	GSGRA	
John Sciarrilli	GSGRA	
Jim Lilly	MGRA	
Greg Gillum	AGRA	
Jai Crystal	AGRA	

Co-chairman Lentz offered a summary of IGRA active judges.

The following 2011 IGRA Certified Judges have met the qualifications for and are being recommended for recertification in Rodeo Year 2012:

Kristin Baldwin (Junior Judge) - DSRA
Frank Elam, Jr (Senior Judge) – TGRA
Gene Fraikes (Senior Judge) - TGRA
Jim Gant (Junior Judge) - GSGRA
Amy Griffin (Senior Judge) - ILGRA
Rick Jones (Senior Judge) - RRRRA
Michael Lentz (Senior Judge) - ASGRA
Jack Morgan (Senior Judge) - CGRA
Anthony Ovaldson (Senior Judge) - GSGRA
Kyle Putman (Senior Judge) - IAGRA
Jorge Ramirez (Senior Judge) - GSGRA
Dolores Zuspahn (Senior Judge) – KGRA

The following new judge is being recommended for Certification effective for the 2012 rodeo year:

Tom Sheridan (Rookie Judge) – ILGRA

Roger Courtemanche (Junior Judge) - CGRA was certified for 2011 but did not meet the qualifications for recertification in 2012 and is thus not receiving a recommendation.

The Committee discussed several challenges to our Rodeo Judges. In particular, we discussed the methods and quality of Judge's training or education and consistency in judging techniques and the application of rules. We noted in particular the preponderance of Rodeo Rules changes being offered this weekend that focus on these issues/problem areas. Key recommendations include:

1. Develop training videos using archival or newly collected footage of all events, but focusing on chute dogging, rough stock riding and team roping in particular. Is it possible to even use a "Judge cam" to collect some of this footage?

2. Find a way to incorporate student judge training into rodeo schools or play days.
3. Bring back the requirement for annual seminar attendance for Judge's Recertification. This is a change that creates a different standard than that of other certification programs, but the Committee felt that the Judges ought to be held to a higher standard. This is part of an effort to create better communications within the Judges program and to improve the consistency in techniques and the application of rules.
4. Focus more effort on training of new (Rookie) Judges by implementing a "mentoring" requirement; extend the Rookie Judging period to the first eight (8) full days of participation as a Judge.

Two Standing Rules changes are being proposed to the Convention to address Judge's education and training and Recertification.

Michael Lentz
Jack Morgan
2011 IGRA Judges Committee co-chairs

RULE XVI GENERAL RULES FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Section 3. Recertification Process.

A. **Except for the Judging program,** sSeminar attendance is not required for recertification.

RULE XIX JUDGES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Section 3. Recertification.

A. Refer to Standing Rule XVI, Section 3, for recertification process general requirements.

B. Work as a Judge at least once each year at an IGRA–sanctioned rodeo other than the IGRA Finals Rodeo.

C. If a certified Judge is unable to work at a rodeo during the year, then that person must attend a seminar before recommendation for recertification.

C. Prior to the last regularly scheduled board of trustees meeting, each certified Judge must attend a Judges Seminar covering both PRCA Judges Handbook and the IGRA Rodeo Rules.

Proposal 2:

RULE XIX JUDGES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Section 2. Certification.

C. Rookie Judge.

1. A newly certified Judge will be considered a Rookie Judge until they have completed judging four (4) **eight (8)** full days of IGRA rodeo competition.

2. Rookie Judges shall not be assigned to finish flag any roping event or Chute Dogging or as the official timer in a rough stock riding event **for the first (4) complete days of rodeo judging.**

3. The time spent as a Rookie Judge will be considered a practical examination. **A Senior Judge must accompany them during each event to ensure accuracy and consistency of judging techniques and decisions.** The committee will evaluate all Rookie Judges during their first four (4) **eight (8)** complete days of rodeo judging. If their performance is not satisfactory, they will be required to complete additional training prior to advancing to Junior Judge status.

4. If their performance is satisfactory, upon approval of the committee, they will be advanced to Junior Judge status.

Joint Certification Committee

The Joint Certification Committee met on Friday, November 11, 2011, from 2:00-3:30 pm. In addition to the committee chairperson, ten voting members were in attendance.

