

CGRA Newsletter

March 2004



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President's Message - To the General Membership of CGRA:

Well we all arrived home safe from IGRA University in St. Louis, MO. I would like to congratulate Quentin Sims, Ken Pool, Roger Courtemanche, Blake DeMarco and David Hill on a wonderful job representing CGRA. Thank you all, you did us proud! I would have to say I sure learned a lot and would recommend, that if you are ever interested in holding a board position or royalty title, that you consider attending IGRA University. They provided us with a book, that had all the information we covered. And I will have it available at the March General Membership for anyone to look at. THANK YOU to James Ramey and the staff of Anheuser-Busch. They sure treated us good!

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Triangle Beerbust. I would especially like to thank everyone who volunteered to work. We raised \$151.00 to help produce RMRR 22. Thank you Anthony Aragon for setting up this fundraiser.

Also in this newsletter is some recommended changes to our Bylaws. Please read over them and contact Jeff Shaw if you have any concerns. We will be

presenting them at the March 11th General Membership meeting for approval.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CANS to our meeting, Mary will be there to collect them from you. This is a fundraiser for our Contestant Appreciation Fund. So lets all support our contestants.

Attention Horse people and Contestants:

I will announce a date time and place at the next General Membership Meeting for us to get together and talk. I would like to hear any suggestion and ideas you may have.

Attention Northern Colorado Members:

As everyone is aware the Northern Outreach Chair position is currently vacant. Buddy Waneka has accepted the nomination and will be on the ballot. The election will take place during the March 11, 2004 General Membership Meeting. Please come out and vote for your representative. We need to have at least 4 members from the Northern Area for an election to take place.

I look forward to seeing everyone very soon. Remember I can always be reached at Simtez@msn.com.

Vince Montez
President

Trustee's Message -

We had a great time at IGRA University, a BIG THANK YOU and JOB WELL DONE to Vince Montez, Quentin Sims, David Hill, Roger Courtemanche, and Blake DeMarco for attending the many seminars in St. Louis on behalf of CGRA. The ideas exchanged in information gathered will help improve CGRA's many efforts. I was very proud and received many compliments on the participation of our group.

The Board meeting on Friday, (1:00 'till 10:30, but who's counting), covered many issues, NONE more important than our responsibility to support and actually be partners with our IGRA Sponsors. Without the dollars and affiliation they provide, it would almost be impossible for us to continue.

I encourage you each to find out how you can help to not only achieve our requirement but how to improve our relationship with sponsors. The very life of Gay Rodeo is at stake here, don't just think that's someone else's concern, be a part of the solution!!! There is also a revised rodeo schedule for the year we'll try to include it elsewhere in the newsletter.

Some great events coming up, Rich Valdez and I have been working on an event at the Hide & Seek in Colorado Springs, for Sat. March 13. This will be held in conjunction with Rick Jones & Amy Griffen, Co-Chairs of the IGRA Judge's committee's attendance of the PRCA's Judging school down in the Springs. If you can, try to make it down, it's been a LONG time since we've done any events down south. Rooms are also available for a CGRA group rate of \$49. incl. breakfast at the LeBaron Hotel, only 4 blocks from the Hide & Seek, 800/477-8610.

I will be attending the New York Gay & Lesbian Trade Expo on March 19 & 20th. It is the largest G&L Business Expo in the world. I will have information regarding RMRR 22 and will also be actively pursuing additional corporate sponsors for our

ventures.

If you have questions pertaining to IGRA or how you can get more involved, please contact me.

Cowboy Up!

Ken Pool

IGRA Trustee

RODEO DIRECTOR - Hello All CGRA Members.

Just Back from IGRA University in St. Louis at Anheuser-Busch. Karroll Parker was the Chancellor and put on one hell of a School. We had two days of good learning and time to meet other Rodeo Director's and got to meet James Ramey, Bud light Product Manager for A-B. He spoke about Corporate Sponsorship Compliance and how to work with our local wholesaler. We are lucky we have a A-B Division as ours and Stacy, and all at that office are GOOD to work with and WE make a good partnership!

RMRR Rodeo planing is going well and I have most of all the Agreements in place and will file for our Liquor Permit, the first of March. I want to thank all of you that have helped me so far with my first year as your Rodeo Director. I still need all your input and help putting on RMRR-22, so feel free to call or Email Me.

Thanks. Roger...

