

# BYLAWS OF G.S.G.R.A., INC.

## A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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## **BYLAWS OF G.S.G.R.A., INC. A California Non-Profit Corporation**

### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be G.S.G.R.A., Inc., also known as the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association, Inc. (herein called the "Association").

### **ARTICLE II. OFFICES**

#### **SECTION 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The Association's principal office shall be fixed and located at such place as the Board of Directors (herein called the "Board") shall determine. The Board is granted full power and authority to change said principal office from one location to another where the Association is qualified to do business.

#### **SECTION 2. OTHER OFFICES**

The Board may, at any time, establish branch or subordinate offices at any place or places where the Association is qualified to do business.

### **ARTICLE III. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

#### **SECTION 1. PRIMARY PURPOSES**

The primary purposes and objectives for which this Association is formed are:

- To promote and nurture, through fellowship, the sport of rodeo within the Gay community.
- To foster a positive image of Gay cowboys and cowgirls within the Gay and Non-Gay community.
- To provide education and training in the production and participation in rodeo for the Gay and Non-Gay communities.
- To participate in the preservation of our Western Heritage.
- To engage in activities therefor.

#### **SECTION 2. GENERAL PURPOSES**

The general purposes of this Association are to:

- Receive, hold and/or disburse gifts, bequests, devises, and other funds for these purposes.
- Own and maintain or to lease suitable real estate and building and any other personal property which is deemed necessary for its purposes.
- Enter into, make, and perform, and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose, without limit as to amount.

## ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION 1. FOUNDERS

The original founders of the Association shall forever be remembered for their contribution to the formation of this organization. Those individuals were: Alfred F. Bell, David P. Watkins, Patrick McGrath, Eddie L. Cline, and Dennis White.

### SECTION 2. GENERAL

1. Any person who shall meet the requirements outlined in IV.3. shall be eligible to be a member of this Association. Ownership of a horse is not a prerequisite for membership in the Association.
2. Membership in this Association shall be attained by completing the official paper membership application with original signature, or an electronic form that meets the requirements of the paper form, and payment of dues for a category of membership, and submitting these to an Association member authorized to accept the items. An online application shall be signed electronically.
3. All membership applications shall be signed. The application form shall state that the applicant has a commitment to the stated goals of the Association.
4. An application will be processed by the membership committee within thirty (30) days of receipt *unless* the committee submits the application to the Board or General Membership for consideration.
5. Applications may be investigated by the membership committee, who may, if deemed appropriate by the committee, submit the application at a Board or General Membership meeting for review and approval or rejection by the Board or General Membership. If referred to either the Board or General Membership, a majority vote will be required to accept the application.
6. Membership applications may be rejected by either the Membership Committee or, if referred to them, the Board or General Membership, for, but not limited to, reasons such as:
  - Applicant has been suspended from membership in another IGRA recognized association,
  - Applicants' actions indicate a lack of commitment to the stated goals of the Association,
  - Applicant has been previously suspended from membership in the Association or affiliation with an Association chapter,
  - Applicant was previously a member of the Association and had that membership revoked, or
  - Applicant has had legal action taken against him/her for actions associated with prior activities in other nonprofit corporations.
7. The terms "member in good standing", "active member", and "member" mean a member whose membership fee is paid in full, and who is not currently suspended from Chapter affiliation or Association membership for any reason.
8. An inactive member of this Association is a member who is delinquent in the payment of his or her membership renewal dues. An inactive member will be retained on the membership list for a period of five (5) years, after which inactive members may be removed from the membership list. An inactive member is not entitled to vote at Chapter members' meetings or any other privilege or benefit of membership. Members will be notified in writing one (1) month prior to the expiration of membership by mail to the last known address registered with the membership committee. This notice will inform the member that he or she will be placed on an inactive member status one (1) month after expiration of membership if membership renewal dues are not paid and that membership privileges will be reinstated only upon payment of membership renewal dues. Such reinstatement will be effective on the date on which payment of the membership renewal dues are received. If the date of receipt of the renewal dues is within six (6) calendar months of the original expiration date, reinstatement will be for one (1) year from the original expiration date. If the date of receipt of renewal dues

is more than six (6) calendar months after the original date of expiration, then reinstatement will be for a period of one (1) year from the date of receipt of the renewal dues.