It seems that some certified personnel not take the evaluations seriously, and the concurrence was to ask everyone to take the evaluations seriously. A written reminder of this should be sent to all certified personnel.

The committee also voted to recommend to the Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee to delete current Standing Rule XXIII Arena Crew Coordinator and Standing Rule XXIV Rodeo Announcer because there is no process in place for monitoring individual progress nor to recommend one for a Recognized Arena Crew Coordinator or a Recognized Rodeo Announcer.

Exhibit E2 Chute Coordinator Program Checklist is currently used by the Chute Coordinator Committee to document that an individual has met all requirements for Chute Coordinator Certification. The committee voted to eliminate Exhibit E8, pages 2, 3, and 4 and to include the committee chairperson's recommendation and signature on Exhibit E2.

The committee reviewed the current General Rules for Certified Personnel and submits the attached proposals.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Trusley
Joint Certification Committee Chairperson

Marketing & Public Relations Committee

Friday, November 11, 2011

The IGRA Marketing & Public Relations Committee meeting began with an assessment of the current programs & worked to identify opportunities to improve. The attending members are willing to become more involved, taking on smaller projects to re-energize our marketing efforts and insure the growth & strength of IGRA. We encourage all interested members with talents in the Advertising, Marketing, or Media fields to consider helping keep IGRA in the public eye.

Targeted Plans & Goals:

A. Develop a more consistent direction & message for ALL of our advertising & media efforts. A strong suggestion is to return to our Mission Statement as a guideline for all efforts:

Our Mission

Supporting Rodeo Associations that Support their Communities

IGRA achieves this mission by:

- 1. Providing associations with the tools to produce quality events.*
- 2. Promoting, in a positive way, the GBLTQ country western lifestyle.*
- 3. Supporting amateur sportsmanship through participation, competition and recognition*

B. Prepare and/or update readily accessible tools for marketing, i.e.: an IGRA Press Packet, a WGRF Press Packet, a series of Press Releases, all available online and available for distribution.

C. Build stronger interaction & relationships with other Athletic, Dance, Social, & Non Profit Groups.

D. Critically evaluate our efforts at events and advertising expenses. Assure they are quantified and justify the cost. Are we returning from the event or advertising effort with tangible contact information or attendance?

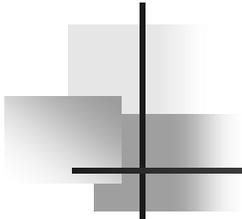
E. Utilize our resources, especially IGRA.com and social media, to promote more & varied events from local associations. Develop easier pathways to drive interest of IGRA to involvement in local activities.

F. Develop longer range planning for events & marketing efforts. IGRA could consider devoting a portion of the PR budget to hiring a professional consultant.

THANK YOU to those attending the meeting for the robust exchange of ideas, suggestions & the willingness to participate in the solutions. Together we can all help draw attention & talents to our wonderful IGRA Family.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Pool
Acting Committee Chair

Attendees: Greg Gillum, AGRA; Michael Fierro, SMRA; John Hill, CGRA; John Stangle, KGRA; Ed Morgan, GSGRA; Frank Mazzo, TGRA; Matt Livadary, GSGRA; Sandy Bidwell, DSRA; Scott Korff, MIGRA; Jack Truman, MGRA; Rich Valdez, CGRA.



IGRA Membership Report

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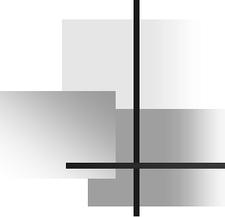
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November 12, 2011

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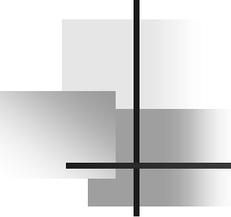
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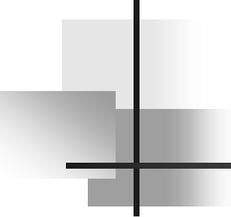
Membership Business

- 21 attended from 16 associations
- Meeting Agenda
 - Existing Associations
 - New Associations
 - Bylaws Proposals
 - Other Items



Other Items

- Smaller Associations struggle with...
 - Retaining Members
 - Annual Dues
 - Insurance Assessment
- Rodeo-producing Associations have...
 - Sanction Fees
 - Double Insurance Assessment



