

STANDING RULES

G.S.G.R.A., INC.

A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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STANDING RULES OF G.S.G.R.A., INC.

ARTICLE I NAME

ARTICLE II OFFICES

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

RULE 4.1 MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. INDIVIDUAL

1. Individual membership dues shall be \$40 per year.

2. FAMILY

1. Dues for each two person family who qualifies for family membership shall be \$75 per year.

3. BUSINESS/CORPORATE

1. Dues for this level shall be \$100.00 per year. Business/Corporate members shall be entitled to place free “Advertising” in the monthly newsletter and other benefits as may become available from time to time. The maximum size of the “Advertisement” shall be 3” x 2”. Any associated production costs are to accrue to the member.

4. CHAPTER INCENTIVE

1. At the start of the GSGRA, Inc., (the “Association”) Annual Meeting of the Membership, also known as the Annual Convention, each chapter will receive a per-capita distribution of funds for each member affiliated with that chapter – whether the member is an individual member, an individual participating in a family membership, or a business / corporate member. The amount of distribution will be based on the same official count used for that convention as specified in Article V of the Association’s Bylaws. This distribution is provided to the chapters to assist in defraying costs associated with complying with administrative requirements of the Association. The amount of the distribution shall be \$2.00 per affiliated member.

RULE 4.2 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1. MINIMUM INFORMATION

1. All membership applications must contain fields for the following information:

1. Primary Member Information.

- A. Name
- B. Mailing Address
- C. Telephone Number
- D. E-mail Address
- E. Date and Signature Blocks

2. Family Member Information

- A. Name
- B. Date and Signature Blocks

3. An Area to Designate Affiliation

4. The Following Disclaimer Statement

The purpose of GSGRA is to foster the sport of rodeo in and for the gay community in the state of California. By affixing my signature I acknowledge my concurrence with the stated purpose.

2. REQUIRED INFORMATION

1. An applicant must provide the following items of information without which the application must be rejected and returned to the applicant.

- a. Legal Name
- b. Address
- c. Signature

3. APPLICATION FORMAT

1. Membership applications may be printed in various formats as approved by the Membership Committee. No chapter will use a membership application form that has not received approval from the Membership Committee.

RULE 4.3 AFFILIATION CHANGES

1. The change of affiliation from a Chapter to non-affiliated shall not be considered as a change of Chapter affiliation within the twelve (12) month period.
2. Affiliated Members shall be eligible for all Chapter benefits commencing at the second Chapter Meeting following a change.
3. Members who change their affiliation at a Chapter meeting shall be eligible to vote at the following Chapter meeting.

RULE 4.4 NAME BADGES AND SASHES

1. NAME BADGES

One name badge is provided free of charge to all new members. Replacement name badges may be ordered by the member at cost, rounded up to the nearest whole

- A. Name badges may be engraved with legal or "nick" names.
- B. The Membership Committee may refer any name badge order to the Executive Committee for confirmation.

2. NAME BADGE PENDANTS

Pendants may be ordered by the member at cost, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.

- A. Name badge pendants will be available to indicate any title or position held by a member.
- B. The Membership Committee may refer any pendant order to the Executive Committee for confirmation.

3. NAME /PENDANT PROTOCOL

- A. Name badges and/or pendants may not be altered in any way.
- B. Name badges may only be worn above the waist.
- C. Pendants may not be worn alone; they may only be worn properly attached to a name badge.
- D. Pendants indicating a current office, appointed position or title must also indicate "Chapter" in the engraving where duplicate positions occur. (i.e. The Association President would wear a pendant engraved "PRESIDENT" and a Chapter President would wear a pendant engraved "CHAPTER PRESIDENT"). Pendants for the current MR., MS., & MISS. titles are excluded as they only occur at State level as the name indicates.
- E. Pendants indicating a past office, appointed position or title must also indicate State or Chapter in the engraving and the dates of service. (i.e. CHAPTER BY-LAWS COMMITTEE CHAIR 2003.) Pendants for the past MR. MS. & MISS titles should show only the dates of service. (i.e. MISS GSGRA 2003.)
- F. All Association Member Name Badges and Pendants are to be ordered and purchased through the State Membership Committee.
- G. Members may wear as many pendants as they choose. The pendants chosen must be placed in the following order:
 - a. Charter Member
 - b. Chapter Affiliation
 - c. Current State Elected Offices
 - d. Current State Titles (including Royalty. Dance Champions, etc.)
 - e. Current State Appointed Positions
 - f. Past State Elected Offices

- g. Past State Titles (including Royalty, Dance Champions, etc.)
- h. Past State Appointed Positions
- i. Current Chapter Elected Offices
- j. Current Chapter Appointed Positions
- k. Past Chapter Elected Offices
- l. Past Chapter Appointed Positions
- m. Other

4. SASH PROTOCOL

- A. All state and chapter royalty sashes must clearly indicate the term of service (ie. Mr. GSGRA 02-03)
- B. Only past or current members of the Royalty Team may wear GSGRA sashes.
- C. Past royalty are encouraged to wear sashes only at the annual GSGRA pageant and at reunion type events.

RULE 4.5 CASH PAYMENTS

1. Cash payments shall not be accepted unless an official receipt is issued at the time of the transaction. An "official receipt" as generated by an issuing organization is defined as one of the following.
 - A. A pre-printed receipt.
 - B. A receipt printed on official letterhead.
 - C. A register receipt in which the name of the issuing organization is automatically printed at the time of generation.
2. The receipt shall contain the name of the payor (except in the form of a register receipt), along with the date, description, and amount of the transaction. The receipt shall be signed by an official authorized by the Board of Directors of the issuing organization with the name typed or printed below the signature. A copy shall be retained by the issuer.

RULE 4.6 CHAPTER CHARTER REVOCATION

1. Members of a Chapter whose charter is revoked shall have their affiliation automatically changed to non-affiliated. The members shall be immediately notified of the change by the Secretary and provided the opportunity to change their affiliation to another Chapter. This change shall not be counted against the one allowed change per year.