9. Each Chapter will appoint a Chapter Membership Chair. The duties and responsibilities of the Chapter Membership Chair will include, but not be limited to:
  - Receive on behalf of the Association, and issue receipts for, membership applications, membership dues, orders for membership name badges and changes in membership data.
  - Transmit the above items to the State Membership Chair for processing on a regular and timely basis using procedures as defined by the State Membership Chair and State Treasurer.
10. If a Chapter fails to appoint a Membership Chair, the duties and responsibilities stated in paragraph 1.9 will be the responsibility of the Chapter Secretary and references in the following paragraph will pertain to the Chapter Secretary.
11. The "date of receipt" for all membership applications, renewals, and dues, shall be the date received by an authorized official. The date will be stated on the receipt issued at the time the dues are received. In addition to the Chapter Membership Chairs, the following may receive membership forms and payments on behalf of the Association:
  - The State Membership Chair
  - The President
  - Any Chapter Officer
  - The Trustee to IGRA or designated Alternate TrusteeThe receiving official will sign the form and indicate the date of receipt on the form. Any such forms, payments and receipts will be forwarded immediately to the State Membership Chair for processing.

### SECTION 3. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be the following four categories of membership.

1. **INDIVIDUAL**  
This category is available to all persons committed to the Objectives and Purposes of the Association.
2. **FAMILY**  
Any two persons who qualify for individual membership who reside at the same address may apply for family memberships at reduced rates.
3. **BUSINESS**  
Businesses committed to the Objectives and Purposes of this Association may join in this category. The business shall designate a person as a representative at Membership Meetings.
4. **HONORARY**  
**Jabby Lowe Legacy Service Award**  
Jabby Lowe Legacy Service Award Member is an Individual or Business Member who has been so designated by the State Executive Board for continuous dedication and conspicuous service to the Corporation. No more than three members may receive a Jabby Lowe Legacy Service Award Membership in any Calendar Year. Current members of the State Executive Board are not eligible. This membership designation is for the year in which the honor is announced. No member may receive this honor more than one time. Jabby Lowe Legacy Service Award Memberships shall be announced during the Annual Membership Meeting.

### SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

1. Membership shall commence on the date the application and accompanying membership dues are received as indicated by the date of the receipt issued by the authorized member

of the Association. Renewals are payable annually commencing at the end of the month one-year from the date of receipt and acceptance of the original application.

2. All active members in good standing are entitled to one vote at affiliated Chapter meetings. No person, such as a Business Membership, shall at any time have the ability to cast more than one vote. For new members and renewals with a break in membership of more than six (6) calendar months this entitlement shall commence fourteen (14) days from the date of receipt. For renewals received prior to or within six (6) calendar months of expiration, this entitlement shall commence from the date of receipt.

#### SECTION 5. CHAPTER/CLUB AFFILIATION

1. Each member may choose to be affiliated with any Chapter of the Association. Members who indicate no such choice will be considered nonaffiliated members. Nonaffiliated members may choose to be listed on the Membership Roster of an approved Rodeo Club.
2. A member may change Chapter affiliation at any time by notifying, in writing, the State Membership Chair or the Chapter Membership Chair of the Chapter to which the member wishes to be affiliated.
3. A member may only change chapter affiliation once in any one-year period.
4. Only those members affiliated with a chapter may enjoy any benefits and or privileges of such affiliation, including but not limited to the right to vote at chapter meetings.
5. A member may only be affiliated with one Chapter.

#### SECTION 6. REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. The Board shall have the right to revoke the membership of any Member for unethical or un-sportsmanlike conduct that is deemed related to IGRA or Association events, by a two third (2/3rd) vote of Directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board. Any such decision must be preceded by due process including, but not limited to, a review by the Ethical Practices Review Committee.

#### SECTION 7. MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION

##### 1. CAUSES

Association Membership or Chapter Affiliation may be declared suspended due to an outstanding financial obligation to the Association or any Chapter of the Association, providing that the member is aware of the obligation and has been given sufficient time to resolve it. The financial obligation may be either monetary or in the form of property. Suspension from Association Membership or Chapter Affiliation may also be declared because of unethical or un-sportsmanlike conduct that is deemed related to IGRA or Association events.