Membership Numbers

- SSRA, SMRA, CCGRA, and SCCGRA all down 40%
- Texas +21%
- Michigan +36%
- Iowa +215%
- IGRA +1.5% overall
 - Net loss of 2 associations

Merchandise Report

Let's start off with everyone who is wearing IGRA Merchandise please stand up! Now, that is branding and hopefully you are branding IGRA even more in the public! Wow, what a year and am still trying to absorb the numbers, especially at Finals. Can I please have anyone that was at the table helping out and selling merchandise at finals? These are the people that made IGRA Merchandise sales a HUGE SUCCESS, as I could NOT even begin to come close to selling \$4,657 in merchandise with a sales net of \$2,334.75, for a total of \$7,223 for 2011, not counting this weekend's sales. These people took the BULL by the horn and RAN with it and I personally thank each and every one of you, as I couldn't do it by myself, especially at finals, with all of the other duties I had that weekend!

In four years since we started selling IGRA Merchandise at the 2007 IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals, we have sold \$17, 903 in merchandise, with a sales net of \$8,350.52. This year alone we have \$7,223 and that does not include this weekend's sales. This is just selling at some of our events that I was able to take Merchandise to and with the help of mainly Royalty members, both IGRA and local Associations.

We are getting closer to having our online store up and running and hope to have it going by the end of the year. We have run into a few glitches with the payment process, but hope to have that worked out real soon. Once the store is going, we should be able to double our sales that we had this year and will be make a large contribution to the IGRA General Operating Fund. As we continue to make more money, we will be able to introduce more new items. The committee is looking into offering sales of the 25th Anniversary buckle and will let everyone know when we will have them available.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Terry

Report of the Nominating Committee to the 27th Annual IGRA Convention

The Nominating Committee met on Friday, November 11th, 2011 from 9:00 am until 9:30 am. A total of 9 persons attended the meeting, 9 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.

The following nominations were made and accepted for the position of Vice President for the 2012-2013 term:

- Michael Butts - AGRA
- Wade Earp - TGRA
- Gene Fraikes - TGRA
- Mitch Gill - IAGRA
- Donald Moore - CGRA
- Laura Scott - NGRA

The following nomination was made and accepted for the position of Secretary for the 2012-2013 term:

- Larry Lindstrom - CGRA

No bids have been received for 2012 or 2013 Convention at this time.

I would like to thank all my volunteers in advance who will be helping to hand out ballots, count them and audit the final totals!

Justin James Waldner
Chairman

Rodeo Rules Committee

27th Annual Convention

November 12th, 2011

The Rodeo Rules Committee met on Friday November 13th, 2011 from 10:00 am until 5:35 pm. A total of 21 people attended the meeting representing 16 associations.

A list of attendees is attached to this report.

The committee would like to thank GSGRA for their hospitality and the Rodeo Rules Committee members for their input, assistance, and perseverance. Thank you to Ty Teigen for her valuable assistance as Co-Chair.

And last but not least, a very big thank you for those committed committee attendees for completing a great deal of hard work.

The committee reviewed all 2011 Rodeo Review Board meeting minutes with special attention to the checklists fines, injuries, and protests.

We noticed several stock contractor contracts that did not have the entire Rodeo Rule VI included and was not noted on the checklist. There were several stock contractor insurance contracts on file that did not have the local association or IGRA listed as additional insured but was not noted on the checklist.

There were three situations where Alternate Trustees were appointed as Checklist or Rodeo Review Trustee due to no Trustee or Trustee Chairs in attendance at some rodeos. Trustee attendance at the pre and post-rodeo meetings was reviewed for the past three years. These reports are attached and we ask they be included in the convention documents.