ARTICLE V STATE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

RULE 5.1 ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Annual Convention shall be scheduled over a two day period. The meeting shall be held until all official business is finished.
2. Members attending the Annual Convention must register with the membership committee and pay a registration fee prior to the published date and time for the call to order of the meeting.

RULE 5.2 CHAPTER SPOKESPERSON

1. Each chapter shall choose by vote at the Chapter Meeting preceding a State Membership Meeting one Affiliated Member to act as the spokesperson for the Chapter. The Chapter President or Secretary shall write an official introduction of the spokesperson. This introduction shall be presented as the spokesperson's official credentials at the State Membership Meeting.

RULE 5.3 NON AFFILIATED SPOKESPERSON

1. A contingent of non-affiliated members shall select a spokesperson by vote of the contingent. The vote shall occur within fifteen (15) minutes preceding the Call to Order of a State Membership Meeting.

RULE 5.4 PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. Spokespersons at State Membership Meetings shall present their credentials, or the result of the vote for the non-affiliated contingent, at the Call of the Roll.

RULE 5.5 MEETING REIMBURSEMENTS

1. The Association shall reimburse Executive Committee Members, State Committee Chairpersons and the Chapter Spokesperson for transportation in excess of 250 miles one way, up to \$50.00 for driving or up to \$100.00 for other transportation. Receipts must be presented for reimbursement. Reimbursements will be for each meeting and will be within budget. All un-allocated monies will carry forward to all subsequent meetings.

ARTICLE VI CHAPTERS

RULE 6.1 APPLICATION VERIFICATION

1. Upon validation of the application for charter of a new chapter by the Membership Committee, any signatories to the application that are currently affiliated with an existing chapter will have their affiliation status immediately changed to non affiliated. Notification of this change will not be required for anyone signing the application. The Membership Committee Chair will notify the chapter president and chapter membership chair of any existing chapter whose membership totals are affected by this change.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RULE 7.1 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. PRESIDENT

1. The President shall, subject to the direction of the Board, have the following powers and duties:.

1. To preside at the Annual and Special State Membership Meetings.
2. To preside at all regular and special meetings of the Board and to call special meetings of the same.
3. To direct, subject to the advice and direction of the Board, the planning of the meetings and functions of the Association.
4. To sign contracts and other instruments connected with the business affairs and professional activities of the Association upon prior approval of the Board.
5. To appoint all standing and special committee chairpersons and members unless otherwise provided and he/she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He/she shall not be the Chairperson of any appointed committee with the exception that he/she may serve as Chairperson of a specially convened Task Force Committee. .
6. To serve as the official representative or appoint an official representative of the Association at such meetings of other groups as may be designated by the Board.
7. To promote the interests and purposes of the Association, and to be responsible for the progress and work of the Association.
8. To perform other duties as may be directed by the Board, the Membership, or these By-laws.
9. To serve as a member of the board of directors in the year following the term of office in a non-voting role for no more than a twelve month period.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

1. The administrative vice-president shall:

1. Serve as assistant to the President in all duties of the President and shall assume the corresponding duties in absence of the President.
2. Assume those duties delegated by the President.
3. Oversee and direct all educational projects of the Association as prescribed by the Board in accordance with the Association's Objectives and Purposes.
4. Be at least an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of the Association.

5. The administrative vice-president shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the By-laws.

3. VICE-PRESIDENT OF RODEO OPERATIONS

1. The vice-president of rodeo operations shall:

1. Assume those duties delegated by the President.
2. Oversee and direct educational projects of the Association as prescribed by the Board in accordance with the Association's Objectives and Purposes.
3. Be at least an ex-officio member of all other rodeo related standing and special committees of the Association.
4. The vice-president of rodeo operations shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the Bylaws.

4. SECRETARY

1. The secretary shall have the following powers and duties

1. To maintain an accurate roster of the membership and to distribute or cause to be distributed a list of all affiliated members, including their status, to each Chapter prior to the regular Chapter Meetings or upon request.
2. To maintain an accurate list of all standing and special committees, committee chairpersons, and personnel.
3. To maintain an accurate list of all Chapter Officers and committees.
4. To accurately record the proceedings of all meetings of the state membership and the Board, and to report the minutes of such proceedings in writing at all regular and special meetings of the membership or the Board. Minutes of all meetings shall be mailed to all Board members within thirty (30) days of the meeting. Electronic mail (e-mail) is acceptable for those Directors with internet email addresses.
5. To maintain copies of the minutes of all chapters.
6. To give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board and Membership required by the Bylaws.
7. To keep the seal and the records of the Association in safe custody.
8. To keep the bylaws, standing rules, and other regulation documents current and available to the Board and Membership.
9. To ensure that the Association has complied with all federal and state filing requirements, exclusive of those associated with the duties of the Treasurer.
10. The secretary shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these By-laws.

5. TREASURER

1. The treasurer shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To exercise general supervision over the receipts and disbursements of all funds of the Association.
2. To deposit all money and valuables in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the Board.
3. To pay or direct payment of all bills of the Association and to keep a record of same according to generally accepted accounting principals.
4. To submit a report of receipts, expenditures and condition of assets monthly to the Board.
5. To prepare for submission all necessary books, vouchers, and records for audit by an independent Certified Public Accountant upon request by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Board or the membership.
6. To prepare, or cause to be prepared, the Association's tax return and other associated documents for federal and state taxing authorities.
7. The treasurer shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the By-laws.

RULE 7.2 COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Counselors are responsible for:

1. Utilizing their experience and expertise to guide the Board and Membership in their direction and actions.
2. To have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the Bylaws.

RULE 7.3 CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Chapter representatives shall have the following powers and duties:
 1. To be responsible for interfacing the concerns of the Chapters and their affiliated membership to the Board.
 2. To interface the workings and actions of the Board to the Chapters and Membership.
 3. To have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the Bylaws.

RULE 7.4 PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. The Association President shall be the only person entitled to make official statements for the Association except as directed by the Board.

RULE 7.5 FINANCIAL AUDIT

1. A financial audit of the Association books and records shall be conducted upon a two thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Board. The audit shall be conducted by an independent Certified Public Accountant.