##### 2. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Suspended members of the Association shall not be eligible for membership renewal.

##### 3. CHAPTER

A Chapter may declare an affiliated member suspended from its rolls. A decision to suspend shall be made by the Chapter Board of Directors or by direction of the affiliated Chapter membership. Suspension shall be effective immediately. Upon suspension, the Chapter Secretary shall immediately:

1. Attempt to notify the affiliate member in writing, by certified mail to the member's last known address as shown in the membership records. The notification shall state that all chapter privileges have been suspended including



but not limited to the right to vote at Chapter meetings until the reason for the suspension has been resolved.

2. Notify the State Membership Committee, in writing, of the suspension. This notification must state the reason for the suspension and the action, or the payment needed to resolve the problem and must be accompanied by copies of supporting documentation to be placed in the suspended member's permanent file.
3. Notify the State President and the State Secretary of the suspension.

#### 4. ASSOCIATION

The Association may declare any member suspended for the reasons stated above by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, or by a majority vote of the Board present at a regular or special meeting of the Board. Suspension shall be effective immediately. Upon suspension, the Secretary shall immediately:

1. Attempt to notify the member in writing, by certified mail, to the member's last known address as shown in the membership records. The notification shall state that all membership privileges have been suspended including but not limited to the right to vote at membership meetings and the right to compete as a member in all I.G.R.A. sanctioned events until the reason for the suspension has been resolved.
2. Notify the Membership Committee, in writing, of the suspension. This notification must state the reason for the suspension and the action or the payment needed to resolve the problem and must be accompanied by copies of supporting documentation to be placed in the suspended member's permanent file. The Committee will ensure that the member's name is placed on the list of members suspended for cause and removed from all types of active membership list.
3. Notify all Chapter Secretaries and the IGRA Administrative Office, in writing, of the suspension.

#### 5. RESOLUTION

When the problem causing the suspension is resolved, the Secretary shall immediately:

1. Attempt to notify the member, in writing, of the resolution of the problem and that all membership privileges have been reinstated.
2. Notify the State Executive Committee and all Chapter Secretaries, in writing, of the resolution.
3. Notify the Membership Committee, in writing, of the resolution. The Committee will ensure that the member's name is removed from the list of members suspended for cause and added to all appropriate active membership lists.
4. Notify IGRA Administrative Office.

#### 6. APPEAL

A suspended member may submit an appeal to the Ethical Practices Review Committee (EPRC) within thirty (30) days of suspension. The EPRC shall meet and present all interested parties with a written decision within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal. The decision of the EPRC shall be final.

## ARTICLE V. STATE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

### SECTION 1. ANNUAL

1. The Annual Meeting of the Membership, also known as the Annual Convention, shall be held for the purpose of organization, election of Officers and Trustees, and the transaction of other business. The meeting shall be held on a weekend between January 1 and March 1. The time and place of the meeting shall be selected by the Board and in accordance with the Standing Rules. This meeting may be held outside of California with approval of a two third (2/3rd) vote of the Board. If the meeting is to be held outside of the state of California, a sixty (60) day notice is required.
2. The President will serve as the presiding officer of the convention and the Secretary will serve as secretary.

### SECTION 2. SPECIAL

Special State Membership Meetings may be called for any purpose by:

1. A majority of the Board, or
2. Upon written request of at least twenty five percent (25%) of the members of the Association, or
3. Chapters representing more than fifty percent of the potential vote of the meeting as defined in Section 3.2 of this Article.

Notice of a Special State Membership Meeting shall be given as directed in Section 7 of this Article. All business transacted at the meeting shall be confined to that stated in the notice and call for the meeting.

### SECTION 3. REPRESENTATION

#### 1. MEMBERS' RIGHTS

All members of the Association may attend and participate in any State Membership Meeting. An attendance register shall be signed by all members attending a State Membership Meeting. The register must contain at a minimum, the members printed name, signature, membership number, and expiration date. Membership shall be validated from the official state membership records and included as a part of the meeting record.