Metro Community Outreach –

Sorry about missing the February meeting, I got busy with work and was unable to pull away. I will be at the March meeting, so if anyone has cans for the ongoing can drive, please bring them!!!!!!!!!! Speaking of cans, I know everybody has thought up some new ideas for fund raising. So, bring them to the meeting on March 11th, we need your input!!!!!!!!!! Announcements will be forth coming, regarding some fund raisers to benefit the Contestant Appreciation Fund. I have some fun things planned in the next few months, that doesn't involve having people perform in a show!!!!!!!!!! So, watch the emails, you won't want to miss

out))))))):.....Also, we would like to see EVERYBODY at the March Gymkhana, saturday March 20th at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The Gymkhanas are not just for the horse folks, it is a fun day for every member, so please come out and play!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mary Munger
Metro Outreach

CGRA Royalty Team:

Greetings from your 2004 Royalty Team! We are having a great time and have been very busy with our events & attending as many other organization's events as possible. We are right on track towards our charity goals, having raised approx. \$2700. in 3 months. We could NOT be having this success without the WONDERFUL SUPPORT we are receiving...ICRME, Gay Pride, GALA, Rocky Mtn. Shining Star, Rocky Mountaineers, & the leather community, esp. Jaris & Michael....THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH! Several members of the CGRA Board seem to make time to show up at every one of our events; Vince, Roger, CJ,& Rich; your support makes our jobs easier & presents a strong image to the rest of the community.

Pauline & Blake headed out to Phoenix, representing CGRA at the Road Runner Regional Rodeo. A great time was had as they entertained, socialized & were presented in Grand entry. After many pin exchanges, Pauline's sash is about 2 pounds heavier than when she left!

Blake & Ken attended IGRA University in St. Louis under the watchful eye of IGRA Vice President, Mitch Gill. There were 2 complete days of seminars on being an effective representative of both local organization & IGRA. Fund-raising, Media Interviews, Marketing, Building Relationships, Personal Appearance, and Preparation for IGRA Royalty Competition were all thoroughly covered by the current IGRA royalty team, IGRA Committee Chairs and many esteemed previous title

holders, including our very own Naomi (Quentin). A great deal of information was provided as well as a lot of networking. After a long day in classes Saturday, Blake did a lighting fast "paint" job & arrived at the hosting cocktail party looking incredible. The biggest lesson from the weekend had to be words from DeShannon..."I'm not a Drag Queen, I'm a FEMALE ACTION FIGURE. Some assembly required."

We've got some functions coming up & we'd love to have you ALL join us whenever you can.

Sat. March 13 @ Hide & Seek, Colorado Springs, CGRA welcomes IGRA Judges to the home of PRCA.

Sun. March 21 @ Charlies "CGRA Salutes the Imperial Court"

Wed. April 7 @ Charlies is our regular monthly Royalty Show

Fri. April 9 @ BJ's Blake is Co-hosting with Princess Royal XXX the 10:30 show as his first IGRA Charities fund-raiser.

Sat. April 10 @ Broadways, 7:30 pm, Ken is hosting his first IGRA Charities fund-raiser, "A Night of Live Entertainers & Special Guest". MC's Barbie Blake, Miss CGRA '97, & Princess Royal XXX Scarlet Fever will host many local and IGRA singers including Mr. Triangle, Michael Vrooman; Colorado Leather Sir, Rich Valdez; Mr. Gay Pride '04, Matt Tracey; Lord XXX, Lamar; Ms. IGRA '92, RC Cuellar; Brett Mavrick, Jeremy Snidow, Angelo; Ken; Mr. IGRA 2002, Mark Larson and several others. If you're interested in performing contact Ken.

"The NEON Rodeo Team"
Pauline, Blake, Ken, & Angelo

Recommended Amendments to the CGRA Bylaws
Presented to the General Membership on February 12, 2004

The following recommended amendments are the result of the bylaws meeting which convened on January 27, 2004. These suggestions will appear in the March newsletter and will be presented for passage at the next General Membership Meeting on March 11, 2004. PLEASE, if you have questions, try to address them prior to that meeting so that we do not become bogged down in details. Most of these changes are really clarifications which bring some of our bylaws into line with current realities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Shaw, Bylaws Chairperson

A few notes about the layout of these recommended amendments:

1. Underlined words are to be deleted from the By-Laws (Except where underlining is obviously part of the structure of the By-Laws such as numbered paragraphs).
2. **Boldfaced words** are additions to the By-Laws (Except where Boldfacing is obviously part of the structure of the By-Laws).
3. ***Boldfaced, underlined, italicized*** phrases are the headings which explain what the immediately following recommended amendment will accomplish if passed.