ARTICLE VIII DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

RULE 8.1 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

1. All outgoing Officers shall attend the Annual Board Meeting to facilitate all necessary transfers to the new Officers.

RULE 8.2 MEETING REIMBURSEMENTS

1. The Association shall reimburse Directors and State Committee Chairpersons for travel in excess of 250 miles one way, up to \$50.00 for driving or up to \$100.00 for other transportation. Receipts must be presented for reimbursement. Reimbursements will be for each meeting and will be within budget. All un-allocated monies will carry forward to all subsequent meetings.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

RULE 9.1 STANDING COMMITTEES

1. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Membership Committee shall, under the direction of the President, maintain and process all memberships of the Association. Each chapter shall appoint their chapter membership chair, or in absence thereof their chapter secretary, to this committee.

2. BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

1. The By-laws Committee shall, under the direction of the Secretary, maintain all bylaws, standing rules, guidelines, and regulations of the Association. All proposed modifications of these documents shall be processed by this committee. Each Chapter shall appoint the Chapter by-laws committee chair to this committee.
2. This committee shall also be responsible for the dissemination of the bylaws and standing rules of both the Association and IGRA.

3. MR., MS., MISS.

1. The Mr., Ms., Miss. Committee shall, under the direction of the Administrative Vice-President, produce the Annual Mr., Ms., Miss. GSGRA Contest.
2. The Annual Mr., Ms., and Miss. Contest shall be produced according to the "Rules Governing the Selection of Mr./Ms./Miss. G.S.G.R.A."

3. The committee shall consist of currently serving state royalty and each Chapter's Administrative Vice President.
4. STATE DANCE CONTEST
 1. The State Dance Committee shall, under the direction of the Administrative Vice-President, produce the Annual GSGRA Country Western Dance Championships. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each chapter.
5. BRANDING & COMMUNICATIONS
 1. The committee shall, under direction of the President, be responsible for publication of the membership newsletter, development and maintenance of an Association website, state-wide advertising and promotional material, letterhead, and any other materials used to communicate the Association's messages to both membership and the public at large. At a minimum, there shall be at least two (2) vice-chairs, one each for the member newsletter and the Association's website. The committee shall consist of at least two members from each chapter.
6. SPONSORSHIP
 1. The Sponsorship Committee shall, under the direction of the Vice-President of Rodeo Operations, obtain business and corporate sponsorships and coordinate activities of the Chapter Sponsorship Committees. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each chapter.
7. EDUCATION
 1. The Education Committee shall, under the direction of the Vice-President of Rodeo Operations, develop and direct educational projects of the Association. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each chapter.

RULE 9.2 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1. The chairs of all standing and special committees shall be members in good standing of the Associations.
2. The chairs of all standing and special committees shall submit budget requests for the subsequent year to the Treasurer each year as directed.

RULE 9.3 MR., MS., MISS. CONTEST.

- Section 1. Competition administration and selection of judges
- A. The Mr. /Ms./Miss GSGRA Competition will be organized and directed by the Administrative Vice President and his/her designated assistants.
 - B. Each member chapter of the Association shall supply one judge and one alternate judge best qualified for competition judging at the contest. The name of that judge and alternate judge shall be submitted to the Administrative Vice President by 30 days prior to the scheduled annual convention date.
 - C. In the event a chapter's judge is unable to attend, that chapter's alternate judge will judge.
 - D. In the event a chapter's submitted judge and alternate are unable to attend, that chapter will provide a judge from among its members present at the state board meeting taking place in conjunction with the contest.
- Section 2. Conflicts of Interest
- A. To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest the Administrative Vice President, his/her designated assistants, and the judges, shall not have played any significant role in helping any contestant prepare for the competition, including, but not limited to helping train for and/or record horsemanship video, studying for interview segments, rehearsing, or suggesting entertainment numbers.
 - B. Any of the above mentioned persons (The Administrative Vice President, his/her designated assistants, and the judges) determined to have participated significantly in any contestant's preparation for the competition will be disqualified from participating.
 - C. If before the competition begins a judge is disqualified under this conflict of interest policy, the chapter's alternate will judge. If a judge is disqualified under this conflict of interest policy after the competition begins, that judge's scores in all segments will be deleted and no alternate will be appointed. If an alternate is disqualified under this conflict of interest policy, that chapter may not appoint a replacement alternate.

- D. In the event that a person is disqualified from participating under this conflict of interest policy that person's name will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration of pursuing an Ethical Practices Review Committee complaint against him/her.

Section 3. Score Sheets and Guidelines

Judges shall use standardized scoring sheets and guidelines, based on IGRA Score Sheets and guidelines.

Section 4. Membership Requirements

All contestants must be a member in good standing of the Association for a period no less than one year prior to date of the state competition.

Section 5. Fund-raising requirements

Contestants must provide written verification that they have raised and donated five hundred (\$500.00) or more dollars for a 501(c) nonprofit organization within the time span of one year prior to the application deadline for the state competition (see section 7 below). Fund-raising for the Association or any of its chapters will not count toward this requirement, even if the chapter is a 501(c)3 corporation.

All contestants are required to host a fundraiser in their name to benefit the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association; a minimum of \$100 must be raised. The fundraiser must happen according to the published contest schedule. Contestants are required to notify the GSGRA VP of Administration in advance of the event and no less than 7 days prior to the event. A member of the executive committee will attend the scheduled event to collect any funds that are raised.

Section 6. Entry Fee

There is no entry fee to compete.

Section 7. Entry Packets

- A. Entry forms and entry packets will be made available to each chapter's president by the Administrative Vice President no later than August 1.
- B. Completed entry packets must be mailed to the Administrative Vice President and postmarked with a government postal service postmark no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the competition. The postmarked entry packet must include the Contestant Application Form (contestants may change the title of their entertainment segment after submitting the application form) and the 501(c)3 fund-raising verification letter (see section 5 above). The western wear description may be submitted separately from the entry form, but must be submitted to the Administrative Vice President or his/her designee prior to the start of the first segment of the competition.