#### 2. CHAPTERS

Each active Chapter (those whose charters have not been suspended prior to the call to order) shall be accorded votes depending on the total number of affiliated members of that Chapter on the first of the month in which the meeting occurs with one vote being assigned for every member. Each Chapter shall designate a spokesperson to cast the votes for the Chapter. The spokesperson shall submit written credentials from the Chapter in order to be recognized.

#### 3. NONAFFILIATED MEMBERS

A contingent of nonaffiliated members shall be accorded 1 vote for every member present who was listed as nonaffiliated on the first of the month in which the meeting occurs. There may only be one contingent of nonaffiliated members recognized at a State Membership Meeting. The size of the contingent at the Call to Order of the meeting shall be used to determine the number of votes. The contingent shall select a spokesperson to cast its votes.

### SECTION 4. SUSPENDED CHAPTERS

A chapter whose charter has been suspended will be accorded no votes. In the event that a chapter's charter is suspended during the course of a State Membership Meeting:

1. The newly suspended chapter will no longer be accorded votes.

2. Members of that chapter will immediately be deemed to be nonaffiliated members.
3. The number of votes accorded to the contingent of nonaffiliated members will be immediately recalculated to include all those present who were listed as nonaffiliated on the first of the month in which the convention occurs as well as all those present who were shifted to nonaffiliated status because of the chapter charter suspension. If there has been no contingent of nonaffiliated members at the meeting one will be created with a number of votes equal to the number of those present who were shifted to nonaffiliated status because of the chapter charter suspension, and it will designate a spokesperson to cast its votes.

#### SECTION 5. QUORUM AND USE OF PROXIES

Quorum for a State Membership Meeting shall be defined as more than fifty percent of the potential vote of the Chapters and nonaffiliated members as computed in Article V, Sections 3.2 and 3.3. Members and Chapters may not utilize proxies to vote.

#### SECTION 6. VOTING

Voting shall be performed by a call of the roll of contingents represented at the meeting. The contingent vote shall be cast by the accredited spokesperson. Each contingent need not cast all of its votes as a unit but may divide its votes as it desires.

#### SECTION 7. NOTICE

Notice of the annual or special meetings of the Membership shall be given to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the proposed meeting unless otherwise stated within these Bylaws. Electronic communication or posting of notice of the meeting to the Association's website shall fulfill requirements for notification of meetings.

#### SECTION 8. WAIVER BY ATTENDANCE

Certified attendance by a Chapter or member at a meeting shall constitute waiver of notice of the meeting, except when the Chapter or member objects at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of any business due to the inadequacy or illegality of the notice. Attendance at a meeting is not a waiver of any right to object to the consideration of matters not included in the notice of the meeting if that objection is expressly made when the matter is brought to the floor.

#### SECTION 9. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Association membership may be taken without a State Membership meeting by the following procedure.

1. The proposed action must be presented in writing to all Chapters by the Board.
2. A notice that the proposed action will be voted on at a Chapter Meeting shall be sent to all members. The notice shall be electronically sent or postmarked at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed meeting for all Chapters.
3. Each Chapter must present the proposed action at the publicized Chapter Meeting for discussion and vote.
4. Results of the Chapter vote shall be forwarded to the GSGRA Secretary upon completion of the meeting. Failure to receive vote results from a Chapter shall be interpreted as an abstention. The number of votes that a Chapter may cast is as described in V.3.2.

5. Nonaffiliated members shall be notified of the proposed action and instructed how to contact the GSGRA Secretary by a specific date to express their vote. A contingent of nonaffiliated members shall be accorded one (1) vote for every member who was listed as nonaffiliated on the first of the month in which the voting occurs and cast their vote by contacting the GSGRA Secretary.
6. Final results shall be announced by the State Secretary to the Board and to each Chapter President within 10 days by phone or email and followed by notification to the general membership using electronic communication or posting of results on the Association's website.
7. All other requirements for notice and passage of the measure as defined by these Bylaws shall be in effect. Nonaffiliated members shall not be accorded a vote in this manner.