Combines superfluous wording into a second sentence

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Article III. Organization

2. Composition of the CGRA Board of Directors

The CGRA Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board, consists of five (5) elected officers (The Executive Board), five (5) elected committee chairpersons, one (1) elected rodeo director, and four (4) elected Community Outreach Representatives, **all of whom are voting members. Although an individual may hold more than one Board position, no individual may exercise more than one vote.**

a. The Board consists of no less than eleven (11) and no more than sixteen (16) members including elected officers.

b. The IGRA Trustee is a voting member of the Board

d. No individual on the Board may exercise more than one vote

Defines the term of the IGRA Trustee as coinciding with IGRA's sometimes changing definitions

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Article III. Organization

4. Term of Office

The term of office of the Elected Officers of the Board is one (1) year, except that the term of office of the IGRA Trustee is three (3) years, **or as may be legislated by IGRA.** The term of office starts on 1 January of the year following the annual elections **except for the IGRA Trustee.**

Clarifies some signatory issues for the President and brings the Bylaws into line with current realities. Also adds a responsibility for the scholarship program.

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Article III. Organization

7. Duties of the Members of the Board of Directors

The duties and responsibilities of the Board Elected Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons are described in the following paragraphs:

- a. President-- The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the CGRA and shall:

Adds three new sentences 7-9.

- 7) With approval of Board, will sign all duly authorized certificates, contracts and other agreements.**
- 8) With approval of Board, and in conjunction with a second member of the Executive Board, will sign any deeds, mortgages, or bonds.**
- 9) Ensure continuing status of CGRA's scholarship program.**

Brings several responsibilities of Treasurer into line with current realities.

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Article III. Organization

7. Duties of the Board of Elected Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons

d. Treasurer

- 6) Disburse the funds of the CGRA as may be ordered by the Board **and upon receipt of proper vouchers**

a) taking proper vouchers for the disbursements

b) *such disbursements shall require the signature of two (2) members of the Executive Committee*

11) Be responsible for maintaining Maintain bank and money drops during rodeos.

13) Be responsible for maintaining Maintain and **controlling control scrip and ticket sales during rodeo.**

14) Maintain a line item for the CGRA Scholarship Program.

Brings term of office of IGRA Trustee into line with reality.

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Section 7. Duties of the Board of Elected Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons

e. IGRA Trustee

- 3) Term of office is three (3) years, **or as legislated by IGRA**, and begins immediately upon election

Brings realities of rodeo responsibilities in line with realities. Disregard any numbering problems as they will be corrected later, if necessary.

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Article III. Organization

Section 7. Duties of the Board of Elected Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons

g. Public Relations Chairperson

- 1) Under the supervision of the President shall attend as a voting member all meetings of the CGRA Board, General Membership, and Rodeo Committee
- 2) Coordinate with the Fundraising Chairperson the Official Rodeo Program **Responsible for producing the official rodeo program in coordination with the Fundraising Chair.**
- 3) Coordinate all advertising promoting prior to and during rodeo for CGRA
- 4) Shall be responsible for the monthly publication and distribution to the General Membership of the monthly of the newsletter
- 5) Shall handle or cause to be handled all **promotional** correspondence and communication as deemed necessary
- 6) Shall ensure that incoming and outgoing **promotional** correspondence is submitted to the Board for approval of submission to the records
- 7) Shall actively and regularly submit press releases to the appropriate news media contacts

h. Fundraising Chairperson

- 1) Under the supervision of the President shall attend as a voting member all meetings of the CGRA Board, General Membership and Rodeo Committee
- 2) Coordinate with the Public Relations Chairperson **in producing** the Official Rodeo Program
- 3) Shall solicit and coordinate all sponsorships for rodeo and CGRA, to include, but not be limited to banners, signs, CGRA Merchandise, buckle sales, and advertising **(including the rodeo program)**
- 4) Shall coordinate with the Entertainment Chairperson all Fundraising events for rodeo and CGRA

Redefines a current responsibility of the Rodeo Events Chair

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Section 7. Duties of the Board of Elected Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons j.

