

Archives Report

Chair - Patrick Terry, ILGRA

Voting Delegates:

Brian Rogers, NGRA	Dwight Skeates, CCGRA	Jeff Barr, SCCGRA
Chris Caufield, GSGRA	John Kingston, CGRA	John King, AGRA
Rod Klein, ILGRA	Tim Fellencer, MGRA	Mark Larson, NSGRA

Others Attended:

Frank Harrell, CGRA	Rich Valdez, CGRA	Joe Rodriguez, SCCGRA
Dan Iversen, AGRA		

The Chair opened the meeting greeting everyone and thanking them for attending the meeting. The Chair then explained the history of how the IGRA Archives were developed, where it is at currently, and what will hopefully happen in the future. He then read a recent E-mail sent to IGRA on the progress of the IGRA Archives that were delivered to the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Los Angeles, California, which reads as follows:

Dear Brian and IGRA,

I hope this finds you well. I am pleased to let you and the IGRA membership know that the Autry National Center Institute for the Study of the American West was awarded a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, to complete basic processing of archival collections that have been surveyed, organized or cataloged. The IGRA Archive was highlighted in the grant application as one of our significant collections needing processing. With the grant funds, we were able to hire a project archivist to work on the collections identified and that person started last week at the Braun Research Library at the Southwest Museum. I estimate I will be at least 10 months before the archivist starts working on the collections here in Griffith Park, including the IGRA Archive.

Recently, I was introduced via E-mail to a dissertation student who will need to conduct research in the archive, which is very exciting. It looks like by the time he is ready to use the materials, the collection will be ready for supervised use.

We will certainly keep you informed of our progress and thank you all again for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Marva R. Felchlin

Director, Autry Library and Research Services

The Chair mentioned that he replied back to the e-mail, about the exciting news and thanking Marva for the update. A question was also asked about sending more IGRA archives that have come about by current rodeo years and also from members of IGRA. To date, no response has been made to the question, but will follow up, and in the meantime any IGRA Archive wishing to go into the collection will be collected through the IGRA office or to the chair and will be forwarded onto the Museum when we are given the okay to send more to the museum. It was

also explained in the meeting about the creation of the Legacy Project, for the raising of money to further the process of the archives being processed and cataloged at the museum. Brian Rogers then proposed that we form a formal Archives committee and begin raising money for processing, cataloging, and archiving our own collection that we still have in our possession. Anyone interested was to sign the sign-in sheet for the meeting and leave an e-mail to contact everyone, and begin communication with committee members. A few other questions were asked, suggestions made, and comments about the IGRA Archives.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick A Terry
IGRA Archivist