## **ARTICLE VI. CHAPTERS**

### **SECTION 1. DEFINITION**

1. A Chapter of the Association is a group of members to whom a Charter has been issued with the powers as delineated therein.
2. The Board shall assign the Chapters a specific geographic area in cooperation with all the Chapter and Club organizations. Chapters will not conduct meetings, fundraisers, or any other type of events within another Chapter's or Club's specific geographic area without first receiving written approval from either that Chapter's Executive Committee or the Club's Chairperson.
3. The Annual Meeting of the Membership shall serve as a committee of the whole for the accreditation of Chapters.

### **SECTION 2. POWERS**

Such Charter shall be prescribed by the Board and may be altered or revoked in accordance with the regulations established by the Board.

### **SECTION 3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of a Chapter of the Association shall be the same as stated in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.

### **SECTION. 4 ORGANIZATION**

The Chapter shall incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to the laws and regulations of the State of California and adopt Bylaws which shall not contravene the regulations and Bylaws of the Association.

### **SECTION 5. CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

1. Each Chapter will elect a Board of Directors which will consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be known as the officers of the Chapter and to serve as the Executive Committee of the Chapter. These elections will take place at an annual meeting of members affiliated with that Chapter. All requirements set forth in these Bylaws governing the election of Directors of this Association shall apply to the election of Officers in the Chapters. Chapter Board positions must be filled by a member who has been affiliated with the Chapter for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the date of election.
2. With the exception of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer which may be held by the same person, no one person may hold two offices of a Chapter of the Association.

3. A Chapter President or Treasurer may not hold the position of Rodeo Director within the same Chapter. A Vice President elected to office with the specific responsibilities of Rodeo Director may hold no other office within the Chapter.
4. The Chapter President will appoint, with the approval of the Chapter Executive Committee, all standing and special committee chairs.

#### SECTION 6. NEW CHAPTERS.

1. Applications for Charter as a Chapter of the Association shall be submitted to the GSGRA Secretary no less than 30 days prior to the Annual Convention.
2. An application for Charter shall contain:
  1. The signed request of at least 16 (sixteen) existing nonaffiliated members in good standing to change their chapter affiliation to the proposed Chapter upon formation. At least 10 (ten) members must live within the Chapter's geographic area.
  2. The name of the proposed Chapter.
  3. The name of the City or Metropolitan area which will serve as the primary location for Chapter operations.
  4. The names and titles of the officers elected from among and by the signatories to the application.
  5. The proposed Bylaws for the proposed Chapter.
3. The membership Committee shall verify that the requirements of Section 6.2 of this Article have been satisfied and refer the application to Convention for approval at least 15 (fifteen) days prior to the Annual Convention.
4. In the event a Charter is denied by membership at Convention, any signatory to the application may, upon written request to the Secretary, receive a full refund of membership dues paid in the current year.
5. Upon acceptance of a Charter, all members that signed the application shall have their affiliations automatically converted to the new Chapter. The vote allocated to the Chapter for all State Membership meetings, including the current Annual Convention, shall be calculated as for all other Chapters.
6. Within 45 days of receiving its Charter a Chapter must submit incorporation application to the State of California.

#### SECTION 7. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF CHAPTER CHARTER

1. A chapter's charter will be deemed revoked on the date of dissolution of the Chapter Corporation or one (1) year from the date of suspension by the Association, whichever comes first, and without further action by the Association. A revoked charter may not be reinstated.
2. The Board with or without the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may suspend a chapter's charter. Some issues to be considered shall be:
  1. Membership affiliation is less than 16 (sixteen) members.
  2. Inactivity.
  3. Failure to comply with Association Bylaws and /or Standing Rules.
  4. Failure to comply with State/Federal regulations and laws.
  5. Failure to incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to the laws and regulations of the State of California.
  6. Failure to meet the terms of a Loan Repayment Plan.
3. Suspension of a chapter's charter shall be deemed effective upon vote by the Board. The Secretary shall attempt to notify the suspended chapter at their last known mailing address within thirty (30) days of the action.
4. A chapter whose charter is suspended may apply for reinstatement at any time within one (1) year of the date of suspension. A suspended charter may be reinstated by the Board at

any regular or special meeting of the Board provided the application for reinstatement was received by the Secretary within one (1) year of the date of suspension.