The committee agreed to consider late proposals if the main proposals were completed by 5 pm. The committee then reviewed all proposals 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 Rodeo Rules Committee

Ty Teigen
Co-Chair Rodeo Rules Committee

Rodeo Rules Committee

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Members in attendance:

Wade Earp	TGRA	Voting
Bruce Roby	GSGRA	Voting
Chad Billings	SMRA	Voting
Brian Helander	NMGRA	Voting
Andy Struckhoff	GSGRA	Voting
Rob Summers	ARGRA	Voting
Reno Ashford	DSRA	Voting
Dan Iversen	AGRA	Voting
Guy Puglisi	NGRA	Voting
Debbie Cowgur	ILGRA	Voting
John Beck	CGRA	Voting
Jack Truman	MGRA	Voting
Bobby Fender	FGRA	Voting
John Perez	SCCGRA	Voting
Beth Brockelman	ASGRA	Voting
Kelly Peebles	NMGRA	
Jim Lilly	MGRA	
Jerry Tropf	MGRA	
Judy Monson	ARGRA	
Popper DuBray	GSGRA	
Tommy Channel	CGRA	
Amy Griffin	ILGRA	

Social Media Committee

There were 14 attendees representing 9 associations that attended the meeting, which occurred Friday, November 11th, at 11:00 am.

- Since University, we went from 1,200 to 2,500 members on Facebook.
- Spoke about updating Web sites making them as user-friendly as possible. Sometimes less is more.
- Reach out to other associations. Our goal is to ensure every association has at the very least a Facebook account. If you don't know how to get started ask us at askigra@igra.com
- Social media is working. Many associations are asking people who come to their events how they heard about the event. They say, "Facebook."
- What's the best form of social media? Word of mouth! Lets not lose sight of that.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Scott
Co-chair

**Report of the University Committee
to the 27th Annual IGRA Convention**

Saturday, November 12, 2011

The University Committee met on Friday, November 11, 2011 from 8:00 am until 10:30 am. A total of 20 people representing 13 associations attended. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

The history and concepts of University were discussed to outline the way this committee has strived to support the ever evolving growth needs of the organization and has kept clear a mission to support and strengthen IGRA through the education and resourcing of the Member Associations.

The committee discussed that the last 3-4 years has shown a significant increase in the number of new students attending and the move to having the event in the mid-west has seemed to help support Associations from that region.

The committee discussed the fact that the Rodeo Resources and Merchandise Committee functions are transferring to work collectively from the University Committee. The resources will be reviewed in the next few months and updates made to ensure that all the documents that are available through the IGRA Web site are up-to-date and available for use by any Member Association. Merchandise activities are being reviewed to determine the best way to keep the IGRA brand visible at rodeo events. There have been concerns with being able to get product out without the challenges of loss, damage, theft, and staffing controls.

The committee discussed one change to the Standing Rules in regards to University.

The committee looks forward to seeing everyone meet up in St. Louis, MO, January 13-15, 2012 for IGRA University.

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

Patrick Terry
Chairman University Committee

University Committee Attendance List

Name	Association	Voting Delegate
Brian Helander	MNGRA	X
Bruce Casey	GSGRA	X
Donald Moore	CGRA	X
Doug Holmes	AGRA	
Douglass Graff	IGRA/NGRA	
Ed LaBrash	GWGRA	X
Frank Harrell	ASGRA	X
Hance Rawson	TGRA	X
Jeffrey Neal	NGRA	x
Jerry Tropf	MGRA	
Kelly Gilliland	GSGRA	
Linda Frazier	MGRA	X
Lisa Smith	DSRA	
Michael Fierro	SMRA	X
Patrick Terry	CGRA	
Ron Trusley	AGRA	X
Sandy Bidwell	DSRA	X
Scott Korff	MIGRA	X
Spaz Schneider	TGRA	
Wade Earp	TGRA	

IGRA Web Site Report

November 9, 2011

At the beginning of 2011 IGRA President Doug Graff kicked off an initiative to “modernize” the IGRA Web site. The goals of the project were:

- Improved interface and look and feel for the casual public visitor
- Modernized technology using a Content Management System
- Long term management strategy
- Collaborative process allowing multiple site contributors
- Create an interactive Web site to allow online feedback and comment
- Tie to Contestant Registration System (DB, PHP), Larry Lindstrom? Password issues
- Create an interactive IGRA Store
- Enhance the Membership/Competitor Database
- Include Facebook/Twitter/RSS integration

The initial project team consisted of the following volunteers: Chuck Browning, Bill Chapman, Doug Graff, Frank Harrell, Karin Jaffie, and Don Harris. A beta test Web site was developed using WordPress, the extremely popular (and free) content management system. This test site was reviewed by the Board of Directors, and after making modifications as requested, the new site went “live” on July 15, 2011.

