

## MINUTES

The annual meeting of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) was held on Saturday, November 16, 2013 beginning at 8:20 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 Las Vegas were approved with one correction.

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

Delegate Rules. Secretary Larry Lindstrom reviewed the bylaws regarding delegates and bonus delegates.

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates. Secretary Larry Lindstrom performed the initial roll call (see attached).

- 81 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 55
- majority vote = 41

Credentials Report. Membership Chair Larry Lindstrom reported that 22 Member Associations had met the renewal requirements to be seated. It was noted that High Sierra (HSRA) and Central Canada (CCGRA) voluntarily withdrew their membership and Sooner State (SSRA) did not renew their membership. These three members were recommended by the Membership Committee to be removed as Member Associations. The report was approved by a voice vote.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President's Report. Ed Barry presented his report in a slide-show format.

Vice President's Report. Gene Fraikes deferred his report to Sunday's session.

Secretary's Report. Larry Lindstrom deferred his report to Sunday's session.

Treasurer's Report. David Hill reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement.

Trustees Chairman. Ray Ostmann presented an oral report with no action items.

Administrative Assistant. Tommy Channel spoke on the insurance policy for 2014. The renewal would be presented at University in January and any rodeo cancellation or rodeo schools that are not part of a rodeo weekend would need to be known before then.

Corporate Auditor. Jabby Lowe presented a written report with no action items.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Reports were presented in the order they appear in the Bylaws & Standing Rules rather than in alphabetical order.*

Membership. Larry Lindstrom presented a visual report. He noted that IGRA has had 33 Member Associations over the years but now has 22 associations. He also noted a 50% drop in total membership from 2007–2013; now at 1,685.

Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty. The committee presented a written report with two action items.

COFR–1 would rewrite the structure of Standing Rule VII Selection of Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer IGRA. Michael Lentz called for a division vote. The proposal passed 58–17.

COFR–2 to change the notification of segment judges to the Vice President from associations from 60 to 30 days passed by a voice vote.

Budget. David Hill pointed out that the Finals Rodeo and the Gay Games Rodeo make up a large majority of the total budget.

Nominating. Frank Mazzo presented a written report. The following nominations were made and accepted for the position of Vice President.

- Gene Fraikes (TGRA)
- James Jenkins (CGRA)

The following nominations were made and accepted for the position of Secretary.

- Randy Edlin (TGRA)
- Bruce Gros (CGRA)

Dance Competition Rules. Wade Earp presented a written report with no action items.

Women’s Outreach. Kami Boles presented a written report with no action items.

Annual Convention. Scotty Shadix presented a written report with no action items.

A 20–minute break was taken at 9:55 am.

Media Relations. Brian Helander presented the following two proposals.

PRMM–01, which would rename Section 8 Marketing/Media Relations Committee to Section 8 Public Relations Committee and change the word "spokesperson" to "chairperson" passed by a voice vote.

PRMM–02, which would create a new Section 9 Marketing Committee, passed by a voice vote.

Hall of Fame. Roger Bergmann presented a written report with the following three proposals.

HOF-1 to insert the words "If contact information is available." under Section 6 Notification passed by a voice vote.

HOF-2 to insert the words "...could not be contacted, or who..." under Section 6 Notification passed by a voice vote.

HOF-3 to insert the words "If an approved nominee could not be contacted, or does not respond, they are still eligible to receive their choice of a buckle or wall plaque after their induction into the Hall of Fame, after first contacting the Hall of Fame Committee Chair." under Section 6 Notification, passed by a voice vote.

Judges. Michael Lentz first presented the annual video by Rick Jones. He then presented two proposed rule changes.

Rule XIII Professional Conduct, change "excessive abuse" to "abusive" passed by a voice vote.

Rule VI Section 4 and Letter A General Rules for Camp Events; insert new Number 9 "Once a team is offered a rope, they are responsible for it. Rerides will not be offered for getting entangled in a rope." – passed by a voice vote.

Arena Directors & Chute Coordinators. Scotty Shadix presented a written report with no action items.

Association Presidents. Bruce Roby and Randy Edlin presented a written report with no action items.

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

BSR-01 to add the words "or nonprofit" following each instance of "not-for-profit" in the bylaws passed by a voice vote.

BSR-05 to ask the Membership Committee to mediate a territorial agreement AND to allow a proposed or existing association to acquire the geographic area of an existing Member or Recognized Association without consent by a two-thirds vote of the convention as required by the bylaws passed by a division vote 57-18.

BSR-07 to change "audited" to "review" and "Audit Committee" to "Corporate Auditor" under *Duties of the Treasurer* passed by a voice vote.

BSR-08 to allow Trustees to participate in any regular or special meeting by conference telephone or electronic means passed by a voice vote.

BSR-09 to limit the attendance of an EPRB meeting to the Trustees, the IGRA Secretary, and the parliamentarian in Article X Trustees of the bylaws AND Standing Rule VI Ethics and Sportsmanship passed by a voice vote.

BSR-15 would raise the rodeo sanction fee in Standing Rules from \$600 to \$700 and eliminate the seat taxes. The proposal passed by a division vote 46-32 (this was a Standing Rule change and only required a majority vote). This proposal thus eliminated the "Finals Rodeo Fund" since IGRA produces the Finals Rodeo and is now part of the overall budget.

BSR-16 changed Section 12 Rodeo Divisions to Section 3 Association Divisions, moved it from Standing Rules to Bylaws, and passed by a voice vote.

BSR-18 to simplify the distribution of the Contestant Entry Fee passed by a voice vote.

BSR-19 to clarify contestant point accumulation towards Finals Rodeo passed by a voice vote.

BSR-20 which moves the Rodeo Emergency Safety Committee from Rule XII Rodeos and Rodeo Approval Section 15 to new Rule XIII Rodeo Safety Committee passed by a voice vote.

BSR-21 would rewrite the process to remove a member from good standing status. Roger Bermann moved to amend the proposal by changing 3.h. to "However, the individual must be in good standing of another Member Association." Amy Griffin asked that discussion be suspended until after lunch. Roger Bergmann moved to extend time. The motion failed due to lack of second. The amendment failed by a voice vote.

The 2013 Royalty Team presented a check \$5,093.51 to the National GLBT Cancer Network.

Brian Helander introduced Johanna Blume, curator of the Museum of Western Art, History, & Culture in Indianapolis. During the period from January 18, 2014 to July 13, 2014, the museum will be presenting 41 black & white photos from 1988-1992 from photographer Blake Little.

Lunch was taken from 12:20 pm to 1:20 pm.

Regarding BSR-21, Mark Gurrola asked if this would be retroactive. Benjamin Avant suggested a resolution.

Roger Bergmann moved to amend the proposal by modifying 3.h. to read "Reinstatement of an individual's eligibility of good standing with IGRA does not require the Member or Recognized Association to reinstate the member to good standing with the Association or take the member back." The amendment passed by a voice vote. The proposal, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

Resolution to Implement BSR-21. The Bylaws Committee recommends implementation of this change effective immediately, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph D, and Number 1.a.

Robert Thurtell moved to amend to add the words "with prejudice to prior actions." The amendment failed. Roger moved to postpone to New Business. The motion failed.

Mark Gurrola moved to amend the resolution the resolution to include, "Implementation of this change will apply only to members removed from good standing from the date of implementation going forward, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph D, Number 1.a. Individuals currently not in good standing with IGRA will continue with that status until a permanent resolution has been reached by the Trustees." The amendment passed by a voice vote and the resolution passed as amended.