5. Association members whose membership is affiliated with a suspended chapter will be notified by the Secretary that their membership affiliation has been changed to nonaffiliated and advised of the chapter charter suspension and the actions that will be required to have the suspension reversed.

#### SECTION 8. LOANS TO CHAPTERS

1. Loans to Chapters may be made by decision of the Board. The terms of all loans shall be in writing and shall require the following:
  1. The purpose of the loan.
  2. The amount of the loan.
  3. The method of loan disbursement.
  4. A payment plan. The plan shall include, but shall not be limited to, payment due dates and amounts.
2. Any actions necessary to implement the terms of a loan shall reside with the Board.

### ARTICLE VII. RODEO CLUBS

#### SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of a Rodeo Club is to facilitate growth of the Association in those areas of the state where there are not currently recognized chapters.

#### SECTION 2. POWERS AND ORGANIZATION

1. A Club is a group of nonaffiliated members operating as a Special Committee of the Board pursuant to provisions of these Bylaws and Standing Rules. Rodeo Clubs must be recognized by the Association and designated by the GSGRA Board of Directors. A Rodeo Club shall not have a Charter with delineated powers therein.
2. Clubs may not be incorporated and shall not enter into any contracts.
3. The Board shall assign each Rodeo Club a specific geographic area in cooperation with all the Chapter and Club Organizations. Clubs will not conduct meetings, fundraisers, or any other type of events within another Chapter's or Clubs specific geographic area without first receiving written approval from either the Chapter's Executive Committee or the Club's Chairperson.

#### SECTION 3. OFFICERS

The GSGRA President shall appoint a Rodeo Club Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among the names submitted in the initial request. The GSGRA Administrative Vice President shall oversee the committee.

#### SECTION 4. NEW RODEO CLUBS

1. To be designated as a Rodeo Club, a group must have at least three (3) GSGRA nonaffiliated members on their roster and may not have more than fifteen (15) GSGRA nonaffiliated members on their roster. Only members of the Association may be listed on a Club's roster.
2. Rodeo Clubs may be organized in any area of the State that is not within the geographic boundaries of an existing chapter or club.
3. A minimum of three (3) Association nonaffiliated members must submit a written request to the Board with the following information:
  1. Suggested Name of the Rodeo Club.
  2. Proposed geographical area for the Rodeo Club operations.

3. List of individual GSGRA Members requesting to be included on the Rodeo Club membership roster. A minimum of three (3) members must live within the requested geographical area.
4. Names of two or more of the Members on the Rodeo Club membership roster willing to be appointed by the President to act as Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Rodeo Club Special Committee. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson must live within the approved geographical area.

#### SECTION 5. OPERATION

1. The Rodeo Club Chairperson coordinates activities with the GSGRA Administrative Vice President who will work closely with the Rodeo Club to energize, motivate, and educate, while providing oversight. The Chairperson will schedule and conduct monthly Rodeo Club meetings, and with the help of other Club members will conduct other events to promote the growth of the Rodeo Club and the visibility of GSGRA.
2. The Club, under the direction of the Chairperson, is responsible to solicit for new members to build the Rodeo Club, with the goal of increasing the membership so the Club may become a Chapter. The Club shall contact all current nonaffiliated members living within the Rodeo Club's geographical area to encourage them to add their names to the Rodeo Club's membership roster and become more involved with GSGRA through Rodeo Club activities.
3. Clubs may not produce any event that is represented as an Association activity without prior approval of the Executive Committee.
4. Clubs may be involved with the production of GSGRA rodeos according to the guidelines in: GSGRA BYLAWS, ARTICLE XVI. GSGRA SPONSORED RODEOS, SECTION 7. COMMITTEE PRODUCED RODEOS.
5. Clubs may have logos, which will require approval of the Board.
6. For all official Association purposes, such as ascertaining quorums and vote allocations at meetings, all club members will be officially recorded as nonaffiliated members of the Association.
7. Rodeo Clubs shall be listed on membership applications on the GSGRA Website page, such as: Nonaffiliated Member on the Membership Roster for Rodeo Club "A".
8. The Chairperson of each Rodeo Club, or their Club member designee, may represent their club at gay rodeos, Gay Prides, and other events where they may recruit members and promote GSGRA, as well as at GSGRA meetings and at annual conventions, though they are still recognized as nonaffiliated GSGRA members.

