

Report of the Association Presidents' Committee to the 29th IGRA Annual Convention

The Association Presidents' Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 9:00 am until 10:30 am. A total of 12 persons attended the meeting, all were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to the end of this report. I would to thank all those that were able to attend and the excellent level of participation shared by all!

Prior to the meeting, the IGRA association presidents were given a couple of points to ponder for the meeting:

1. What do you think is the most important issue facing your individual association?
2. What do you believe would be the most beneficial thing that IGRA could provide all associations that is currently not offered?

One of the most common issues for all associations is membership. Items included growing the membership, working with a growing membership, and generating excitement for the membership to be active participants. Having ideas on how to make your organization grown and succeed is great; helping to make those ideas happen is awesome!

Open lines of communication are also important through the associations, as well as with IGRA. For the seasoned officer you are already aware of some of the programs and assistance offered by IGRA, but many of our newer members and officers may not be aware or know where to go for or who to ask for assistance. We could all benefit from a regular communication schedule from the local to the national level. The more positive and respectful communication we provide, the better our odds for success and growth.

It is great to see our leaders all together in one room, discussing in an open and safe forum, the issues that present themselves every year for every member of IGRA. With a great mix of seasoned members and those new to the roll I believe we all have a better understanding of our roles as officers, our relationship with each other, and how IGRA helps us meet our goals.

Bruce Roby, Randy Edlin, Co-chairs

Attendance

Bruce Roby – GSGRA
Randy Edlin – TGRA
Kelly Peebles – NMGRA
Sandy Bidwell – DSRA
Mark Larson – NSGRA
Mark Scammel – SCCGRA
Michael Weidman – AGRA
Forrest Mason – MGRA
Robert Thurtell – CGRA
Jason Baker – ARGRA
Kole Hillman – FGRA
Ed Barry – IGRA