

Report of the Bylaws Committee
To the 22nd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, October 21, 2006

The Bylaws Committee met on Friday, October 20, 2005 from 9:00 am until 6:40 pm. A total of 34 persons attended the meeting, 23 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their patience and hard work as we addressed the responsibilities of the committee.

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

Benjamin Avant
Chairman, IGRA Bylaws Committee

Bylaws Committee Attendance List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Ed Barry	ILGRA	X	Barry Luke	FGRA	X
Roger Bergmann	GSGRA	X	Alec Masee	ARGRA	X
Ernest Bowers	LGRA	X	Jade Mescunas	LGRA	
David Burks	KGRA	X	Mark Miller	TGRA	X
Tommy Channel	HGRA	X	Jeffrey Neal	NGRA	X
Arnie Chavez	NMGRA	X	Dere Newman	HGRA	
Jackie D'Amico	RRRA	X	Ray Ostmann	GWGRA	X
Mel Enness	MIGRA	X	Marcel Pajuelo-Schwarz	HSRA	X
Jacky Green	DSRA	X	Emil Pronier	MGRA	X
Gary Hatterman	AGRA		Steve Schultz	ILGRA	
Brian Helander	IGRA		Jeffrey Shaw	CGRA	X
Chris Hochmuth	CGRA		Dot Trevis	NSGRA	X
Dan Iverson	AGRA		Tom Truitt	TGRA	
T. J. Lavelle	DSRA		Ron Trusley	AGRA	X
John Locke	CGRA		Jennifer Vrana	LGRA	
Jamie Lodzinski	OGRA	X	Justin Waldner	SMRA	X
Tom Lott	ASGRA	X			

Proposal 7

Page 12, Article VIII, Section 5, New Paragraph G

ARTICLE VIII – DIRECTORS

Section 5. Meetings.

Paragraph G. Participation by Electronic Means

Directors may participate in any regular or special meeting of the board through use of electronic means (online via computer) so long as all directors participating in such meeting can respond properly to one another. Participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at such meetings. Meetings of this nature should be limited to issues that are relatively benign or ones that require immediate action due to deadlines.

Page 12, Article VIII, Section 6, New Paragraph D

Section 6. Voting.

Paragraph D. Voting by electronic means (online via computer) is permissible.

Proposal 8

Page 36, Rule IV, Section 1

RULE IV ANNUAL CONVENTION

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided by Law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, or these Rules of Order, those rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the annual convention of this Association in all cases to which they are applicable. The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian to assure compliance with stated rules. **The Parliamentarian shall not have a vote.**

Proposal 9

Page 57, Rule XIV

RULE XIV INTERNATIONAL FINALS RODEO

Section 1. The IGRA Finals Rodeo (Finals Rodeo) may not be scheduled within two (2) weeks of the annual convention.

Section 2. The Finals Rodeo, when and if held, shall be hosted and/or sponsored by a Member Association(s) and only if said Member Association(s) has held a rodeo within their Member Association's area prior to bidding on the Finals Rodeo.

Section 3. Finals Rodeo Arena Fund.

- A. There shall be an escrow fund funded from sanction fee of fifty cents (\$.50) per single rodeo performance ticket sold during the rodeo year (See Standing Rule XIII IGRA Divisions, Rodeos, and Rodeo Approval, Section 3, Paragraph B) and fifty cents (\$.50) per event/per day/per contestant entry fee (see Rodeo Rule II Registration, Number 13).
- B. A Member Association hosting a Finals Rodeo may request up to \$16,000 (based on availability) for the purpose of financing an arena in which to stage the Finals Rodeo and financing the stock contractor. Arena, stock, and related contracts must be submitted to the IGRA Board before dispersal of payment from IGRA.
- C. Excess funds in Finals Rodeo Arena Fund at end of rodeo year will roll over to the next year's finals fund.

Section 4. Selection of the host Member Association(s) shall be made at the annual convention two (2) years prior to the rodeo dates. If a Host Member Association is not selected at the IGRA Annual Convention two (2) years prior, then the selection may be made at the convention one (1) year prior. Proposals should be sent to the Finals Rodeo Committee no later than sixty (60) days prior to convention in order that the committee can make any recommendations for changes in a manner as to allow Hosting Association(s) time to consider and act upon these recommendations. A final report on proposals will be made by the committee to the convention prior to consideration of said proposals at said convention.