The Disciplinary Processes Resolution, which follows, passed by a voice vote.

*Whereas*, The Bylaws Committee considered several proposals to address the issue of good standing between and among Member and Recognized Associations and IGRA; and

*Whereas*, The Bylaws Committee agrees that a more comprehensive solution is necessary; and

*Whereas*, the time allotted for the Bylaws Committee meeting was not sufficient to develop a comprehensive solution; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the IGRA President appoint a committee to review IGRA disciplinary processes wherever they exist in the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Rodeo Rules and to develop specific proposals to be presented in the appropriate committees at the 2014 Annual Convention.

BSR-22 to remove the reference to the "second board of director's meeting" in Standing Rules VII and VIII (e.g. IGRA Royalty) and replace with "within the first four months" and "at least 90 days prior to competition" where appropriate passed by a voice vote.

Auditors, Secretaries, & Scorekeepers. Ron Trusley presented a written report with one proposal.

Rule XXV Scorekeeper Certification to change "--approved rodeo events" to "--required rodeo events" passed by a voice vote.

Finals Rodeo. Janie Van Santen presented a recap on the recent World Gay Rodeo Finals.

IGRA University. Ray Ostmann presented a written report with no action items. A reminder that this event would be held in St. Louis January 17-19, 2014.

Animal Issues. Kelly Peebles presented a written report with the following proposal.

AI-01 Rule IV Rodeo Livestock Section 6 Requirements Letter H Common Goats to insert "no more than a 10-pound difference between animals" passed by a voice vote.

A 20-minute break was taken at 3:05 pm.

Archives. Brian Rogers present a written report with no action items.

Rodeo Rules. James Jenkins presented the committee's recommendations.

RR-C03 to change feet to hooves and add two judges and three timers to Chute Dogging passed by a voice vote.

RR-C04 to add "no bobbed or partial tails" to camp event steer requirements passed by a voice vote.

RR-C09 to move snaring from a penalty to a disqualification in Calf Roping on Foot passed by a voice vote.

RR-C11 was pulled on the floor by the committee chair since the proposed changes passed in 2012 and were in the 2013 rulebook.

RR-C14 to clarify the re-ride option in Chute Dogging passed by a voice vote.

RR-C15 would change rerun to re-ride and clarify re-ride options. Mike Lentz moved to amend the proposal to remove the "see rule...for timing light failure" reference. The amendment failed. The original proposal, as presented, passed by a voice vote.

RR-C16 to clarify the basis of the Rodeo Review Process passed by a voice vote.

RR-C17 to delete "Back gate will remain open during this event" from Calf Roping on Foot passed by a voice vote.

RR-C19 would add "A loop will not be considered expended if it touches the ground during the process of making a loop" for Team Roping. Amy Griffin moved to amend the proposal by deleting the words "making a loop" and adding "remaking a loop after a miss." The amendment passed by a voice vote. The amended proposal passed by a division vote 61-12.

The chair recessed the meeting at 4:20 pm.

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The chair resumed the meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 8:35 am and continued with Rodeo Rules.

The Secretary performed another roll call.

- 80 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 54 (necessary for Rodeo Rules)
- majority vote = 41

RR-C24 would insert a new general rule for speed events regarding the removal of the tractor from the arena during speed event runs. Heather Murray moved to amend the proposal by adding the words "active performance" before the word arena. The amendment passed by a voice vote. The amended proposal then passed by a voice vote.

RR-C25 would change 60 seconds to 90 seconds for a contestant to cross the electronic start line in speed events. The chair called for a division vote and the proposal passed 50-25.

RR-C26 would remove the Health & Safety newsletter from the reverse side of the blue insert. Bruce Roby called for a division vote and the proposal failed 46-32.

RR–C27 to change "high school" level to "senior division" level of stock failed by a voice vote.

Gary Eddy moved to combine proposals RR–C29 and RR–C30 and the motion passed by a voice vote. The two proposals change the phrase "Arena Director and Chute Coordinator" to "Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator" and passed by a voice vote.

RR–C32 would add another "repeatedly" to general rules for rough stock riding events Number 1. The chair called for a division vote and the proposal failed 35–43.

RR–C33 to remove the Arena Director's ability to change the chute exit order in rough stock riding events passed by a voice vote.

RR–C34 to remove the Arena Director's ability to pull an animal from competition in rough stock riding events passed by a voice vote.

RR–C35 to remove the words "if accepted" in reference to posting a waiver for unusual circumstances in speed events passed by a voice vote.

RR–C36 would rewrite Number 5 of General Rules in regards to smoking. Guy Puglisi moved to amend the proposal by placing a period following "working chutes area" thus deleting the remainder of the sentence "or secretarial area while the rodeo is in progress." The amendment failed by a voice vote. Amy Griffin moved to amend the proposal by deleting the words "or 50 feet." By a division vote of 54–17 the amendment passed. The proposal, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

RR–C37 to insert a provision for approving variances for rodeos less than 90 days from Annual Convention passed by a voice vote.

RR–C38 to add the words "past the wrists" following "sleeves cannot be rolled or pushed up" in roping and speed events passed by a voice vote.

RR–C39 to add "Late fees will not apply to team events where one of the event partners has pre-registered" failed by a division vote 40–39.

RR–C40 would change appointment of one Rodeo Review Trustee to two. Chuck Browning moved to amend the proposal by adding "and phone numbers." The amendment failed by a voice vote. The original proposal passed by a voice vote.

The chair called for a 15–minute break at 9:55 am.

Amy Griffin moved to consider proposals RR–C43 and RR–C44 together and the motion passed by a voice vote. Both proposals would add "from the Judge" when requesting a re–ride in Steer Decorating and the Wild Drag Race.

RR–C47 to delete the word "questionable" from the officials' decision in Rodeo Review Requests passed by a voice vote.

RR–C48 to insert a new Number 10 in Mounted Break–Away Roping that reads "In case a reride is granted, if any loop was already thrown prior to the reason for the reride occurring, that thrown loop will be subtracted from the total loops allowed to be thrown during the reride." passed by a voice vote.

RR–C49 that changes "complete rerun on an animal" to "reride" in General Rules for Roping Events passed by a voice vote."

RR–C50 to eliminate "Contestant crosses their start line prior to the Judges signal to start" from Steer Decorating because it appears in General Rules for Camp Events, passed by a voice vote.

RR–C51 to insert a new Number 17 in General Rules for Rough Stock Riding Events and a new Number 12 in General Rules for Camp Events that reads "No more than two stock animals will be allowed to remain in the arena during any event run. Any more than two animals must be cleared from the arena before the next go" passed by a voice vote.

RR–C52 to add "Contestant coach touching the animal while or after the chute gate has been signaled by the contestant to be opened" under disqualifications for Chute Dogging passed by a voice vote.

RR–C53 to insert a new Letter E under Number 8 Assignment in General Rules to read "Contestant will be disqualified for any attempt to change the order of livestock, including touching livestock or sliders while chutes are being loaded" failed by a voice vote.

Finals Rodeo. It was presented that all evaluations for the Rodeo Directors were good. For 2014, Dan Nagel will chair the committee and Clark Monk will be the Rodeo Director.

Regional Rodeos. Tom Sheridan presented a written report with no action items.

