

Proposal 1

Page 2, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph C

Paragraph C. Member **and Recognized** Associations must be incorporated as a non-profit not-for-profit entity under the laws of and in good standing in the state, territory, or province (U.S. and Canada), or other comparable territorial units of other nations; provided, however, the board may recognize as Member accept as Recognized Associations other entities incorporated or in the process of incorporating under the laws or jurisdictions other than the United States.

Proposal 2

Page 2, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph D

Paragraph D. Member Associations must have twenty (20) members in good standing and at least of the legal age of majority to sign contracts according to Guidelines of the Nation or the superseding principality where that Member Association is located. Ten (10) of the required members must be legal residents of the Member Association's **geographic** area.

1. Individual members may join as many Member or Recognized Associations as they wish providing they are in compliance with the respective Association's membership policies.
2. Removal of a member from "good standing" status could be for, but is not limited to, the following reasons:
 - a. Passing a bad check to their or any other Member or Recognized Association without having made timely restitution.
 - b. Having an arrest warrant sworn out against them for an offense committed against their or any other Member or Recognized Association.
 - c. Making an "arrangement" with their or any other Member or Recognized Association in order to avoid issuance of an arrest warrant by said association.
3. If a member is removed from "good standing" status for any of the above reasons, the following actions may shall be taken:
 - a. The involved association would will notify the IGRA Secretary within seven (7) days. Such notification will include a copy of the bad check, of the arrest warrant, of the "arrangement", if documentation is available, or a copy of the minutes of their Board of Directors, Executive Board, or other appropriate committee, wherein ratification of the "arrangement has been noted, **or a letter of explanation for the reason for removal.** The minutes **and/or letter** must include at least the following:
 1. Names of persons making arrangements.
 2. Terms and dates of arrangements.
 3. Means by which the individual was officially notified of the arrangement.
 - b. The IGRA Secretary must send a letter to the IGRA Board of Directors and all Member and Recognized Associations within seven (7) days of receipt of said notification advising them of the member's status with the reporting Member or Recognized Association. No reason will be given except to the individual member. **The IGRA Secretary will not disclose the reason for the member's change of status to the Member and Recognized Associations.**

1. As of this point in time, the member will become ineligible to participate in IGRA sponsored/sanctioned events/rodeos.
2. Rodeo Auditor will make proper notations in the computer files.
- c. The involved association must notify the IGRA Secretary within seven (7) days of rectification of the problem, even is said association does not wish the individual member to rejoin their association.
- d. Within seven (7) days, the IGRA Secretary must advise the IGRA Board of Directors and all Member and Recognized Associations of the rescinding of the earlier notice, thus allowing the individual member and all associations to make further membership decisions as they might mutually desire.

Proposal 3

Page 3, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph B

Paragraph B. Application Requirements

1. Completed membership application (Exhibit A1).
2. Signed Terms of Agreement (Exhibit A2)
3. Copy of articles of incorporation.
4. Documentation to prove the association is a non-profit **proving not-for-profit** corporation.
5. Copy of current bylaws.
6. Copy of board resolution **releasing geographic territory** of existing Member or Recognized Association **and corresponding letter**, if applicable.
7. **Proof of active or good standing from the applicable state or province**
8. **Membership list dated within thirty (30) days of the application date.**

Proposal 4

Page 4, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph D

Paragraph D. New Member Associations shall be approved and seated only at the annual convention. **Recognized Associations anticipating approval as a Member Association at the annual convention shall submit a letter to the IGRA Secretary listing the convention delegates and alternate delegates and a list of current officers, no less than sixty (60) days prior to annual convention.**

Proposal 5

Page 4, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph F

Paragraph F. Upon approval as a Member Association at annual convention, the applicant will **immediately** pay dues of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

Proposal 6

Page 4, Article IV, Section 6, Paragraph A

Paragraph A. A Member Association's **renewal request will be considered by the IGRA Membership Committee** membership will be renewed when the IGRA Secretary has received all of the following:

1. Completed renewal application (Exhibit A1).
2. Signed Terms of Agreement (Exhibit A2).
3. Provide proof of certification of active or good standing from state or province.
4. Documentation proving current status of the association as a non-profit not-for-profit corporation.
5. Copy of current bylaws.
6. List of current officers.
7. Check for six hundred dollars (\$600.00) payable to IGRA.
8. Membership list dated within thirty (30) days prior to the renewal deadline.
9. List of convention delegates and alternate delegates.
10. **Copy of board resolution releasing geographic territory of existing Member or Recognized Association and corresponding letter, if applicable.**

Proposal 13

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Section 4. Current Member Associations

Paragraph A. IGRA is an Association of Associations

Paragraph B. IGRA may recognize an Association comprising a community, or any defined geographical area provided the geographical area is not a part of an existing Member or Recognized Association. If a proposed Association overlaps the geographical area of an existing Member or Recognized Association, or if an existing Member Association's proposed expansion of its geographical area overlaps the geographical area of another existing Member or Recognized Association, they must obtain the approval of the affected Member Association by a board resolution of that Member or Recognized Association. The new association must obtain a letter of approval, signed by the Board of Directors of the existing Member or Recognized Association. Letter must accompany Membership Application.

Paragraph B. The annual convention shall have the final authority to approve membership applications or renewals, to determine geographic boundaries and areas of service, and to deliberate and settle any disputes between Member Associations.

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Paragraph E. Member Associations must be in concurrence with the stated goals and purposes of IGRA. **Member Associations can demonstrate this annually by:**

- 1. Actively promoting the County/Western lifestyle through interaction with community organizations, hosting events, and generating publicity in the geographic area;**
- 2. Hosting one or more IGRA-sanctioned events;**
- 3. Donating a significant proportion of organizational funds to, or providing documented volunteer efforts on behalf of, charities in their geographic area; or**
- 4. Documenting member activity participation as volunteers or competitors in IGRA-sanctioned events.**

Paragraph F. When a Member Association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or Standing Rules are amended, the Association shall send an amended copy to the IGRA Secretary within sixty (60) days after the amendments are approved.

Section 5. New Member Associations

Paragraph A. Any association wishing to apply for membership in IGRA shall:

1. Be in concurrence with the stated goals and purposes of IGRA.
2. Have twenty (20) members in good standing and at least of the legal age of majority to sign contracts according to Guidelines of the Nation or the superseding principality where that Member Association **association** is located. Ten (10) of the required members must be legal residents of the Member Association's **association's geographic** area.
3. Include a copy of their bylaws and articles of incorporation with the membership application.
4. Choose a name and acronym that does not conflict with or duplicate IGRA's name and acronym or the name and acronym of any existing Member or **Recognized** Association.
5. Include a copy of board resolution of existing Member Association if applicable.
6. **Submit all documents required by Paragraph B, Application Requirements, below.**

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Section 7. Resolution of Overlapping Geographic Areas.

Paragraph A. If a proposed association overlaps the geographic area of an existing Member or Recognized Association, or if an existing Member Association's proposed expansion of its geographic area overlaps the geographic area of another existing Member or Recognized Association, they must obtain the approval of the affected Member or Recognized Association by a board resolution of that Member or Recognized Association. The association acquiring the geographic area must also obtain a letter of approval signed by the Board of Directors of the existing Member or Recognized Association.

Paragraph B. In the event that an association meets all the requirements (Article IV, Section 5) and is unable to negotiate a territorial arrangement with an existing Member or Recognized Association, the applicant may make a presentation to the IGRA Membership Committee for resolution.

Paragraph C. If a geographic area dispute cannot be resolved by the process outlined in Paragraphs A and B above, each association affected will be allowed to make a 15-minute presentation regarding territory to the annual convention for resolution.

Paragraph D. Unless there is significant change in the demonstrated support of a geographic area by a Member Association, a non-member association that has been denied territory will only be eligible to resubmit a request for any of the same territory at the third or later subsequent annual convention.