#### SECTION 6. FINANCES

1. Rodeo Clubs are encouraged to hold fundraisers. Clubs operate in the same way as a fundraising committee as defined by GSGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules. However, 100% of funds raised by Rodeo Clubs shall be held in a special account controlled by the GSGRA Treasurer.
2. Rodeo Clubs may access the funds in their Rodeo Club Account by submitting funding requests to the Board of Directors for Educational, Fundraising, Branding, Membership drives, and other events. These events should be designed with the purpose of increasing Rodeo Club membership, as well as increasing the visibility of GSGRA in their geographic area.
3. If the Rodeo Club eventually becomes a Chapter, any funds remaining in their Club Account shall be transferred to a Chapter controlled Rodeo Account.
4. If the Rodeo Club dissolves, any funds remaining in the Club Account shall be transferred to the Association's General Operating Account.

#### SECTION 7. DISSOLUTION

1. A Rodeo Club shall be deemed dissolved voluntarily at the request of the Club's membership effective from the date of the request and without further action by the Association.
2. The Board, with or without the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may dissolve a Rodeo Club committee. Some issues to be considered shall be:
  - i. Fewer than three (3) nonaffiliated members on the Club roster
  - ii. Inactivity
  - iii. Failure to comply with Association Bylaws and /or Standing Rules
  - iv. Failure to comply with State/Federal regulations and laws
3. Involuntary dissolution of a Rodeo Club shall be deemed effective upon vote by the Board. The GSGRA Secretary shall attempt to notify the dissolved Club at their last known mailing address within thirty (30) days of the action.
4. A Rodeo Club that is dissolved may request reinstatement at any time within one (1) year of the date of dissolution. A dissolved Rodeo Club may be reinstated by the Board at any regular or special meeting of the Board provided the request for reinstatement was received by the GSGRA Secretary within one (1) year of dissolution.
5. Association members whose membership is on the roster of a dissolved Rodeo Club will be notified by the GSGRA Secretary and advised of the Rodeo Club dissolution and the actions that will be required to have the dissolution reversed.

## **ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 1. GENERAL**

The Association shall be governed by the Board of Directors (herein known as the "Board") consisting of elected Officers, the GSGRA Trustee to IGRA, Chapter and Nonaffiliated Representatives. Each member of the Board (herein known as "Director") will be entitled to one (1) vote, with the exception of Alternates.

### **SECTION 2. POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

#### **1. GENERAL CORPORATE POWERS**

Subject to the provisions of the California Non-Profit Corporation Law and any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws relating to action required to be approved by the members, the business and affairs of the Association shall be managed, and all corporate powers shall be exercised by, or under the direction of, the Board.

#### **2. SPECIFIED POWERS**

1. Select and remove all agents and employees of the Association and prescribe any powers and duties for them that are consistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.
2. Designate any place within the State of California for the holding of any meeting or meetings.
3. Adopt, make, and use the corporate seal; prescribe the forms of membership certificates; and alter the form of the seal and certificates.
4. Borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the Association and cause to be executed and delivered for the Association's purposes, in the Corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations, and other evidence of debt and securities.
5. Conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the Association and to make such rules and regulations therefore not inconsistent with laws or with the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws as they may deem best.



6. Manage in such manner as they may deem best all funds and property, real and personal, received and acquired by the Association; and to distribute, loan or dispense the same and/or income therefrom.
7. The Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or may be confined to specific instances.
8. All checks, drafts, or orders for payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by two officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer.
9. All funds of the Association shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board may select.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION

#### 1. OFFICERS

Elected officers of the Association shall consist of a President, an Administrative Vice President, a Vice-President of Rodeo Operations, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These Officers shall be elected at the Annual Convention for a term of two years. The President, Administrative Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years, and the Vice President of Rodeo Operations and Secretary shall be elected in odd-number years. Officers of the Association may not hold a Chapter officer position if that position would cause a conflict of interest. With the exception of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, which may be held by the same person, no one person may hold two offices of G.S.G.R.A. Inc. Duties of these officers shall be such as are usually imposed upon such officials of corporations and as are required by law, or as specified in these Bylaws, or by the Standing Rules, or such as may be assigned to them, respectively, from time to time, by the Board. In addition to the elected officers, rodeo directors for Association sponsored rodeos shall immediately become nonvoting officers of the board concurrent with the date of their appointment as a rodeo director and they shall also serve as assistant secretaries for the board and assist the Secretary at board meetings on an as needed basis.