Section 8. Written Plan of Action

Contestants must provide a written plan of action consisting of goals for the Royalty Team. They must be turned in with the horsemanship tapes. The envelopes will be given to the Administrative Vice President to be opened, verified, and reviewed with the competition winners to build the teams' final plan of action for the following year. Failure to provide a plan of action will result in a two (2) point deduction from each judges score sheet in the interview segment.

Section 9. Titles, Term, Awards, and Duties

- A. Provided there are sufficient contestants, each category (Mr., Ms., Miss) will have a second runner up, first runner up, and a winner.
- B. The royalty team's term shall begin at the conclusion of the competition and continue for approximately one year.
- C. The following award rules shall take effect beginning with the 2003 GSGRA Royalty Team (Competing in late 2002).
 1. The second runner-up, first runner-up and winner shall each be presented with a sash which they will keep through the duration of their term, the sash will be presented when

the results of the competition are announced. On successful completion of their term, each person may keep their sash. If a person resigns the title or has their title removed for whatever reason, that person shall turn in their sash so it may be reissued to the new title-holder, if any.

2. The winner of the Miss GSGRA category will receive a crown, which they will keep through the duration of their term, the crown will be presented when the results of the competition are announced. On successful completion of their term, Miss GSGRA will present the crown to their successor or, if none, return the crown to GSGRA. If Miss GSGRA resigns the title or has the title removed for whatever reason they shall turn in the crown so that it may be reissued to the new titleholder, if applicable.
3. At the discretion of the VP of Administration, an award buckle will be presented to Mr., Ms, and Miss. GSGRA after 6 months of service and completion of a David Watkin's Memorial Fund fundraiser, or on successful completion of their term.

D. Duties

1. The Royalty Team shall serve under the direction of the Administrative Vice President.
2. Royalty Team members will attend and assist in the production (through work at the rodeo, by assisting with organization, and/or through entertainment/performance) of all GSGRA rodeos.
3. Royalty Team members will make every effort to attend and represent GSGRA at other IGRA affiliated rodeos.
4. Wherever possible Royalty Team members will participate in the "Grand Entry" event at each rodeo they attend.
5. Royalty Team members will participate, as directed, in the royalty contest held to determine their successors.
6. Royalty Team members will attend the Annual Convention, and wherever possible will attend the regular meetings of the Board.
7. Royalty Team members should closely coordinate their performance schedules with the Administrative Vice President

Section 10. Public Record

- A. All results of the Mr./Ms./Miss competition will become a matter of public record.
- B. Results shall reflect the order of placement and total scores shall be posted immediately after announcement of winners.
- C. Individual results and judges sheets shall be mailed to any contestants within thirty (30) days after competition upon written request to the Administrative Vice President.

Section 11. Competition Schedule

- A. The Mr./Ms./Miss competition will take place in conjunction with the Annual Convention.
- B. All segments of competition will take place either Friday evening or Saturday during the day or evening; however some segments may be held Friday and some Saturday. A schedule of events for the state competition will be provided to all contestants prior to the date of the competition. A contestant meeting will be held prior to the start of the first competition segment for "get-acquainted" time and distribution of information on the contest procedures and schedules. Horsemanship videotapes, entertainment music and final western wear descriptions must be submitted during this meeting and will not be accepted after the conclusion of the meeting.
- C. Announcement of the Mr./Ms./Miss GSGRA competition results shall take place Saturday evening after completion of the final competition segment after an audit has been completed by an auditor selected by the Executive Committee.

Section 12. ADA Compliance

- A. The Mr./Ms./Miss Competition will not discriminate against anyone based on disability according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- B. If a contestant requires special accommodations or cannot compete in a certain category of the Mr./Ms./Miss Competition because of his/her disability, that contestant must notify the Administrative Vice President thirty (30) days prior to the GSGRA Royalty Competition. At that time, the Executive Committee will decide upon a fair and reasonable resolution with consideration of all contestants, the decision will be final only for that specific category.

Section 13. Competition

- A. The contestants' order of competition will be random by draw. The same order will apply to all segments of competition.
- B. All contestants must be available for events as scheduled.
- C. Mr./Ms./Miss contestants will be judged 1/6 on western wear, 1/6 on horsemanship, 1/6 on entertainment, 1/6 on public presentation and 1/3 on interview.
- D. The personal interview will be closed to the public. All other segments will be open to the public.
- E. To qualify for a position on the Royalty Team a contestant must earn a score of at least 70% (percent) of the total available points.

Section 14. Competition Segment Guidelines

- A. Each segment of competition will follow the rules and requirements used at the IGRA Royalty Competition held immediately prior to the GSGRA competition (for example, the competition-segment rules used at the FINALS 2002 IGRA Royalty Competition would apply to the November 2002 GSGRA Competition). Refer to the IGRA competition information for specific rules and regulations.

Section 15. Succession.

- A. In the event that a titleholder (winner, first runner-up or second runner-up) resigns their title or has their title removed for whatever reason, the next person in succession will be elevated to that title. The next person in line, if any, will be elevated as well to ensure a complete team, where possible (for example, if the first runner-up resigns, the second runner-up would become the first runner-up, and the next person according to competition scores would become the new second runner-up).

RULE 9.4 DANCE COMPETITION

1. The annual dance competition shall be produced according to GSGRA Country-Western Dance Competition Rules as approved by the Board.

Section 1. Competition to be held in conjunction with the Annual Convention

Section 2. Both partners must be members in good standing of the Association and be at least of the legal age of majority to sign contracts.

Section 3. Entry forms and registration fees of seventy-five dollars (75.00), nonrefundable and payable to GSGRA, Inc., per couple will be mailed to the Dance Competition Coordinator, and must be postmarked by a government postal service postmark no later than thirty (30) days prior to the dance contest. Entry forms and registration fees postmarked from fifteen (15) to twenty-nine (29) days prior to the dance contest may incur a fifty dollar (\$50.00) late fee per couple. Registrations postmarked less than fifteen (15) days prior to the dance contest will be refused. Only a GSGRA Official Registration form shall be used. All registration fees collected shall be applied to the production of the Dance Competition. (Exhibit E-2)

Section 4. Official judges sheets shall be used and results shall be available as EXHIBITS E-3 and E-4.

