

RODEO JUDGES COMMITTEE

November 1, 2008 New Orleans

10 people representing 9 associations attended the committee meeting.

Discussion topics on Friday included the ongoing effort for consistency, the need to recruit more students so that we can expand the pool of available judges, focusing on training and feedback, improving training with visual aids, the need to designate a senior or head judge to act as the “go to” person at each rodeo, the necessity to receive copies of protests to serve as a tool for mentoring and skill-building (or intervention, as the case may be), and the recommendation that performance evaluations be conducted as part of the recertification process.

We are submitting one proposed change to the Standing Rules regarding recertification, and one addition regarding responsibilities.

Throughout the year, we made a number of recommendations to the Rodeo Rules Committee.

The year-round committee has been very busy. The communication between the members has been extremely frequent and productive. Seminars were held in Phoenix, Oklahoma City, Chicago, and New Orleans in 2008. (There was also a seminar scheduled for Los Angeles, but the anticipated student attendee was a no-show, and has not been heard from since).

We have four new students beginning the training program. Given the “greying” of our current group of judges, we are particularly anxious to develop some new judges. Please help us spread the word. If you, or someone you know have an interest in becoming IGRA judges, please contact Rick or myself.

Many thanks to Thom, Mike and Brian for all their hard work with us this year, as well as to the convention committee for their valuable suggestions and input.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Griffin & Rick Jones