Health & Safety. Amy Griffin presented a written report with several recommendations to associations but no action items.

Information Systems. Larry Lindstrom presented a written report with no action items.

Joint Certification. Randy Edlin presented the following two proposals.

ASS–01 to establish a new special award to recognize any certified official for their service passed by a voice vote.

ASS–02 Part 1 to make officials' evaluations optional passed by a voice vote. Part 2 changes the Secretary's duty from sending out revised certified officials lists to making them available following updates passed by a voice vote.

Social Media. Kole Hillman presented a written report with no action items.

Vice President Gene Fraikes presented his report in a slide-show format.

Secretary Larry Lindstrom presented his report in a slide-show format.

NB-01 to insert the announcement of rerides in Rodeo Rules passed by a voice vote.

NB-02 changed the terminology of "member" to "individual" in Article IV Membership and inserted a paragraph regarding the reinstatement of good standing passed by a voice vote.

NB-03 was to consider NMGRA's late application for a rodeo in 2014. Michael Lentz moved to suspend Rule XII Section 7. Before discussion could begin, the chair recessed for lunch.

The annual awards luncheon was held from noon to 2:00 pm.

Upon recessing from lunch, the Secretary performed another roll call.

- 78 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 53 (necessary for Bylaws and Rodeo Rules)
- majority vote = 40

Michael Lentz withdrew his motion after the Parliamentarian determined that NB-03 could not be considered since it conflicts with the current Standing Rules.

NB-04 for FGRA to change their 2014 rodeo dates from September 5-7 to April 4-6 passed by a voice vote.

NB-05 to move the word "repeatedly" from "gets down in the chute repeatedly" to "tries to jump out of the chute repeatedly" failed by a voice vote.

NB-06 to change "touches" to "dropped" on a loop in Team Roping failed by a voice vote.

Janie Van Santen moved to reconsider BSR-15 regarding the new \$700 sanction fee, but then withdrew her motion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Hall of Fame. Roger Bergmann presented the following 4 people into the IGRA Hall of Fame: Linda Frazier, Mitch Gill, Lee Kittleson, and Jeannine Tuttle.

Elections. The Secretary verified there were 75 voting delegates. A ballot was taken for the position of Vice President with the following results.

- Gene Fraikes (TGRA) – 10 votes
- James Jenkins (CGRA) – 65 votes

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

- Randy Edlin (TGRA) – 31 votes
- Bruce Gros (CGRA) – 44 votes

Selection of the 2015 convention site. NGRA and FGRA each gave a presentation to host the 31<sup>st</sup> IGRA Annual Convention in Las Vegas or St. Petersburg, respectively, the weekend of November 12–15, 2015. FGRA won the bid by a vote of 45–30.

Since NMGRA missed the 7–day requirement to submit paperwork to hold a rodeo in 2014, they asked the delegates for a straw vote. A majority of the delegates were in favor.

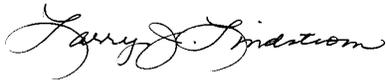
NB–07 to allow for late rodeo applications as granted by the Annual Convention and this change to Standing Rules be made immediately passed by a voice vote.

NB–03 to consider NMGRA’s late application for a rodeo in 2014 then passed by a voice vote.

Gay Games 9. Judy Munson presented a 7–minute video on the Gay Games in Cleveland and a 5–minute video on the city of Akron. The Gay Games Rodeo will be held Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Michael Lentz presented his annual report "IGRA by the Numbers."

With no further business to conduct, the chair adjourned the annual meeting at 6:08 pm.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary

<b>IGRA</b>	<b>Ed</b>	<b>Barry</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>IGRA</b>	<b>Gene</b>	<b>Fraikes</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>IGRA</b>	<b>Larry</b>	<b>Lindstrom</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>IGRA</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Hill</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>CGRA</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Beck</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>CGRA</b>	<b>Bruce</b>	<b>Gros</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>CGRA</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Hill</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>CGRA</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>Jenkins</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>CGRA</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Locke</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>CGRA</b>	<b>Robert</b>	<b>Thurtell</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>CGRA</b>	<b>Jack</b>	<b>Morgan</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>CGRA</b>	<b>Keith</b>	<b>Swanson</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Gurrolla</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Robin</b>	<b>Cagle</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Wade</b>	<b>Earp</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Randy</b>	<b>Edlin</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Frank</b>	<b>Mazzo</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Dan</b>	<b>Nagel</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Terry</b>	<b>Covington</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Ben</b>	<b>Ramirez</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Seaman</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Jeannine</b>	<b>Tuttle</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>TGRA</b>	<b>Ronda</b>	<b>Yahn</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Scotty</b>	<b>Shadix</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Greg</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Bruce</b>	<b>Casey</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Ed</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Brian</b>	<b>Lindley</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Bruce</b>	<b>Roby</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Deb</b>	<b>Freeman</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Kelly</b>	<b>Gilliland</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Ken</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>JP</b>	<b>Soto</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>GSGRA</b>	<b>Rick-y</b>	<b>Walker</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Ron</b>	<b>Trusley</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Jai</b>	<b>Crystal</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Dan</b>	<b>Iversen</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Marcos</b>	<b>Sandoval</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>Weidmann</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>Chavez</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Don</b>	<b>George</b>	<b>Alternate</b>

<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Doug</b>	<b>Holmes</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Kevin</b>	<b>McSweeny</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>AGRA</b>	<b>Todd</b>	<b>Wyckoff</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>OGRA</b>	<b>Jeff</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>OGRA</b>	<b>Roger</b>	<b>Peterson</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>OGRA</b>	<b>Frank</b>	<b>Thompson</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>MGRA</b>	<b>Ken</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>MGRA</b>	<b>Linda</b>	<b>Frazier</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>MGRA</b>	<b>Forrest</b>	<b>Mason</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NMGRA</b>	<b>Kelly</b>	<b>Peebles</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>NMGRA</b>	<b>Brian</b>	<b>Helander</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NMGRA</b>	<b>Ray</b>	<b>Norris</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NSGRA</b>	<b>Carl</b>	<b>Stange</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>NSGRA</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Larson</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NSGRA</b>	<b>AJ</b>	<b>Vawter</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>DSRA</b>	<b>Sandy</b>	<b>Bidwell</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>DSRA</b>	<b>Stephen</b>	<b>Fischbacher</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>DSRA</b>	<b>Kody</b>	<b>Kay</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>DSRA</b>	<b>Diane</b>	<b>Ross</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>DSRA</b>	<b>Lisa</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>DSRA</b>	<b>Jim</b>	<b>Trago</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ASGRA</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Lott</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>ASGRA</b>	<b>Frank</b>	<b>Harrell</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ASGRA</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>Lentz</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Guy</b>	<b>Puglisi</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Roger</b>	<b>Bergmann</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Joel</b>	<b>Castillo</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Brent</b>	<b>Rosinski</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Laura</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Bill</b>	<b>Trunzo</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Blunk</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Ryan</b>	<b>McPherson</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Jason</b>	<b>Metzger</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>NGRA</b>	<b>Ken</b>	<b>Wells</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>ILGRA</b>	<b>Steve</b>	<b>Schultz</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>ILGRA</b>	<b>Debbie</b>	<b>Cowgur</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ILGRA</b>	<b>Kendall</b>	<b>Cowgur</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ILGRA</b>	<b>Amy</b>	<b>Griffin</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ILGRA</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Sheridan</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ILGRA</b>	<b>Patrick</b>	<b>Terry</b>	<b>Delegate</b>