Section 5. All results of the dance competition will become a matter of corporate record and results shall reflect the order of placement, and total scores will be posted immediately after the announcement of winners. Individual results and judges sheets shall be mailed to any contestants within (30) days after the competition upon receiving written request to the Dance Contest Coordinator.

Section 6. Conduct

- a. The decision of the judges, the contest coordinator, and director will be final. All contestants are expected to act in a professional manner. Any contestant causing a disturbance, or involved in unethical conduct interpreted as solicitation of privileged contest information from any contest official, may be disqualified from all competition. Contestants are not allowed to question or consult the judges under any circumstances regarding the administration and execution of the contest during the event. Contest questions on all matters should be directed to the contest coordinator only.
- b. The judges are allowed to socialize with all who attend the event when not working, provided privileged information about judges' scoring or contest results is not divulged. As judges, specific contest observations are to be considered privileged for the duration of the event and shall not be revealed to anyone other than proper event officials. Noncompliance by any contestant, or improper conduct by any contest official, as well as formal contest inquiries or protest, should be brought to the attention of the contest coordinator or the event director.
- c. Dance contestants and dance official may not be under the influence or consume illegal drugs/alcohol during the contest. Contest officials include master of ceremonies, announcer, judges, auditors, scorekeepers and their staff.

ARTICLE X FISCAL YEAR AND OTHER REPORTS

RULE 10.1 ANNUAL BUDGET

1. An annual operating budget shall be presented by the Finance Committee for approval no later than the end of the current fiscal year
2. Variances in operating budget line items of less than or equal to 10% may be approved by the Executive Committee. Items greater than 10% must be approved by the Board of Directors.

RULE 10.2 DAVID WATKINS MEMORIAL FUND

1. PURPOSE

1. The David Watkins Memorial Fund is created in memory of David Watkins, a founding member of the Association. The purpose of the David Watkins Memorial Fund (the fund) is to offer some limited support to rodeo and royalty contestants to help defray the expenses involved in competing in the IGRA Finals Rodeo, Dance and Royalty Contest. It is recognized that contestants in horse events incur expenses over and above those incurred by contestants in general with the result that the Association is often under-represented in these events. With this in mind, the fund is to focus on, but not be limited to this particular challenge.

2. DEFINITION

1. The fund shall consist of such moneys as may be donated to the fund from time to time. The Association will hold such funds to be distributed by way of grants, solely to assist in defraying expenses incurred by contestants competing in the IGRA Finals Rodeo and Royalty Contest.

3. QUALIFICATION

1. In order to qualify to receive a grant from the fund, contestants must:
 1. For Rodeo Contestants
 1. Have been a member of the Association, in good standing, from the date of the first rodeo in the current season in which the contestant competed through the weekend of the IGRA Finals Rodeo.
 2. Have earned all points for the current IGRA Finals Rodeo as a declared member of the Association.
 3. Compete at the IGRA Finals Rodeo
 2. For Royalty or Dance Contestants
 1. Have been a member of the Association, in good standing for the entire term..

2. Compete at the IGRA Royalty or Dance Contest

4. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION

1. Funds may be distributed by way of grants in two categories, general expenses and horse related expenses, in accordance with the formula identified below. The Board, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, may allocate moneys from the fund to be distributed in either category. The Board may choose a zero allocation in either category and may also choose to hold funds in reserve from one year to the next dependent upon the location of, and anticipated expenses for, future Finals Rodeos. The Board may also choose to fund, in part or in full, predetermined expenses for a group of contestants when those contestants pool resources to transport horses. Failure of the Board to allocate moneys shall be considered a zero allocation. When funds are allocated by the Board, members are to be notified by publication in the membership newsletter or electronic notification that funds are available for grants.

5. GRANT REQUESTS

1. Qualified contestants may submit grant requests for approved expenses.

Grant request must:

1. Be received no later than 45 days after the IGRA Finals Rodeo, Royalty or Dance competition, whichever ever occurs last.
2. Detail the expenses incurred.
3. Attach receipts for all expenses to be considered.
4. Horse contestants may submit grant requests in both categories

6. APPROVED EXPENSES

1. GENERAL CATEGORY

1. In the general category, contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:

1. Hotel accommodation

1. Not to exceed Host Hotel basic rate
2. Only for dates of the event.
 1. To including the night before the scheduled event
3. Only actual share of room cost incurred (example: 4 in a room = 1/4 of the room cost, etc.)

2. Travel

1. From home city to IGRA Finals, Dance or Royalty Contest City and return.
2. Air Fare not to exceed least expensive advance reservation rate or gas only if driving.
3. Registration Fees

2. Only for events in which contestant qualified and/or was invited.

2. HORSE CATEGORY

1. In the horse category, contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:

1. Transportation

1. Trailer and/or truck rental
2. Fuel costs (Gasoline / Diesel)

2. Accommodations

1. Lodging expenses in transit (Hotel / Motel)
2. Horse boarding expenses (Stable / Pasture)

7. CALCULATION OF GRANTS.GSGRA.

1. Grants will be made proportionally. The amount available for grants in a category will be divided by the total of the qualified requests in that category. The result will be calculated to a

percentage and applied to the amount requested. In no case will the percentage total more than 100%.

Example:

Total available \$400.00

Total of requests received \$1600.00

$400 / 1600 = 1/4$ or .25 or (25 %)

In this example each qualified request will receive 25% of the amount requested.

ARTICLE XI BOOKS AND RECORDS

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE XIII STANDING RULES

ARTICLE XIV PERSONAL LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

ARTICLE XV THE INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

RULE 15.1 IGRA TRUSTEE REIMBURSEMENTS

1. Assuming funds are allocated in the annual budget, the Association shall reimburse its IGRA Trustee in the following manner.