Section 5. Selection, if any, shall be by a majority vote of the voting delegates based on the bid(s) submitted.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may at any time solicit proposals from Member Associations to co-host IGRA Finals. Member Associations will have a minimum of two months to submit proposals. The Executive Committee will evaluate the proposals and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Section 5. IGRA shall be responsible for revenue and expenses. Other responsibilities will be agreed upon by the Executive Committee and the co-hosting Member Association.

Section 6. The Host Member Association(s) shall include three (3) representatives from IGRA appointed by the President to serve as rodeo committee advisors.

Section 7. The Finals Rodeo will be conducted in accordance with IGRA-sanctioned rodeo rules in all respects.

Section 8. Establish a Rookie of Year Award for contestants in their first year of IGRA competition. Winners are determined by the male and female contestants earning the most total points in IGRA rodeos for that year. Buckles are to be awarded at Finals Rodeo.

Resolution Relating to Proposal 9

Resolution

Whereas, The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee recommends that the Board of Directors select the co-hosting Association for 2008 IGRA Finals and that IGRA be responsible for its revenue and expenses; and

Whereas, Allowing this change to become effective on January 1, 2007 will delay this responsibility until 2009; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this change take effect immediately.

Proposal 10

Page 57, Rule XIV, Section 2

RULE XIV INTERNATIONAL FINALS RODEO

Section 2. The Finals Rodeo, when and if held, shall be hosted and/or sponsored by a Member Association(s) and only if said Member Association(s) has held a **an IGRA sanctioned** rodeo within their Member Association's area prior to bidding on the Finals Rodeo.

Proposal 12

Page 65, Rule XVIII, Section 3

RULE XVIII PARADE AND GRAND ENTRY

Section 3. Grand Entry. Grand Entry must consist of, in the following order:

- A. Mounted entry of the U.S. and Canadian flags with the host nation's flag entering first.
- B. Mounted entry of the host state/province flags followed by optional flags such as, but not limited to, the flags of other states and provinces, IGRA, and any commercial sponsors in any appropriate order.
- C. Introductions of rodeo officials (including clown and stock contractor), **unless introduced at a later time during the rode performance.**
- D. Host association's national anthem followed by other national anthems as appropriate.
- E. Departure of all flags except that of the host nation and the host state/province, then the posting of colors, with the host nation's flag being the last to leave the arena.

Proposal 16

Page 65, Rule XVIII, Section 1

RULE XVIII PARADE AND GRAND ENTRY

Section 1. Requirements.

- A. Opening ceremonies will take place before the performance (not including slack events) of during each day's rodeo competition.
- B. Opening ceremonies will include, but are not limited to:
 1. First, parade (optional on both days of the rodeo) as defined in Section 2 below.
 2. Second, grand entry (required on each day of a rodeo) as defined in Section 3 below.
- C. Opening Other ceremonies also may include a grand marshal(s), a riderless horse ceremony, an invocation, a moment of silence, or any other appropriate segment, or segments, as determined by the Hosting Association. Such segments may take place at any appropriate time during the opening ceremonies performance.

Proposal 17

Page 31, Article XII, Section 11

ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

Section 11. Finals Rodeo Committee.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

A committee of at least five (5) persons that includes the current IGRA Vice President and IGRA Contestant Liaison shall be appointed annually.

The Executive Committee shall appoint a committee to administer IGRA Finals. The committee shall include the IGRA Vice President and Contestant Liaison.

Paragraph B. Duties.

1. Shall review Member Associations proposals for Finals Rodeo prior to presentation at convention in order to ensure that the basic requirements for a successful Finals Rodeo are in place. The Host Association(s) should seriously consider recommendations from this committee, as this committee will make a report to convention regarding any proposals on the floor.
2. Once a proposal has been accepted by convention, this committee will continue in many ways to act as an advisory committee (see Standing Rule XIV IGRA Finals Rodeo, Section 4). It will also ensure that the local Host Association continues to abide by the provisions of the rodeo bid as made to and approved by the respective annual convention. This committee, along with the Host Association's Finals Rodeo committee, must submit for approval by the IGRA Executive Board any deviations from the bid or by the IGRA Trustees any variances, which might be required. The committee will also submit a summary report at each regularly scheduled meeting of the IGRA Board of Directors.

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