

International Gay Rodeo Association
Rodeo Directors 'Black Shirt Program' Questionnaire

Name:___Weston Crow-Tucker___ Member Association:_____GPRA_____

1. Tell the Committee about yourself including things that may be beneficial to your consideration? (i.e. Life, Accomplishments, Awards, Recognitions etc.)

_I have been a passed competitor in the IGRA circuit for several years and have competed in numerous WGRF, I have also been a passed Mr. IGRA. I was the Vice President for GPRA in 2024 until the passing of our President when I then took over the President position. I am currently working on getting my license to be a health insurance agent and will have all that completed by the end of Feb. 2025.

2. What skills do you possess that you feel enhance your consideration as a qualified candidate as a WGRF Rodeo Director?

The skills that I believe that I possess to be a WGRF Rodeo Director is that I know the sport of rodeo very well. I grew up doing it and have been around the sport most of my life. Also, in 2024 when the passing of our current Rodeo Director for GPRA I assumed the role and in eight weeks put on one of the most successful GPRA Rodeos to date. I am also a resident of Oklahoma so for the next years to come with WGRF it would be helpful to have someone with feet on the ground to be able to plan and perform duties locally.

3. Your involvement as a 'Black Shirt', could at times, cause you to perform duties and tasks that you may have been opposed to, while working with the WGRF Committee. How would you deal with situations like this?

Life in general sometimes causes you to perform tasks that you are opposed to, can we just not do those tasks? No, we have all do and will continue to do tasks like this and move on with the rest of life or the task at hand. Swallowing pride and what you think is right or how you think something should be done is part of life and you take it in stride and keep going. Just because you think it should be one way doesn't mean that someone before you hasn't encountered the same thing before and you just don't know that. There may be more than one way that is the right way that you don't know and if you can't move past something you are opposed to then you will never make it far.

4. Throughout this Program the ultimate goal is one of producing forward thinking, visionary Rodeo Directors who will one day be in charge of the production of World Gay Rodeo Finals, under their Leadership. Please explain what your vision (once you achieve this role) would look like. Expand on things you have seen and things that you would love to see. What would your WGRF look like?

My ultimate goal as a Rodeo Director for the World Gay Rodeo Finals would be that by time is it my turn to be the “big man on top” especially with the fact that it will be in my home state would be to have one of the biggest and best WGRF in the last numerous years. Recruiting as many new members around to get involved more, raising our contestant numbers would be the biggest and first step to take along that journey. Second having more involvement from local businesses, here in Oklahoma City alone there is a number of LGBTQ owner and/or operated and many community friendly businesses that have not been taken advantage of. Not only would this boost our community’s involvement but it would also boost our exposure around the community and in places that nobody has yet thought about like flower shops, bakery’s, and different shops/boutiques. This would expose IGRA and WGRF to more than just the bar and rodeo communities which in turn would help us gain spectators, exposure in people that it normally would not have, and bringing us more into the light and mind of so many people. That in turn generates a plethora of things for us, gate sales start to rise which increase revenue. When it comes back to Oklahoma, when the attendance increases gate sales that means that there are more and more people seeing our athletes perform at the NFR of gay rodeo which again creates which I have said over and over exposure and especially in our nation today, we need this. More people also mean.... more alcohol sales, which we all know is one of our largest streams of revenue. All of this together builds a bigger, greater, more profitable rodeo and association for all of us to enjoy.

Thank you for your interest in the IGRA ‘Black Shirt’ program. Please feel free to use additional paper, if necessary.