<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Janie</b>	<b>Van Santen</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Jason</b>	<b>Baker</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Katie</b>	<b>Costantini</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Davidson</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Heather</b>	<b>Murray</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Rob</b>	<b>Somers</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Pierre</b>	<b>Cadieux</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Clint</b>	<b>Coil</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Judy</b>	<b>Davidson</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Clark</b>	<b>Monk</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>ARGRA</b>	<b>Bill</b>	<b>Robb</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>MIGRA</b>	<b>not present</b>		
<b>RRRA</b>	<b>not present</b>		
<b>GWGRA</b>	<b>Ray</b>	<b>Ostmann</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>FGRA</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>Young</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>FGRA</b>	<b>Todd</b>	<b>Garrett</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>FGRA</b>	<b>Kole</b>	<b>Hillman</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>FGRA</b>	<b>Bryan</b>	<b>Hodges</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>FGRA</b>	<b>Voni</b>	<b>Whitaker</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>FGRA</b>	<b>Clint</b>	<b>Hummon</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>FGRA</b>	<b>Josh</b>	<b>Mauldin</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>FGRA</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Schmitt</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>FGRA</b>	<b>Kenny</b>	<b>Spencer</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>SCCGRA</b>	<b>Gary</b>	<b>Eddy</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>SCCGRA</b>	<b>Butch</b>	<b>Ford</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>SCCGRA</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Scammell</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>IAGRA</b>	<b>Tim</b>	<b>Fellencer</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>IAGRA</b>	<b>Joshua</b>	<b>Roberson</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>LSGRA</b>	<b>not present</b>		
<b>SGRA</b>	<b>Chuck</b>	<b>Browning</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>SGRA</b>	<b>Kami</b>	<b>Boles</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>SGRA</b>	<b>Janine</b>	<b>Pardee</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
<b>CSGRA</b>	<b>not present</b>		

## Report of the Credentials Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

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 22 current Member Associations in IGRA and they are all eligible to vote.

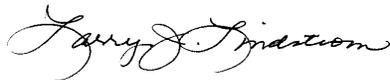
On April 10, 2013 the Board of Trustees of the High Sierra Rodeo Association (HSRA) determined that dissolution of the corporation was in the best interest of the corporation.

On October 5, 2013 the committee received an e-mail from the Central Canada Gay Rodeo Association (CCGRA) stating that they would not be renewing their membership.

To date, Sooner State has failed to submit a renewal application. On Friday, the Membership Committee voted to remove these 3 associations as members of IGRA as required in the bylaws.

It should also be noted that Michigan, Red River, Louisiana, and Cotton State did not send delegates to this convention. All other Member Associations are represented.

At this time, I request that the convention floor approve the credentials report.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary

## Report of the Corporate Auditor to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

Reviewed financial and bank statements for the months January through October.

Each quarterly report to the board included a sampled review of deposits and disbursements. Per IGRA protocol, I selected a random sample of ten percent which I rounded up to the nearest fifth position. In addition I reviewed transactions related to officers and some travel expenses to verify fare codes for flights.

For the ten months ended October 31 there were 766 transactions of which I reviewed 85. The IGRA Treasurer promptly supplied all requested supporting documents and responded to all questions that I had.

Respectfully submitted,

Jabby Lowe

Corporate Auditor

IGRA Membership Report  
*presented to the*  
29th IGRA Annual Convention  
November 16, 2013  
San Diego, California  
*by*  
Larry Lindstrom

1. Membership Business

- 16 attended from 12 associations
- HSRA, CCGRA, & SSRA did not renew
- No new Member Associations
- Approved Changes in Geographical Area
  - Washoe County, NV back to NGRA
  - State of Georgia added to FGRA
  - Johnson & Wyandotte Counties in Kansas added to MGRA

2. What's in an Association Name?

- "IGRA is an association of Associations"
- All use "Association"
- 2 do not use "Gay"
- 1,685 current members in IGRA

3. Incorporation Name

- Examples
  - Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, Inc.
  - New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association
  - Michigan International Gay Rodeo Association
  - The Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association, Inc.
  - T.G.R.A., Inc.
  - IL.G.R.A., Inc.
  - FGRA, Inc.

4. Member Associations (Total)

Colorado	Georgia	Red River
Texas	Atlantic States	Smoky Mountain
Golden State	Nevada	Gateway
Arizona	Illinois	Florida
Oklahoma	Heartland	Liberty
Kansas	Alberta	Central Canada
Missouri	Michigan	Lousiana
New Mexico	PONY	Sacramento
Utah	Pacific NW	Sonoran
North Star	Sooner State	Iowa
Diamond State	High Sierra	Cotton State

## 5. Member Associations (Today)

Colorado		Red River
Texas	Atlantic States	
Golden State	Nevada	Gateway
Arizona	Illinois	Florida
Oklahoma		
	Alberta	
Missouri	Michigan	Louisiana
New Mexico		Sacramento
		Sonoran
North Star		Iowa
Diamond State		Cotton State

## 6. Geographical Area

- By County
  - Sacramento – 3
  - Gateway – 5
  - Sonoran – 5
  - Red River – 7
  - Oklahoma – 45

## 7. Geographical Area

- Multi-State / Province
  - North Star – 2
  - Alberta – 4
  - Atlantic States  
4 states, district, city, and an island

## 8. Membership Numbers

- Loss of 3 associations: -12%
- Drop in membership: -15%
- 2007: 3,370 2013: 1,685
- 10% Growth
  - CGRA, NSGRA, ASGRA, MIGRA

# Report of the Community Outreach / Gender Diversity / Fundraising Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention

Friday, November 15, 2013

The Community Outreach / Gender Diversity / Fundraising met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 9:30 am to 2:20 pm. A total of 18 persons attended the meeting, 12 of which were voting members representing 11 associations. A list of attendees is listed below. I want to thank the members of the committee 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.

Frank Thompson

Co-Chairman, Community Outreach / Gender Diversity / Fundraising Committee

## In Attendance

Frank Thompson	Chairman
Todd Garrett	FGRA
Ryan McPherson	NGRA
Thomas Schmitt	FGRA
Ed Hamilton	GSGRA
Curtiss Lewis	NGRA
Robin Cagle	TGRA
Jeff Germany	OGRA
Bill Trunzo	NGRA
AJ Vawter	NSGRA
Kevin McSweeny	AGRA
Marcos Sandoval	AGRA
Keith Swanson	CGRA
Katie Costantin	ARGRA
Joshua Robinson	IAGRA
Kami Boles	SGRA
Lee Rodger	TGRA
Michael Chavez	AGRA

## **Report of the Budget Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention**

The budget committee meeting was called to order at 10:30 am on Friday, November 15, 2012 with six individuals representing six member associations as follows:

Jai Crystal	AGRA
Janie Van Santen	ARGRA
Robert Thurtell	CGRA
Ricky Walker	GSGRA
Forrest Mason	MGRA
Frank Mazzo	TGRA

The preliminary budget was approved at the IGRA Board of Director's meeting on Thursday. It was presented to the committee and discussed at length.

The budget for 2014 reflects IGRA convention as an association-hosted event and IGRA Dance, Gay Games rodeo, Finals Rodeo, Royalty Competition, and University are IGRA productions.