1. Division I Rodeos and IGRA Trustee Meetings (Except IGRA Convention)

1. All travel to and from the rodeo, unless the rodeo is held within 50 miles of the Trustee's residence or is hosted by the Trustee's GSGRA Chapter.

2. One half (1/2) the cost of housing at the host hotel for a maximum of three (3) nights for a Division 1 rodeo or four (4) nights for an IGRA Trustee meeting

3. If the Trustee is an official in the rodeo and receives any reimbursement from the hosting association, the GSGRA – reimbursable amount will be reduced by that same amount.

4. If the Trustee is a contestant in the rodeo and wins any cash prize in excess of their entry fees, the GSGRA – reimbursable amount will be reduced by that amount. (For example, if the trustee wins \$200 and has paid \$40 in entry fees, the amount of travel reimbursement will be reduced by \$160.) This will apply only to prizes of cash, and only to winnings related directly to competing in the IGRA-sanctioned rodeo events (such as "all around" money, "best rookie" money, or a Wild Drag Race costume contest); it will not apply to any special events open to non-contestants (such as a "Martha Washington" or "Dolly Madison" event which non-contestants may enter).

2. IGRA Convention

1. An amount as voted on at the Annual meeting the same as the delegates.

1. Reimbursement will be for the cost of fuel (round trip), or the lowest available air, bus, or train ticket purchased at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of travel. The total amount of reimbursement will not exceed the budgeted amount.

2. Receipts must be presented for reimbursement and will not exceed the budgeted amount. Reimbursement is contingent on the trustee attending a significant portion of the eligible event (the Division 1 rodeo or the quarterly IGRA Trustee meeting.)

RULE 15.2 SELECTION AND ELECTION OF I. G. R. A. DELEGATES

1. NOMINATION PROCESS

1. IGRA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

1. The President shall appoint an IGRA Nominations Committee Chair. The committee will include, but not be limited to, one member from each chapter. The chapter is responsible for providing the person to fill the committee position.
2. The committee chair and its representatives should not be persons considering nomination and selection for IGRA Delegates.
3. The committee should actively solicit for nominations for every category.
4. Candidates may be nominated in more than one category.
5. Potential candidates may nominate themselves.
6. Nominations will be accepted in person, by mail, fax, e-mail or by phone message.
7. The nominations committee will be responsible for verifying each candidate's eligibility for selection and will include membership validation.
8. The IGRA Nominations Committee will conduct and run the election.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates must be a member in good standing at the time of nomination and commit to maintaining membership in good standing until after the IGRA Convention.
2. Any nominee who allows their membership to expire before the final day of the convention will be assumed to have resigned from the delegation
3. Nominees must commit to be at convention all day for each day of committee meetings and convention plenary sessions. (All day indicates 8:00 a.m. to completion of business).

3. CATEGORIES

1. IGRA Delegates and Alternates will be selected at a Board meeting at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the IGRA Annual Convention. The Board of Directors shall attempt to fill all Delegate and Alternate positions that are authorized by the IGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Board will determine the size of the delegation, with a minimum of six delegates as defined below, all others will be considered alternates. To best represent the interests of the Association at the IGRA Convention, candidates shall be nominated to fill six delegate positions in the following categories.

1. Current GSGRA Trustee to IGRA.
2. Current GSGRA President
3. Bylaws
4. Rodeo Production Team
5. Contestant / Rodeo Rules
6. Dance / Royalty
7. 1st Alternate
8. 2nd Alternate

2. Nominations into a category should be consistent with the person's ability to properly represent that category. The same candidate may be nominated into more than one category, however once a candidate is elected to represent a category, that candidate automatically becomes ineligible to be elected to a second or subsequent category. Each nominated candidate must accept nomination in person at the Board meeting or in writing to the IGRA Nominations Committee Chair and/or the President if unable to attend. The IGRA Nominations Committee Chair will verify acceptance of nomination prior to the selection process.

1. The nomination process will begin by the 1st of the month, at least two months, prior to the election date.
2. The nomination and election process will be outlined in the monthly newsletter for the entire nomination period.
3. The names of all nominees who have accepted will appear in the latest published newsletter preceding the election date.
4. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the election.

2. SELECTION PROCESS

1. Selection and voting of the eligible candidates will occur at a Board meeting at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the IGRA Annual Convention.

2. The election process will be by secret ballot.
 3. Voting will follow the standard voting procedure of a regular quarterly Board Meeting.
 4. Each category as named above in the nomination process, except the current Trustee and the current President, will be voted upon separately.
 5. The nomination and election of the current Trustee and the current President will be automatic. In the event that either the Trustee and or the President decline nomination or are unable to attend, nominations for a comparable number of delegates will be accepted and voted on after position numbers 3 through 6 have been filled.
 6. In all categories, other than 1 and 2, a simple majority will elect the candidate. (Simple majority is defined as more than 50% of the total available vote.
 7. In the event of a tie, or if none of the candidates in a category receives a simple majority, the two candidates (or more in case of a tie) receiving the highest number of votes will be selected from the group and a run-off vote will occur. This process will continue until one candidate receives a simple majority of the vote.
 8. Candidates not elected in categories 3 through 6 will automatically be nominated to run for an alternate position.
 9. In the event there are no nominations in a category, the candidate receiving the most votes in the election for alternate positions will immediately fill the vacant delegate position. Ties will be broken by a run-off election until one candidate receives a simple majority.
 10. In electing Alternates the Board is to make a good faith effort to consider candidates representing chapters not yet represented in the delegation.
 11. When voting for the alternate positions, each voting member of the Board may vote for as many candidates as there are IGRA alternate positions. The candidates with the most votes will fill the alternate positions up to the maximum number IGRA allows. If there is a tie for the last available alternate position a run-off vote shall take place. This process will continue until one candidate receives a simple majority of the votes.
 12. Once all Delegate and Alternate positions have been filled and it is determined that any of the Chapters are not represented in any of those positions, the unrepresented Chapter President or their selected designee will automatically replace the alternate with the least votes and become members of the Association delegation to IGRA Convention.
3. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
1. The budgeted amount for reimbursing expenses for the IGRA delegates, alternates, and trustee, as selected in Article XV, Rule 15.2 Section 2, will be divided evenly amongst all participating members of the delegation
 2. Reimbursement for expenses will be for 50% of hotel room rates and taxes, (maximum of 4 nights) plus 100% of air, train, or personal vehicle expenses to a maximum of the individual share of the budgeted amount. (Vehicle rental expenses at convention are not reimbursable unless required in the course of representing the delegation. Prior approval of the Board must be obtained).
 3. Receipts for travel and hotel expenses must be submitted to qualify for any expense reimbursement.
 4. Reimbursement of expenses will normally be made after the completion of IGRA Convention.
 6. Specific expense reimbursements may be submitted and paid in full, up to the maximum individual budgeted amount, in advance if receipts for the paid amount are submitted with the request. (i.e. airline or train ticket showing amount paid).
4. POST ELECTION PROCESS
1. DELEGATION RESERVES
1. Delegation reserves are defined as being those persons who accepted nomination and were not elected into a specific delegate category or alternate position.
 1. The results of the election, nominations in each category and the outcome, will be kept for one year following the election.
 2. The results will be kept separate by category to include alternates.
 3. Each of the categories will be placed in a sealed envelope and labeled on the outside with the category.

