

International Gay Rodeo Association

Opinion and Recommendations of the Parliamentarian
On Recent Actions of the Board of Directors

September 6, 2021

Actions/votes taken by the IGRA Board of Directors to date:

1. Change Standing Rule VII, Selection of Mr./Ms./Miss/Mster IGRA Selection

From the minutes of the IGRA Board of Directors meeting June 24, 2021:

Mipsy submitted Standing Rule change request.

RULE VII SELECTION OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA Section

1. Royalty competition must be held in conjunction with the Finals Rodeo. If the Finals Rodeo is not produced, the VP may choose a suitable alternative.

Mark Christensen motioned to accept, seconded by Garland Rankin. Motion passed.

Article XV, Amendments and Effective Date, states that “*The Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Rodeo Rules may be amended or repealed, or new Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Rodeo Rules may be made and adopted at Annual Convention....*”

The IGRA Board of Directors does not have authority to change the above standing rule so, in the opinion of the parliamentarian, the action should be considered void.

(In 2020, the IGRA Board of Directors adopted the IGRA COVID-19 Plan. This plan did not change any bylaws, standing rules, or rodeo rules. Rather it was a comprehensive and unified set of decisions and interpretations, some of which were contrary to the rules of the organization, agreed to in the face of the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the only type of situation that could justify them.)

The accompanying interpreted bylaws, standing rules, and rodeo rules include a mechanism for achieving the desire of the Board of Directors to conduct a 2021 Royalty Competition, along with additional interpretations that were not considered when the above vote was taken.

2. Change the rodeo year from 2020-2021 to 2020-2022

In 2020, the IGRA Board of Directors adopted the IGRA COVID-19 Plan. The plan included:

That the 2020 rodeo year be extended through 2021, becoming the 2020-2021 rodeo year with a term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

From the minutes of the IGRA Board of Directors meeting June 24, 2021:

Sammy Simpkin made a motion that Rodeo seasons are combined for 2020, 2021 and 2022 for rodeo competition and official's certifications. Motion seconded by Mark Christensen. Motion passed with no nay votes or abstentions.

The accompanying interpreted bylaws, standing rules, and rodeo rules address the full impact of this vote.

3. Have no Annual Convention in 2021

From the minutes of the IGRA Board of Directors meeting August 15, 2021:

Michael Lents (sic) made a motion seconded by Sammy Simpkin to postpone convention to 2022. A roll call vote was requested, and the vote was 9 for and 6 opposed. Motion passed

There are significant ramifications to this vote. The accompanying interpreted bylaws, standing rules, and rodeo rules address this impact comprehensively.

4. Member Association Appreciation Awards

From the minutes of the IGRA Board of Directors meeting August 15, 2021:

Michael Norman made a motion seconded by Randy Edlin that IGRA still do the Member Association Appreciation awards. Each Member Association is entitled to give 2. These were not done last year but we can do them this year. Motion pass unanimously.

The accompanying interpreted bylaws, standing rules, and rodeo rules address all areas of the impact of this vote.

Accompanying Documents:

- “COVID-19 Plan 2021-09-06”
- “IGRA 2020 Bylaws with COVID-19 Changes and Interpretations 2021-09-06”
- “IGRA 2020 Standing Rules with COVID-19 Changes and Interpretations 2021-09-06”
- “IGRA 2020 Rodeo Rules with COVID-19 Changes and Interpretations 2021-09-06”