Because Gay Games rodeo and Finals Rodeo are a major portion of the total budget, the committee suggested that each of these committees reaffirm their respective budgets. The chair went to both committees meetings with that suggestion. The Finals Rodeo did realign their budget but Gay Games wanted to wait until the next meeting to make their adjustment.

After discussion with the President, it was suggested that any adjustments wait until the next meeting so it could also reflect any changes coming from this convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Hill  
Budget Committee

## Report of the Nominating Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

The Nominations Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 9:00 am until 9:20 am. A total of 8 people were present of which 5 were actual committee members. Of the 5 Committee Members, 3 were voting delegates. The Chair would like to thank the members of the committee for their participation. A list of attendees is attached.

The Chair presented nominations received to date for the 2 offices up for election this year.

- \* Vice President
  - Gene Fraikes
  - James Jenkins
- \* Secretary
  - Randy Edlin
  - Bruce Gros

No additional nominations were presented to the committee.

The committee went through the entire elections process and discussions were held concerning some of the details.

- \* Non-voting volunteers will assist with election process.
  - Pass out and collect ballots.
  - Only voting delegates get ballots.
  - Must be sitting at table.
- \* Separate ballots for each office
- \* Tally votes

Clarification was made concerning the wording of Article VI, Section 3, and Paragraph E of the Bylaws: “A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for the election of an officer or for the adoption of any other measure.”

Frank Mazzo  
Nominations Committee

### Nominations Committee Sign-in Sheet

<u>Name (Please Print)</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>√ If Voting</u>
Greg Brown	GSGRA	√
Linda M. Frazier	MGRA	√
Tom Lott	ASGRA	√
Todd M. Wyckoff	AGRA	
Pierre Cadieux	ARGRA	

## **Report of the Dance Rules Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention**

The Dance Committee met at 9:00 am Friday, November 15, 2013 with 12 associations and 8 other guests present. The Dance Coordinator presented the 2014 dance format and dances for Division IV first time, Division III beginner, Division II intermediate, and Division I advanced and the Division 1 advanced music announced.

The dance contest will be on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 7 pm at University. There will be classes during University for the line dances and competition 2-step and competition waltz. All step sheets and instructional videos for line dances will be on the IGRA Web site under dance along with application and dance rules.

The committee then discussed ways to energize dance and get more participation. We talked about contacting IGRA associations and getting one dance contact for each association. We discussed doing dance events in local associations to promote dance and invite dance teams and dance exhibitions at local rodeos for entertainment. We also talked about doing social media such as doing a Facebook page and other chat dance sites to get dance participation. TGRA member Ben Ramirez has volunteered to take on contacting associations and finding a dance contact at city and state bars and venues such as instructors and teachers across the circuit and getting these people to promote dance, share new ideas, and involve additional dance contacts. We also got email addresses from all associations and guests present to help spread the word and get the dance contacts involved. We asked associations to go back and promote IGRA dance and bring new ideas back to the committee throughout the coming year. We hope that by doing this we can grow dance, get more associations involved and possibly get new members from the dance world to get involved with our rodeos.

The Dance Committee adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wade Earp  
Dance Contest Coordinator

### Attendees

Gene Fraikes	IGRA	Wade Earp	IGRA
Lorry King	NGRA	Kevin McSweeny	AGRA
Todd Garrett	FGRA	Judy Davidson	ARGRA
Robin Cagle	TGRA	Ray Ostmann	GWGRA
Ed Hamilton	GSGRA	Ronda Yahn	TGRA
Ben Ramirez	TGRA	Bruce Casey	GSGRA
Ryan McPherson	NGRA	Janine Pardee	SGRA
Joshua Robeson	IAGRA	Ricky Walker	GSGRA
Keith Swanson	CGRA	Frank Thompson	OGRA

## **Report of the Women's Outreach Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention**

The Women's Outreach Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 2:30 pm until 3:30 pm. A total of 8 persons attended the meeting, 5 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 submitted for the committee to consider. We have started a committee chat group and are working on a "Women of Gay Rodeo" Facebook page. We have big plans for the Women's Outreach Committee and we plan to show you all throughout the year.

Kami Boles

Women's Outreach Committee

## Report of the Annual Convention Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

The Annual Convention Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 10:30 until 11:30 am. A total of 13 persons attending the meeting and seven were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to the end of this report. We would to thank all those that were able to attend and the excellent level of participation shared by all!

The committee was presented with real time data from this convention in regards to registration and activities. Committee discussion centered on reasons why certain attendees may not register with the hosting association and/or may not stay in the host hotel. The committee discussed how both may affect future associations desiring to bid on hosting convention and innovative ways convention may be held in the future to reduce liability on the hosting association.

The committee discussed what the \$125 registration fees cover. Roughly \$95 goes to cover the cost of Saturday and Sunday lunches and breaks. The additional \$30 goes to cover costs associated with audio/visual and administrative needs.

The committee then discussed the specifics of the hotel contract for this convention. It was relayed to the committee that the percentage of pickup of the room block fell from 114% to 80% in a very short period. The committee discussed several reasons this may have occurred. It was relayed that the current contract calls for an 80% pickup of a 200-room night block and the meeting of a \$10K food & beverage minimum in order for the convention space and meeting rooms to be complimentary. It was noted that GSGRA may have to purchase additional room nights to ensure this given the steep drop in the pickup.

Updates from the 2014 Convention in Denver were presented to the group. It was relayed that two associations have submitted bids to host 2015 Convention.

We would like to thank the committee for their time, attendance and participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scotty Shadix and Larry Lindstrom  
Convention Committee Co-Chairs

### Attendees:

Scotty Shadix – IGRA – Co-chair  
Larry Lindstrom – IGRA – Co-chair  
Drew Davidson – ARGRA  
Kevin McSweeny – AGRA – voting  
Janine Pardee – SGRA – voting  
John Locke – CGRA – voting  
David Blunk – NGRA – voting  
Tom Seaman – TGRA  
Todd Garrett – FGRA – voting  
Judy Davidson – ARGRA  
Patrick Terry – ILGRA – voting  
Kami Boles – SGRA – voting  
Tommy Channel – CGRA

## Report of the Public Relations Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm.

### **Attendees Voting:**

Ken Wells, NGRA

Drew Davidson, ARGRA

Forrest Mason, MGRA

Todd Garrett, FGRA

John Hill, CGRA

John Soto, GSGRA

### **Non-voting:**

Michael Yarbrough, AGRA

Brent Bosinger

Kole Hillman, FGRA

Jason Metzger,

Kenny Spencer,

The committee discussed the Bylaw proposal to split the PR and Marketing job descriptions and positions. The pros and cons were discussed and a vote was taken. The PR Committee voted unanimously to support this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Helander, Chair

Public Relations Committee

## Hall of Fame Committee Report

IGRA Board of Directors Meeting  
San Diego, CA  
November 14, 2013

During the Hall of Fame Committee report at last year's IGRA Convention I told the delegates multiple sources of information that they could access to find individuals worthy of nomination to the Hall of Fame. We still did not receive very many new nominations over the past year and I assume that part of the reason is the difficulty in researching the necessary information to enter on the Hall of Fame nomination form.

I have spent some time this year compiling the information from multiple sources into one document that lists individual accomplishments by their Member Association. A difficult task because of the way some individuals move their membership from Association to Association.

