



# BRANDING IRON

July 2015

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## President's Report

Happy Independence Weekend!

The 2016 Rodeo Committee had a great meeting this past month. A lot of great ideas were brought to the table to bring more groups of people out to the rodeo as well many wonderful ideas to help build the excitement up to rodeo weekend. Thank you for everyone that came and shared their ideas. If you are interested in being part of the rodeo committee please reach out to myself or Bob Pimentel the 2016 Rodeo Director.

Thank you for everyone that came out to support our annual Grand Ole Opry fundraiser on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Charlie's. Thank you to Pussy LeHoot and the 2015 Royalty Team for another great event.

Congratulations to Greg Begay on a successful weekend at the CRIR Rodeo and winning All Around Cowboy!

Be sure to join us at our July general membership meeting at Charlie's 3pm on July 19!

Sincerely,

Todd M Wyckoff  
AGRA President

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## Vice President's Report

From Michael Brent:

Well, it's that time of the month. It's been several years since I've had the opportunity to write a blurb for the Branding Iron. I finally made it, now VP for AGRA. I have some big shoes to fill from ones that have come before me, but I believe that I can rise to the occasion and get some work done.

Firstly, we're working on getting the 2015 Royalty Team ready for IGRA Gay Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas in October. Mipsy is mostly ready and we have a couple more fundraisers for Jeff and Rusty. We'll get everything in on time and travel up to Las Vegas and bring home some black sashes!!

The Rodeo committee has already started on their work, it will be a wonderful rodeo in February!! Soon we will be getting the new royalty contestants started, and from what I've been hearing, we might have a good competition this year.

Thanks to Ron Trusley that has supplied the Excel spreadsheets for tracking the Royalty Team progress. That's all for this month.



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## Trustee's Report

First, I would like to congratulate Michael Brent on his election as AGRA Vice President and wish him lots of luck and success in the position.

In the May 17 and June 14 membership meetings, nominations were received for delegates to the 2015 IGRA Annual Convention that will be November 13-15 in the Sirata Beach Resort Hotel in St Petersburg, Florida. Individuals nominated include:

Bob Pimentel, John King, Arnie Chavez, Dan Iversen, Jai Crystal, Patrick Roe, Michael Brent, Edgar (Carlos) Garcia, Doug Holmes, and Carlos Rodriguez

Voting will take place in the July 19 membership meeting. The four individuals receiving the highest number of votes will be delegates, and the five individuals receiving the next highest number of votes will be alternate delegates.

Also in the July 19 membership meeting, we will accept nominations for the International and Trustees' Awards. Nominations will then be sent to the IGRA Board of Directors and Board of Trustees as members of these boards will vote on the award recipients. We will also accept nominations for the Appreciation Award and vote on the recipients. IGRA will pay for two Appreciation Awards per association. An association can give more Appreciation Awards but is responsible for paying for more than two awards.

I want to remind everyone of IGRA-Sanctioned Rodeos that will be held during the month of July. The Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo will be July 10-12 in Denver, and the North Star Regional Rodeo will be July 24-26 in Minneapolis (Hugo), Minnesota. The North Star Association would like to let everyone know they have \$2,000 in added prize money for rough stock and speed events. Detailed information can be found on their website at [www.nsgra.org](http://www.nsgra.org). **NSGRA has sent 4 complimentary rodeo admission tickets. So, if you are planning to go to the North Star Regional Rodeo and would like comp tickets, please let me know as soon as possible.**

Then the next rodeo will be the Zia Regional Rodeo in Santa Fe, New Mexico August 14-16.

I will be working as Rodeo Secretary at the North Star Regional Rodeo and at the Zia Regional Rodeo. I hope to see AGRA members there. And I wish our AGRA contestants much success in rodeos where they will compete as they also prepare for the 2015 World Gay Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas in October.

Ron Trusley

AGRA Trustee

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## Treasurer's Report

### May: Balance Sheet

Total Assets	\$21,178.92
Checking	\$21,178.92
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$330.72
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2015 Rodeo Net Income	\$8,783.27
<u>Rodeo</u>	-
Income:	Expenses:
<u>Non-Rodeo</u>	-
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$550	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$129.43
Fundraisers \$169	Membership Ex \$187.47
	Telephone \$71.38

### June: Balance Sheet

Total Assets	\$20,803.50
Checking	\$20,803.50
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$274.58
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2015 Rodeo Net Income	\$8,833.27
<u>Rodeo</u>	-
Income:	Expenses:
Sponsorship \$50	
<u>Non-Rodeo</u>	-
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$175	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$131.98
Fundraisers \$374	Website \$69.99
	Telephone \$72.45

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## Secretary's Report

Dear Members: I'm happy to announce we have increased to 150 members in a very successful membership drive.

I'd like to wish a happy birthday to members with July birthdays:

July 1st Frank

July 3rd Greg G

July 5<sup>th</sup> Joe

July 8<sup>th</sup> Chris

July 9<sup>th</sup> Norris

July 10<sup>th</sup> Matthew

July 13<sup>th</sup> Jim Maher

July 17<sup>th</sup> Jonathan

July 18<sup>th</sup> Shaun

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Timothy Schwer

July 25th Victor

July 26th Jojo

July 27th Curt

July 27th Matthew

July 28th Victor

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe

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## **Public Relations Director Report**

I hope you all are doing well. With this past month being such a historic month for the LGBTQ community and the outpouring support from many large companies for the gay community I will try my hardest to reach out to them to become sponsors for this coming years rodeo and future to come. It is my intent to establish these bonds to help with the success of the rodeo.

I also would like to thank the bartenders at Charlie's Phoenix for the continuing efforts in attaining new memberships. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.