Rodeo and Gymkhana Events Chairperson

- 4) Provide **Responsible for providing secure housing and maintenance of** arena equipment (barrels, poles, flags, etc.) and arena supplies (pellets, flour, etc.)

Clarifies parts of the Community Outreach Representative.

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Article III. Organization

Section 7. Duties of the Board of Elected Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons

1. CGRA Community Outreach Representative

- 1) Representatives shall be elected or appointed by the General Membership of the represented area as a voting member **to represent said area at meetings of the Board, General Membership, and Rodeo Committee of the Board**
- 2) Representatives must reside in the area they represent and must be nominated for this position by a resident of said area
- 3) Representative(s) have one (1) vote on the Board
- 4) Criteria of the four areas to be considered an area are as follows:
 - a) Area west of the Continental Divide
 - b) South of I-70 and east of the Continental Divide except for Metro Denver Area
 - c) Metro Denver Area
 - 1- Arapahoe County
 - 2- Adams County
 - 3- Jefferson County
 - 4- Douglas County
 - 5- Denver County
 - 6- Broomfield County
 - d) North of I-70 and east of the Continental Divide except for Denver Metro Area
- 5) Representatives and areas of representation must be approved by the Board
- 6) All areas will be documented and maintained by the Secretary of the Board
- 7) A minimum of 6 current CGRA members must reside in any approved area to entitle their representative to have a vote on the Board
- 8) New areas may be added only at time of CGRA's annual elections.
- 9) A maximum of four (4) areas and four (4) CGRA Community Outreach Representatives may be on the Board at any time
- 10) Will actively develop new membership and fundraising activities in their areas with cooperation of the applicable board members. Representatives will encourage growth in the newly represented areas and provide liaison with all local organizations.
- 11) Representatives will help organize and host at least one new fund-raiser each quarter (three months) in represented area for CGRA
- 12) Representatives will help recruit volunteers for the RMRR arena crew.
- 13) Representatives will coordinate area activities with the CGRA Chairpersons of the appropriate committees.
- 14) Representatives will serve as a voting member of the Rodeo Committee.

Brings Bylaws into line with another reality for the Rodeo Director.

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Article XIV. CGRA Rodeos

4. Rodeo Committee Members' Duties and Responsibilities
 - a. Rodeo Director

Adds an item 5:

5: With approval of Board of Directors, appoints a barn manager who will be responsible for stall assignment, horse check-in, and security of the barn during rodeo.



**I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE
RODEO YEAR 2004
JANUARY 1, 2004 – DECEMBER 31, 2004**



<u>RODEO/EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Road Runner Regional Rodeo	Phoenix, AZ	January 16-18, 2004
I.G.R.A. University	Busch Learning Center St Louis, MO	February 13-15, 2004
Cowtown Rodeo	Fort Worth, TX	March 5-7, 2004
Bighorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, NV	April 2-4, 2004
Comstock Stampede	Reno, NV	May 14-16, 2004
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City, OK	May 28-30, 2004
Rodeo Wichita '04	Wichita, KS	June 11-13, 2004
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM	June 18-20, 2004
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis/St Paul, MN	July 2-4, 2004
Canadian Rockies International Rodeo	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	July 2-4, 2004
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver, CO	July 9-11, 2004
Southern Spurs Rodeo	Atlanta, GA	July 23-25, 2004
Greater Motown International Rodeo Part V 2004	Detroit, MI	July 30-August 1,
LA Rodeo	Los Angeles, CA	August 6-8, 2004
San Francisco Bay Area Regional Rodeo	San Francisco, CA	August 20-22, 2004
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, IL	August 27-29, 2004
Salt Lake City Rodeo	Salt Lake City, UT	August 27-29, 2004
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, MO	September 3-5, 2004
Atlantic Stampede 2004	Washington, DC	September 10-12, 2004
Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego, CA	September 17-19, 2004
Capital City Rodeo	Austin, TX	September 24-26, 2004
18 th Annual I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo	Omaha, NE	October 14-17, 2004
20 th Annual I.G.R.A. Convention	Denver, CO	November 11-14, 2004
International Dance Competition	Denver, CO	November 13, 2004

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March Events

3/3 Convention Meeting 6:30, Holiday Inn

03/11 @ Charlie's
6:00 Board Meeting
8:00 General Membership

03/13 Hide & Seeks, Colorado Springs

03/20 Gymkhana, Jefferson County
Fairgrounds