I have attached three documents. The first is the listing I just mentioned. The other two documents are: IGRA Committee Chairs and IGRA Certified Officials. These two lists have not been completed yet, because I am still trying to locate the data from 1995 to approximately 2000. I have not had time to add the names from these two lists into the listing by Member Association, but I do intend to get this done soon.

The Hall of Fame Committee is requesting permission from the Board to include this information on the IGRA Web site. We would like it to be a link that is accessed from the Hall of Fame site, so that members of all IGRA Member Associations can access the information to assist them in researching Hall of Fame nominations.

The list may be in its current format or it may be broken out into separate lists for each of the Member Associations. This will be determined while I work with Frank Harrell on this project.

I will be driving to San Diego on Thursday morning but I may not make it to the meeting before you conclude your business. I do have "hands-free" cellular service in my car so if you have any questions for me, please call 626-384-1554.

Sincerely,  
Roger Bergmann  
Hall of Fame Committee Chair

## Report of the Rodeo Judges Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

The Rodeo Judges Committee met on November 15, 2013 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am with 10 participants present, representing 8 associations:

Michael Lentz	ASGRA	Committee chair
Doug Holmes	AGRA	
Clint Coil	ARGRA	
Jack Morgan	CGRA	
Danny Becht	GSGRA	
Anthony Harmon	GSGRA	
Amy Griffin	ILGRA	
Tom Sheridan	ILGRA	
Kami Boles	SGRA	
Terry Covington	TGRA	

The following 2013 IGRA Certified Judges have met the qualifications for and have been recommended for recertification in Rodeo Year 2014:

Clint Coil (Junior Judge) – ARGRA  
Gene Fraikes (Senior Judge) – TGRA  
Amy Griffin (Senior Judge) – ILGRA  
Anthony Harmon (Senior Judge) – GSGRA  
Rick Jones (Senior Judge) – RRRRA  
Michael Lentz (Senior Judge) – ASGRA  
Jack Morgan (Senior Judge) – CGRA  
Tom Sheridan (Junior Judge) – ILGRA  
Dolores Zuspahn (Senior Judge) – RRRRA

Terry Covington (Rookie Judge) – TGRA was recommended for certification effective for the 2014 rodeo year after completing his student judge training in 2013. I want to offer special thanks to the CGRA Denver rodeo team for allowing us to conduct his 2–day practicum training during the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in July.

Kami Boles – GSGRA was recommended for acceptance into the Student Judging program.

These recommendations were approved by the IGRA Board of Trustees at their meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013.

Kyle Putman (Senior Judge) – IAGRA was certified for 2013 and met the qualifications for recertification, but chose not to be recertified.

In the Friday committee meeting, chairman Lentz offered a summary of IGRA active judges (see table below)

The committee discussed several challenges to our Rodeo Judges. In particular, we discussed strategies for the proper way to deal with unsportsmanlike behavior from contestants.

We discussed the issues of handling reride situations and the need for consistent application of the rules.

Two rules changes are being proposed to the convention to address these issues. These and several other potential rules changes were discussed to be followed up on with the Rodeo Rules Committee.

We discussed the Head Judging responsibilities and set up scheduling criteria for bi-monthly conference calls for all judges in the next year where will continue some of our discussions with outreach to officials not present in the meeting.

We discussed video resources available for training and education and will be working to incorporate them into our certification/recertification materials.

Finally, our judges are making a pledge to improve and then apply our rodeo rules in a consistent manner, showing competence, respect and sportsmanlike conduct toward each other and all of our officials, volunteers and contestants. And we expect the same in return. We wish to improve the rodeo experience for everyone associated with IGRA and that means we have to stop tolerating inappropriate conduct in and around the arena.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Lentz, Chair  
Judges Committee

## Report of the Arena Directors Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

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

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

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

James Jenkins is currently student in the Arena Director program.

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

The committee had no proposals to present to the convention.

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

Heather Murray, Chair  
Arena Directors Committee

## **Report of the Association Presidents' Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention**

The Association Presidents' Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 9:00 am until 10:30 am. A total of 12 persons attended the meeting, all were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to the end of this report. I would to thank all those that were able to attend and the excellent level of participation shared by all!

Prior to the meeting, the IGRA association presidents were given a couple of points to ponder for the meeting:

1. What do you think is the most important issue facing your individual association?
2. What do you believe would be the most beneficial thing that IGRA could provide all associations that is currently not offered?

One of the most common issues for all associations is membership. Items included growing the membership, working with a growing membership, and generating excitement for the membership to be active participants. Having ideas on how to make your organization grown and succeed is great; helping to make those ideas happen is awesome!

Open lines of communication are also important through the associations, as well as with IGRA. For the seasoned officer you are already aware of some of the programs and assistance offered by IGRA, but many of our newer members and officers may not be aware or know where to go for or who to ask for assistance. We could all benefit from a regular communication schedule from the local to the national level. The more positive and respectful communication we provide, the better our odds for success and growth.

It is great to see our leaders all together in one room, discussing in an open and safe forum, the issues that present themselves every year for every member of IGRA. With a great mix of seasoned members and those new to the roll I believe we all have a better understanding of our roles as officers, our relationship with each other, and how IGRA helps us meet our goals.

Bruce Roby, Randy Edlin, Co-chairs

### Attendance

Bruce Roby – GSGRA  
Randy Edlin – TGRA  
Kelly Peebles – NMGRA  
Sandy Bidwell – DSRA  
Mark Larson – NSGRA  
Mark Scammel – SCCGRA  
Michael Weidman – AGRA  
Forrest Mason – MGRA  
Robert Thurtell – CGRA  
Jason Baker – ARGRA  
Kole Hillman – FGRA  
Ed Barry – IGRA

## Report of the Bylaws Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

Saturday, November 16, 2013

The Bylaws Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2012 from 9:30 am until 6:30 pm. A total of 24 persons attended the meeting, 14 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, proposals introduced during the meeting, and a Disciplinary Processes Resolution. The proposals and the resolution that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends their adoption.

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

Benjamin Avant  
Chairman, IGRA Bylaws Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Ed Barry	IGRA	
Doug Holmes	AGRA	X
Jai Crystal	AGRA	
Pierre Cadieux	ARGRA	X
Tom Lott	ASGRA	X
Bruce Gros	CGRA	X
Stephen Fischbacher	DSRA	X
James Young	FGRA	X
Bryan Hodges	FGRA	
Kole Hillman	FGRA	
Greg Brown	GSGRA	X
Ricky Walker	GSGRA	
Ray Ostmann	GWGRA	X
Steve Schultz	ILGRA	X
Guy Puglisi	NGRA	X
Lorry King	NGRA	
Brian Helander	NMGRA	X
Kelly Peebles	NMGRA	
Gary Eddy	SCCGRA	X
Chuck Browning	SGRA	X
Bobby Fender	SGRA	
Janine Pardee	SGRA	
Mark Gurrola	TGRA	X
Frank Mazzo	TGRA	

## **Report of the Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention**

The committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 9:00 am until 10:00 am. Four people, including the chairperson, from four different associations were in attendance, all of whom were voting members. Attendees were Ron Trusley, Committee Chair, AGRA, Jeannine Tuttle, TGRA, John Hill, CGRA, and Linda Frazier, MGRA.

The committee reviewed two (2) proposals that are part of the General Rules for Certified Personnel. Our recommendations were referred to the Joint Certification Committee for appropriate action. The committee also reviewed a proposed change in Standing Rule XV – Special International Awards – Section 7 – Service Award. This proposal was referred to the Joint Certification Committee for action since it dealt with all certified officials.