The following benefits have been realized with the new site:

- **New user interface.** The site look and feel has been updated to a more modern interface. The new front page provides the casual site visitor with a visual “overview” of IGRA using photographs and narrative. This includes a ‘slider’ with images of various aspects of gay rodeo, including rodeo events (bull riding, wild drag, roping, etc.) as well as dance and royalty.
- **All-new event calendar.** The rodeo calendar is now created dynamically based on a database, so the next three events automatically display on the right side of every page on the site. This is fully automated, so that at midnight on Sunday that weekend’s rodeo is removed and the next in the list displays. No administrator intervention is required. Because this is database-driven, site visitors can look at the coming events page (<http://igra.com/rodeo-fans/upcoming-events/>), the 2011 rodeo calendar (<http://igra.com/rodeo-fans/2011-calendar/>), or the 2012 rodeo calendar (<http://igra.com/rodeo-fans/2012-calendar/>). Each rodeo and event has its own unique page and URL that provides a map to the location, as well as standard information about each event. A popular new feature also allows users to add a calendar subscription to their desktop or mobile device, with new events automatically being added to their personal calendar.
- **New Site Structure with Full Site Search.** The redesigned site uses a site structure designed by long-time contestant Chuck Browning, and groups content by the type of visitor. For those who have used the site for years and are having trouble finding information, the search page is accessible from every page on the new site.
- **Dynamic content management and page generation.** WordPress is a free and open source blogging tool and publishing platform powered by PHP and MySQL which we are using as a content management system (CMS) and blogging platform. It has many features including a plug-in architecture and a template system, allowing all the content to be published dynamically and with minimal administration. WordPress is currently the most popular CMS in use on the Internet.
- **Multiple authors.** WordPress’ highly advanced user system allows up to ten levels of users, with different levels having different (and configurable) privileges with regard to publishing, editing, options, and other users. We already have provided access to several of the Executive Board so they can modify the pages. The major benefit is that not everything has to funnel through the Webmaster.

- **Blog Content.** Content that is presented as latest entry first, organized into archives automatically which we use this to present latest news in the Announcements section. We also have a President's Blog.
- **Photo and Video Galleries.** We have an all-new photo and video galleries that are easily and quickly updated using standard plugins. New information can be quickly and easily uploaded to the site by anyone with access rights, thereby distributing the volunteer workload across a broader spectrum of the association.
- **Top Eight results.** This page has been converted to a new Web 2.0 format with a table that is easily sortable and searchable.
- **Comments.** Visitors to our site can leave comments on individual entries and through trackback or pingback can comment on their own site. We can enable or disable comments on a per-post basis.
- **Spam protection.** The new site has very robust tools such as an integrated blacklist and open proxy checker to manage and eliminate comment spam on our site.
- **Full user registration.** WordPress has a built-in user registration system that (if we choose to deploy in the future) can allow people to register and maintain profiles and leave authenticated comments on our site. We can optionally close comments for non-registered users.
- **SEO friendly Web site architecture.** WordPress is extremely SEO (Search Engine Optimization) friendly, and produces a high-quality sitemap for search engines. We have installed site analytics, Google Webmaster tools, and auto-pinging capabilities on the site to improve our results on the major search engines.

Our team has many more plans in the works, including:

- **All-new secure area for the Board of Directors and Trustees.** The existing secure content will be migrated to the new site and will include the following features:
 - The secure site will contain content viewable only by registered site members. This special area will have a registration process that includes each person's name, address, phone, and email. Unlike the current system, registered members will be able to edit their information and change/reset their password.
 - The site content and file downloads will be easily shared and managed among the team members. The graphical interface will provide easy drag-and-drop management as well as file access restrictions based on permissions.
- **Contestant Results Web reporting tool.** This will dynamically report contestant data from the existing MySQL database and will allow for a much wider variety of reports to be offered to the Web site visitors. We are also looking into providing a "year" field to the table structure so that all years can be reported from the master database. This will eliminate the need to develop separate PDF files for each historical year. In addition, contestants would be able to view their IGRA results for their entire rodeo career.
- **IGRA shopping cart.** This will be similar to what is being developed by many of the local associations using OpenCart. This will tie in seamlessly with the WordPress site.
- **Better integration with Social Media.** This includes integrating with our Facebook page(s), Twitter, YouTube, and whatever is the next big thing in social media. We will work in conjunction with the Social Media committee on this effort.