4. The individually sealed envelopes for each category will be placed in a large envelope and sealed. It is to remain sealed in the Secretary's possession.
5. In the event an elected delegate is unable to fulfill their duties and attend the convention, the seal on the election envelope may be broken only by the Secretary at the specific direction of the President. The procedure for filling the vacancy will be completed as follows:
 1. The first alternate will become a delegate.
 2. The second alternate will become the first alternate, and so on.
 3. The reserve candidates will be reviewed and the person who received the next maximum number of votes will be invited to attend the convention as a member of the elected delegation. This process will be followed until the vacancy is filled or all reserve candidates have been exhausted.
6. If the vacant category cannot be filled by the above procedure, a telephone poll of the Executive Committee will be taken and the vacancy may be filled at the discretion of the Executive Committee. In all cases, the vacancy will be filled to best meet the needs of the Association and the representation thereof at the IGRA level.

ARTICLE XVI ASSOCIATION SPONSORED RODEOS

RULE 16.1 DEFINITION

1. A "rodeo" as defined in the by-laws, standing rules, and other supporting documents shall be defined as all events produced in conjunction with rodeo arena events.

RULE 16.2 RESERVE FUND CONTRIBUTION.

1. Rodeos which fail to produce a surplus shall not be required to contribute to this fund.

RULE 16.3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAPTER RODEO DIRECTORS

1. Rodeo Director responsibilities shall be:
 1. Form a Rodeo Committee of which the Rodeo Director shall be chair. This committee shall include all Rodeo Sub-Committee chairs.
 2. Hold regular monthly open meetings of the Rodeo Committee.
 3. Insure that minutes of these meetings are kept.
 4. Insure that a financial report be made to the Treasurer of items of revenue and expenditure pertaining to the production of the rodeo within sixty (60) days of completion of the rodeo.
 5. Forward a copy of the minutes and the financial report to the President within 21 days of the date of each and every meeting of the committee.

ARTICLE XVII NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE XVIII DEDICATION OF ASSETS

ARTICLE XIX PROCEDURAL STANDARDS

RULE 19.1 PARLIAMENTARIAN

1. A parliamentarian shall be appointed for all State Membership and Board Meetings by the President.

RULE 19.2 VOTING

1. SECRET BALLOT

1. If the vote is during a regular or special meeting of the Board, the votes will be cast in writing by the individually elected chapter representatives or their designated alternates, and the members of the Executive Committee.

2. If the vote is during the Annual Convention or any other special meeting of the members, the total available votes allocated to the voting contingents will be cast in writing.

A. Each represented chapter may cast their votes at the discretion of the affiliated members present at the meeting, unless their affiliated chapter members have previously directed them to cast their votes in a certain manner.

B. If there is a voting contingent of non affiliated members they may cast their allocated votes at the discretion of those members who are part of the voting contingent.

C. For each ballot, the total number of allocated votes will be written in the upper right hand corner of the ballot and shall be circled. The total number of votes cast by each voting contingent can not exceed the number of votes allocated to the voting contingent. Any ballot that has exceed the total number of allocated votes, which is written in the upper right hand corner and circle, will be voided and none of the votes on that ballot will be counted.

3. Whenever a vote by secret ballot is taken, the results of the vote will be retained for a period of one year. The results will be sealed in an envelope; which will then be marked with the motion, or officer position in the case of an election, dated; and retained by the Secretary. The ballots may be destroyed after a period of one year.

ARTICLE XX DISSOLUTION

ARTICLE XXI SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

RESOLUTIONS

May 10, 1998

STATE DANCE COMMITTEE

The Administrative Vice-President of G. S. G. R. A. will officially compose a proposal of members of the State Dance Contest Committee and present it for approval to the G. S. G. R. A. Board of Directors at the second quarterly board meeting of the election year.

DEFINITION OF TERMS.

HISTORY OF MODIFICATIONS

930300 02/05/94

9.3 Added to include rules for selecting "royalty".

940100 05/07/94

4.3 Moved sections 1 through 5 to the by-laws. Renumbered the suspension to section 1.

4.4.3 Changed the requirement for "State" or "Chapter" to only be necessary when duplicate positions occur.

7.1.3 Added requirement for the minutes to be mailed to all Board members within 30 days.

9.4 Added rules for the dance competition.

940200 10/08/94

5.1.1 Change the requirements for the Annual Membership Meeting from being "held" to being "scheduled" over a two day period. Add the sentence "The meeting shall be held until all official business is finished. "