In the committee meeting, we also had general discussion about the performance of Auditors, Secretaries, and Scorekeepers with no concerns voiced that require any intervention or actions.

A proposed change to the Scorekeeper Certification Program was discussed and unanimously approved. The change is:

Page 69, Rule XXV, Section 2

### **RULE XXV SCOREKEEPER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

#### **Section 2. Certification**

A. Refer to Standing Rule XIX, Section I.A.10 regarding previous experience.

B. Requirements.

1. Serve as a Timer at a minimum of three (3) IGRA–sanctioned rodeos **and shall time all IGRA–required rodeo events at least once.** Host associations will shall not refuse any reasonable attempt from an applicant to serve as a Timer **and to time specific events.**
2. **Once the Timer requirement has been met,** Sserve as an Assistant Scorekeeper at three (3) IGRA–sanctioned rodeos covering all IGRA–required rodeo events.
3. Refer to Standing Rule XIX, Sections 1 and 2, for general certification requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Trusley

Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper Certification Committee

## Report of the World Gay Rodeo Finals to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

Meeting was attended by 25 members with 12 of them present being voting members from their respective associations. Meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm.

The Profit & Loss from the 2013 World Gay Rodeo Finals (WGRF) was presented to the committee showing a financial loss of \$6,129.33. The gate sales showed that there was a decrease in ticket sales for both Saturday and Sunday performances which accounted for a \$6,900 loss in projected revenue. There was significant discussion on the reason for this and the 2014 WGRF Committee has been tasked with looking at the possibility of moving the rodeo venue to another location within the DFW area. The 2014 WGRF was approved by the IGRA Board of Directors at the board meeting held in St. Louis in January 2013. We are currently in a 2-year contract with the host hotel but have not yet signed any contracts with the Will Rogers Center. It was noted that our projected expenses were less than \$1,000.00 over our projected budget.

Round Table Discussions by various 2013 Rodeo Committee Members:

- Royalty – It was felt that the Royalty contest went well and it was appreciated that there was a Rodeo Director assigned to the Royalty team for the entire year. There was discussion on whether to continue to have the crowning and sashing of the black sash winners on Sunday night or move it back to Saturday.
- Travel & Hotel – Air fares and hotel costs continue to rise and the committee will look at putting a cap on the air fare reimbursement to officials. We will investigate promoting Love Field in Dallas over DFW to help with cost savings.
- Sponsorship – Was a more difficult struggle to obtain sponsorships but it was not felt that this will be a problem for 2014. There was discussion about gate tickets that are given to sponsors but never claimed and how to use them to encourage other community groups to attend.
- Grand Entry – Ran very smoothly but still perceived to be too long and boring. This is an area that is a struggle for not only WGRF but most associations as well.
- Registration – Went well with the exception of technical difficulties with our credit card machine.
- Volunteers/Security – Was significantly improved over previous years. The suggestion was put forward to have volunteer badges not available until the person shows up for their shift and the badge must be returned at the end of the shift.
- Vendors – The moving of the vendors to the inside of the arena area was well received and the comments were all positive.
- Finance & Ticketing – We will be looking at an online purchase system for 2014.
- Program Advertising Sales – Was significantly up this year and showed a profit of approximately \$2,300.
- Advertising/Marketing – There needs to be a strong marketing plan in place for 2014 to work on growing our attendance.

Nevada would like to propose a move of WGRF 2015 to the South Point facility in Las Vegas.

The next meeting of the Rodeo Committee will be in St. Louis in January 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janie Van Santen, Chairperson  
2013 World Gay Rodeo Finals

## **Report of the IGRA University Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention**

Committee Chair: Ray Ostmann

Committee Members: Benjamin Ramirez, Jason Metzger, Mark Larson, Sandy Bidwell, Lisa Smith, Clark Monk, Bruce Roby, Jason Baker, Ron Trusley, John Hill, Brent Rosinski, Ed Barry, Laura Scott, and Lee Rodger.

The committee discussed changes to the curriculum, structure of classes, as well as the following:

- Wanting to have practical applications to earn certain degrees.
- The lack of interest in people that have been involved with IGRA for years.
- Possibly adding classes for the certified officials.
- Having set curriculum for instructors to follow to ensure that they cover certain materials.

No action items are needed from the committee at this time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Ostmann  
IGRA University Committee

# Report of the Animal Issues Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

The committee met Friday, November 15, 2013 from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

## **Members Present**

Jeannine Tuttle	TGRA
Linda M. Frazier	MGRA
Clint Hummon	FGRA
Diane Ross	DSRA
Edgar Garcia	AGRA
Ken Wells	NGRA
Mark Scammell	SCCGRA
Amy Griffin	ILGRA

## **Public Relations**

Quiet year for animal rights protests.

## **Stock Contractors**

One stock contractor had a dog that had to be restrained that was interfering with the Steer Riding event.

## **Animal Health**

No major outbreaks reported in Canada or the US. No injuries reported.

## **Best Practices**

At a couple of rodeos where Calf Roping on Foot was immediately followed by Break-away Roping, Team Roping was moved in between to allow time for the calves to rest.

## **Steer Deco**

Tails were partially bobbed at two rodeos due to freezing off in the previous winter. The ribbons that were tied to these partial tails tended to drop off to the ground with no tassel at the end of the tail to catch them. We support the rodeo rule change to prohibit the use of steers with partial tails.

## **Steer Riding**

The move to riding steers went very well.

## **Goats**

We discussed inconsistencies in requirements for goats in stock requirements relative to other stock requirements and enforcement of those requirements. This was resolved in AI-01.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Peebles, Chair  
Animal Issues Committee

November 15, 2013 – Brian Rogers

The Archives Committee met at 1 pm.

Meeting attendees

- Jeannine Tuttle – TGRA
- Drew Davidson – ARGRA
- Katie Costantin – ARGRA
- Ken Wells – NGRA
- Dan Iversen – AGRA
- Linda M. Frazier – MGRA

Committee members Brian Rogers and Frank Harrell discussed recent acquisitions, including a postcard from the 1983 Reno Rodeo.

- Frank has began the process of transcription for newsletters and magazine articles and is seeking volunteers to do transcribing.
- Dan Iversen gave a report on the AGRA Out West exhibition in Phoenix, which was very successful.
- The rest of the time was spent reviewing all the changes and new material on the Gay Rodeo History website produced by Frank Harrell.

We are seeking items for the archives:

- Missing programs (check the programs date grid page for a list)
- Association and rodeo pins
- Buckles
- Posters
- Contestant/officials badges

If you really want to keep an item, we will be happy to return items after scanning or photographing. Just make sure you include a paper stating what items you want back.

We will add your name as the donator, and if the item was collected by a deceased partner or friend we will be happy to include a short paragraph about the person.

To donate or loan an item, please contact Brian Rogers or Frank Harrell.

**Report of the Rodeo Rules Committee  
to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention  
Saturday, November 16, 2013**

The Rodeo Rules Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 9:10 am until 5:08 pm. A total of 27 persons attended the meeting, 14 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.

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.

James Jenkins, Chairman  
Rodeo Rules Committee

## **Report of the Regional Rodeos Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention**

A really great meeting about the concept of Regional Rodeos. There were 8 members that attended. This concept can be applied to many events, not just rodeo.

