CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

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issues/problem areas
        -noncompliance
        -contract inconsistencies
        -regional differences/needs
       -(in-) appreciation
        -current challenges
      focus
        -forming partnerships
        -inclusiveness--making our sponsors feel a part of our organization
AND appreciated
      return--What does IGRA have to offer
        -visibility
              ads (on IGRA materials e.g. posters, flyers, business cards, arena
       banners, vender space at IGRA events)
        -brand loyalty
             which results % in return for sponsor
        -purchasing power (of GLBTQ) community
        -provide sponsors with
             invitations
             tickets
             ad space
             vendor space,
             parking at events
             buckles, banners etc
             email blasts (such as homorodeo)
       uniformity
         -packages/levels of sponsorship (clarity)
             taking into consideration: demographics
             -IGRA
               -local/regional
         -tracking system (checklist)
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how are these investments paying off

- 1) for IGRA
- 2) for our sponsors

challenges

-economy

- > lower our expectations
- > smaller \$, bigger # (considering that smaller sponsors will have lower expectations)

-budgeting

advance notice and planning

- -sponsors budgets
- -IGRA events & planning

***possible ideas: monthy or quarterly planning (donations): people/sponsors may be willing to make donations at intervals so it is spread out as opposed to one big lump sum trickle down from IGRA leadership=in terms of information as well as initiative in soliciting sponsorships

We would like to see some an area on the yahoo groups where we can share experience (success & failures), best practices etc.

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