9.1.9 Changed the title of "Administrative Vice-President" to "Vice President".

950100 02/04/94

4.5 Added rules for accepting cash and issuing receipts.

950200 04/22/95

4.1 Change references from "Board year" to "fiscal year"

4.4 Change Rule title from "Name Tags / Protocol" to "Name Tags and Sashes"

4.4.4 Added regulations relating to Sash Protocol.

4.6 Added rules for automatic affiliation changes upon granting a charter for a new Chapter.

4.7 Added rules for automatic affiliation changes upon revoking a charter of an existing Chapter.

- 7.1.2 Change reference from "Vice-President" to "Administrative Vice-President"
- 7.1.3 Add a responsibility description for the Vice-President of Rodeo Operations.
- 9.1.4 Place the Mr., Ms., Miss. committee under the Administrative Vice-President.
- 9.1.5 Place the State Dance Contest committee under the Administrative Vice-President.
- 9.1.8 Place the Sponsorship committee under the Vice-President of Rodeo Operations.
- 9.1.9 Place the Education committee under the Administrative Vice-President.
- 9.1.10 Change the name of the "Rodeo Operations" committee to the "Rodeo Management and Resources" Committee and add a description of the responsibilities.
- 16.3 Added Rodeo Director Responsibilities.

950300 10/14/95

- 5.5 Added new rule regarding meeting reimbursements for State Membership Meetings.
- 8.2 Added new rule regarding meeting reimbursements for Directors Meetings.
- 15.1 Added new rule regarding meeting reimbursements for Trustees.

960100 5/4/96

- 4.1 Modified membership dues eliminating yearly cumulative reimbursements to chapters for individual, family and business memberships.

970100 2/8/97

- 9.4 Modified the Dance Competition rules to follow new G. S.G. R. A. Dance Rules.

970101 07/26/97

- 4.1 Changed Business to Corporate dues
- 4.2 Added new section regarding Membership Application and required information. Renumbered following sections

980100 05/10/98

- 15.2 I. G. R. A. Delegate selection process
- 19.1 Removed chapter parliamentarian section
- 19.2 Added voting section and Secret voting procedures
- Resolutions. Added Resolution for filling State Dance Committee

990100 05/08/99

- 4.1 Added Section 4, Chapter Incentive
- 7.2 Editorial change Trustee to Counselor
- 10.2 Complete revision of Rule to encompass Purpose, Definition, Qualification, Allocation, Requests, Approved Expenses, and Grant calculations.
- 15.1 Revision of IGRA Trustee reimbursements All Editorial change renumbering all sections throughout document eliminating erratic lettering.

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- 15.2. Added paragraph 11, automatically including any chapter President or designee not represented in selection process.

2002.07.05 The following represent amendments made between June 2000 and June 2002.

- Article XV. Rule 15.2. Allows for election of IGRA convention delegates at annual meeting.
- Article IV. Rule 4.5. Changed pricing of name badges.
- Article IX. Rule 9.1. Correct reporting line of Nominations Committee
- Article IX. Rule 9.1. Correct name of dance contest
- Article IX. Rule 9.1. Added duties for Fundraising Committee
- Article IX. Rule 9.3. Updated Royalty contest
- Article IX. Rule 9.4. Updated Dance contest
- Article IX. Rule 9.1. Require postal service mark
- Article IX. Rule 9.3. Require western wear description sheets
- Article XV. Rule 15.2 Revised delegate selection process
- Article IX. Rule 9.4. Revised royalty contest rules

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- Article IX. Rule 9.2. Increased membership requirement from 3 months to 1 year. Removed reference to membership in chapters.
- Article XV. Rule 15.2 Required delegates to maintain membership status though convention. Changed timeline for selection, nomination, publication, and election of convention delegates. Made nomination of trustee and state president automatic.

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- Editorial throughout – Replaced term “tag” with “badge”
- Editorial throughout – Clarified usage of terms; “Annual Meeting”, “Meetings of Members”, and “Membership Meeting”.
- Editorial throughout – Replaced “ad hoc” with “special” when referring to committees.
- Editorial throughout – Clarified usage of terms “GSGRA”, “Association”, and “State”.
- Editorial throughout – Corrected spelling of “counselor”
- Article IV. Rule 4.1. Replaced reference to “mechanical costs” with “production costs”.

Article IV. Rule 4.1 Reduced chapter portion of membership dues to \$2.00 per member.
Article IV. Rule 4.2 Clarified requirements of the membership application.
Article IV. Rule 4.4 Deleted reference to suspension of membership. Reordered all following paragraphs.
Article IV. Rule 4.4 Clarified purchases of name badges. Clarified sash protocol.
Article IV. Rule 4.6 Clarified membership transfers when a chapter charter is revoked.
Article VI. Rule 6.1 Deleted.
Article IX. Rule 9.1 Deleted references to standing committees for Nominations, Fundraising/Public Relations, Newsletter, and Rodeo Resources. Added standing committee for Branding & Communications.
Article IX. Rule 9.3 Clarified duties of royalty.
Article XVI. Rule 16.3. Established deadline for reporting rodeo results to the treasurer.
Article XIX. Change appointment of parliamentarian to become a responsibility of the president. Clarified procedures for voting at meetings.

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Article IX. Rule 9.3. Changed deadline for submission of contest forms to 30 days prior to the date of the contest.

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Article VII. Rule 7.1. Added part 9 to president's duties, requiring president to serve as a nonvoting member of the board for up to 12 months following completion of term.

Article IX. Rule 9.3. Changed conditions and timing of awarding royalty buckle.

2005.02.05

Article IX. Rule 9.3. Section 5. Added new paragraph requiring fund raising event and mandated attendance by an executive member.

2005.04.30

Article IX. Rule 9.3. Changed deadline for submission of packet to 30 days prior to convention. Changed contest date to annual convention and specified that contest may occur over both Friday night and Saturday.

Article XV. Rule 15.1. Added comment that reimbursement will occur only if funds are budgeted.

2005.07.16

Article X. Rule 10.1. Added new rule requiring budget variances of more than 10% to have board approval.

2008.07.25

Article X Rule 10.2 Section 1 Added Dance. Section 3 added qualification for royalty and dance. Section 4 added electronic notification. Section 5 changed filing time to 45 days after finals or convention, whichever is last. Section 6 changed awarding to accommodate royalty/dance.