Tom Sheridan	ILGRA
Ken Wells	NGRA
Forrest Mason	MGRA
Jason Baker	ARGRA
Robin Cagle	TGRA
Terry Covington	TGRA
Todd Garrett	FGRA
Butch Ford	SCCGRA

A lot of good discussion about the concept of Regional Rodeos and how Associations can work together to share resources such funds needed to put on rodeos, volunteers, equipment, sponsorships, and much more.

Many good ideas were shared that shows the concept of associations working together for a stronger outcome was apparent.

Discussion was held about structure, accountability, sustainability, and these are topics that this committee will work on going forward. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Tom Sheridan at [studroper@aol.com](mailto:studroper@aol.com).

Tom Sheridan, Chairman  
Regional Rodeos Committee

## Report of the Health & Safety Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention

The Health & Safety Committee met at 1:00 pm on Friday November 15, 2013. Ten people representing 9 associations were present. Thank you to the committee members.

Among the topics discussed were ongoing support and encouragement to groups producing educational programs such as gymkhanas, rodeo schools, roping clinics, and so on.

We have noticed that tasking the Rodeo Review Trustee with filling out the injury reports, then forwarding to Chute Coordinator and Arena Director for their review, and input has worked very well. So Trustees, good job and thank you.

We discussed the practice of not running Calf Roping and Break-Away Roping back-to-back. We feel this is a "best practice" in order that the calves get a rest in between events.

There were no reports of animal injuries and/or abuse received that I did not see any on the Rodeo Checklists. If this is true, it's amazing, and we should be very proud of our efforts in the area of animal welfare and continue our ongoing vigilance.

We reviewed the injuries reported in 2013. Of the 15 rodeos held, 14 plus Finals, 10 reported a total of 28 injuries to human participants. Five did not report, which either means they didn't have injuries or they just didn't report them.

The injured were comprised of 18 men, 7 women, and 3 individuals whose gender was not declared.

Three of the reported injuries involved overheating, including 1 official and 1 volunteer. One of the bull injuries involved a volunteer.

The rodeos experiencing reported injuries are as follows:

Sacramento	5
Houston	4
Chicago	4
Little Rock	3
Kansas City	3
Phoenix	2 (unreported, including 1 at rodeo school)
Oklahoma City	2
Santa Fe	2
Las Vegas	1
Calgary	1
Finals	1

In terms of frequency of injuries on a per event basis, Deco had 7, followed by Bulls and Flags with 5 each. Here's the breakdown:

Rodeo School	1
Bulls	5
Steers	1
Dogging	4
Flags	5
Deco	7
Drag	4
Goats	1

This is an impressively low number of injuries given the number of events held.

Training opportunities outside of actual rodeos are clearly beneficial. Remaining hydrated is critical. We had 3 instances of overheated participants this year (that were reported).

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Beverage stations need to be accessible. Depending on the layout of an arena, additional beverage stations may need to be available. This could be as simple as having cases of water at the roping chute end of the arena in addition to what is available in the contestant area or chute area.
2. Request that the announcer remind volunteers, contestants and officials to keep hydrated.
3. Make the Injury Report available to rodeo schools, gymkhanas, etc, and encourage that the reports be completed and submitted as necessary. (Form will be revised to be suitable for non-rodeo events).
4. Develop and publish preferred raking patterns for speed events.
5. Request that the Rodeo Review Trustee investigate unreported injuries, to the extent possible, with a view towards making them reported injuries.
6. Have hand sanitizer available for participants at both ends of the arena.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Griffin, Chair  
Health & Safety Committee

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE  
11/15/13

NAME	ASSOCIATION	VOTING
Amy Griffin	ILGRA	X
Terry Covington	TGRA	X
Linda Frazier	MGRA	X
Diane Ross	DSRA	X
Judy Davidson	ARGRA	X
Tom Seaman	TGRA	
Joseph Olney	GSGRA	
Jack Morgan	CGRA	
Doug Holmes	AGRA	X
David Blunk	NGRA	X

## **Report of the Information Systems Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention**

Saturday, November 16, 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Lindstrom, Chairman

## **Report of the Joint Certification Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention**

The Joint Certification Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 2:40 pm until 3:40 pm. A total of 7 persons attended the meeting, 6 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their input and hard work. The committee considered all proposals that were received prior to the start of the meeting. No new proposals were introduced during the meeting. The proposals that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Edlin  
Joint Certification Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Randy Edlin	TGRA	
Amy Griffin	ILGRA	X
Ron Trusley	AGRA	X
Terry Covington	TGRA	X
Jack Morgan	CGRA	
Bruce Roby	GSGRA	X
Heather Murray	ARGRA	X

## **Report of the Social Media Committee to the 29<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention**

The Social Media Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. A total of 14 members with 8 voting members were present. A list of these 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.

Kole Hillman, the chair, reported on the status of the Social Media program for 2013 and our plans for the 2014 committee. In 2013, we changed the “friend” IGRA page to a business fan page over a three-month transition to make sure we were able to transfer our fan base over to the new page: [www.facebook.com/IGRARodeo](http://www.facebook.com/IGRARodeo). The chair shared that all 2013 IGRA rodeos as well as IGRA University and IGRA World Gay Finals were represented via social media this year. We added a Twitter account, [www.twitter.com/IGRARodeo](http://www.twitter.com/IGRARodeo) as well as a YouTube account <http://www.youtube.com/user/IGRARodeo>.

We discussed different methods as well as adding staff to the IGRA social media team to help cover the events more thoroughly. John Hill from CGRA agreed to assist the chair on a co-director level and several attendees showed interest in becoming part of the expanded team.

We also discussed getting with the PR Chairperson to craft a policy that can be distributed to local associations to help guide them in their social media endeavors to help ensure professionalism for their represented association.

The committee had no proposals to present to the convention.

Kole Hillman, Chair  
Social Media Committee

# IGRA Vice President's Report



# 2013 IGRA Royalty Team





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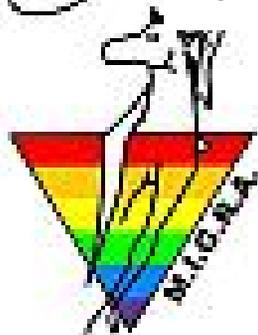


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**2014 Team – I hope I'm back  
refreshed this coming year!**

**Looking  
forward  
to next  
year!**



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every  
year!**

**OR MAYBE NOT?**

IGRA Secretary's Report  
*presented to the*  
29th IGRA Annual Convention  
November 16, 2013  
San Diego, California  
*by*  
Larry Lindstrom

1. Goals

- Become Paperless
- Reduce Costs
- Have Some Fun

2. By the Numbers

- Secretary for 9 years
- Only 3rd IGRA Secretary
- Attended 35 of 36 board meetings  
...in 18 different cities  
...logging 55,300 air miles

3. Board Meetings

- Calgary
- Detroit
- DFW AA Center
- Nashville
- New Orleans
- Philadelphia
- Reno
- Toronto
- Chicago (2)
- Kansas City (2)
- Phoenix (2)
- Palm Springs (2)
- San Diego (2)
- Fort Lauderdale (3)
- St. Louis (3)
- Denver (4)
- Las Vegas (4)
- Oklahoma City (4)

4. Duties

- Board Meetings: 35 / 36
- Membership Apps: 235
- Minutes: 400+
- Plaques: 607
- Rulebooks: 9