The Web site team is always open to having new members, and we welcome feedback and value constructive criticism. The Web site is a community property of IGRA, and as Web architect look forward to continued collaboration with our members to create the best online presence possible.

Don Harris
 IGRA Web Architect
donaldbharris@gmail.com
www.donaldbharris.com

FINALS RODEO COMMITTEE REPORT

Called to order at 2:25 pm.

Tommy presented a recap of the 2011 World Gay Rodeo Finals along with comparisons from the last 3 years as follows:

- Net Profit 2008: \$ 624.78
- Net Profit 2009: \$1,074.29
- Net Profit 2010: \$ 476.87
- Net Profit 2011: \$6,608.60

Janie Van Santen was introduced as the Rodeo Director for the 2012 World Gay Rodeo Finals.

A roundtable discussion was held on the following areas of the 2011 event which identified opportunities and/or challenges.

- Host Hotel. The Finals Committee has been asked to research other possibilities for the host hotel and if possible to determine the number of contestants that reserved rooms at the host hotel in 2011.
- Merchandise. Sales of finals rodeo merchandise totaled \$4,657 in 2011.
- Vendors. Discussion was held with regards to the charge for vendor space and this will be reviewed for 2012.
- Rodeo Program. The 2011 program was produced as a “commemorative program” and it was decided that the finals program for 2012 will return to a regular format.
- Saturday Evening Event. The Finals Committee has been asked to research other sites as a possible venue for this event.
- Registration. Contestant registration will return to a 3-hour duration. Ways to streamline the payment process will be explored.
- Marketing and Public Relations. The Finals Committee will consider the Texas market to be their primary focus. There was discussion on how to build on IML and the New York show. The Finals Committee will explore ways to “spruce up and add more glamour” to the hotel lobby as well as the Awards Ceremony.
- Sponsorship. An RFP will be going out in the next 2 weeks to possible corporate malt sponsors.

2012 Production Plan

- Budget. A budget showing an expected net profit of approximately \$9,000 was presented (this was previously approved by the Executive Board).
- Location. The 2012 World Gay Rodeo Finals will be held at the Watt Arena, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Date. The dates of October 11-15, 2012 have been tentatively booked and a contract will be in place prior to the first board meeting of 2012.
- Selection of Rodeo Officials. This is being deferred until the first Finals Committee meeting of 2012.
- Meeting Schedule for 2012. The Finals Committee will meet four (4) times in 2012 and these meetings will be in conjunction with IGRA board meetings.

Adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tommy Channel
Finals Rodeo Committee Chairperson

Report of the Women's Outreach Committee to the 27th Annual IGRA Convention

Friday, November 11, 2011

The Women's Outreach Committee met on Friday, November 11, 2011 from 8:30 am until 10:00 am. A total of 10 persons, including myself, attended the meeting, 7 of which were voting members. I was appointed as temporary committee chair by President Doug Graff in the absence of Juanita Molina. 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 facing us in regard to women's outreach.

The committee did not have any proposals to consider. After much discussion, we formulated and assigned action items to individual committee members that included:

1. Specifically marketing to women through social media, including Facebook.
2. Creating a template for a press release regarding women's involvement in Gay Rodeo, to be used by member associations in their local papers and magazines.
3. Having Q Vegas and Outfront Colorado create and print a story on the gay cowgirl.
4. Creating a tri-fold flyer regarding opportunities for women to become involved in Gay Rodeo, to include being a contestant, volunteer and spectator, to be accessible to member associations for printing and distribution.
5. Aggressively outreach to women's groups, including sports teams and lesbian parents' groups, to educate women about gay rodeo and involvement opportunities.

We are very excited and look forward to impacting the growth of our organizations through our efforts in the coming months with our women's outreach.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberley Kay
Stand-In Chairwoman

Women's Outreach Committee Attendance Record

Kimberley Kay (CGRA) *
Laura Scott (NGRA) *
Judy Munson (ARGRA) *
Chirl Nachbar (MGRA) *
Carlos Garcia (AGRA) *
Robin Cagle (TGRA) *
Bobby Fender (FGRA) *
Douglas Graff (IGRA)
Gaither Pennington (FGRA)
Chuck Browning (FGRA)

* Denotes voting member