#### 2. REPRESENTATIVES

Each Chapter will elect three Chapter Representatives and two alternates from among the affiliated members of the Chapter. An Alternate may vote in place of one of the three regular Chapter Representatives from the same Chapter in the event that a Representative cannot attend a meeting of Directors. The nonaffiliated membership shall elect three Representatives At Large and two alternates from among the nonaffiliated members. A nonaffiliated alternate may vote in place of a Representative At Large in the event that representative cannot attend a meeting of the Directors.

#### 3. GSGRA TRUSTEE TO IGRA

The GSGRA Trustee to IGRA shall be a voting member of the GSGRA Board of Directors during their term as trustee.

### SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS

All elected Director positions must be filled by a candidate who has been a Member in good standing of the Association for a minimum of one (1) continuous year immediately prior to the date of election. Chapter Representatives of new Chapters are exempt from this time requirement. Non-elected rodeo directors for Association sponsored rodeos

must be members but are also exempt from this time requirement. Directors and non-elected officers must maintain their membership in good standing throughout their term of office.

## SECTION 5. RESTRICTION REGARDING INTERESTED DIRECTORS

Not more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the persons serving on the Board at any time may be interested persons. An interested person is defined as any person, relative, or domestic partner of a person being compensated by the Association for services rendered to it within the previous twelve (12) months, whether as a full-time or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable reimbursement expenses paid to a Director as Director.

## SECTION 6. ELECTION

### 1. OFFICERS

Officers shall be elected at the Annual Convention. The President shall appoint a committee to select qualified candidates for election as Officers at least sixty (60) days before the date of any election of Officers at the annual or special meeting. The nominating committee shall make its report at least thirty (30) days before the date of the election and the Secretary shall forward to each member with the notice of the meeting the list of candidates nominated. Any certified contingent at the Annual Convention may place names in nomination from the floor providing the nominee is present to accept nomination or has submitted written acceptance to either the Secretary or chair of the Nominating Committee in advance of the meeting. Voting shall be performed by secret ballot as defined in the Standing Rules. The candidate receiving a majority of the available vote, (50% plus 1 vote), shall be elected. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the vote, a runoff election will take place between the two candidates receiving the most votes. The runoff process will continue until one candidate receives a majority of the vote.

### 2. REPRESENTATIVES

Chapter Representatives and alternates shall be elected by each Chapter at the regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting immediately preceding the Annual Convention. Voting shall be performed by secret ballot by members affiliated with that Chapter. To be eligible, candidates must be actively affiliated with the Chapter for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the election. This requirement shall be waived for new Chapters. Representatives At Large and alternates shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual Convention by the nonaffiliated members present at the meeting. The election shall be during a time designated by the President. The Alternates shall be considered non-voting members of the Board and may be designated to vote for an absent Representative from the same affiliated chapter/nonaffiliated membership, as applicable.

### 3. GSGRA Trustee to IGRA

The GSGRA Trustee to IGRA shall be elected according to the procedures specified in Article XV.

## SECTION 7. TERM

### 1. GENERAL

Each Director, including a Director elected to fill a vacancy, shall serve until expiration of the term for which elected and until a successor has been elected and qualified. No reduction of the authorized number of Directors shall have the effect of removing any Director before that Director's term of office expires.

2. OFFICERS

Elected officers shall have a term of two years. They shall be seated immediately following the Annual Convention at the Annual Board Meeting. Nonelected officers serving as rodeo directors shall have a term that coincides with their duties as a rodeo director and upon completion of those duties their term as a nonelected officer of the Association shall immediately cease.

3. REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives and Alternates shall be elected for a term of one year. They shall be seated immediately following the Annual Convention at the Annual Board Meeting.

1. GSGRA Trustee to IGRA

The directorship of the GSGRA Trustee to IGRA shall coincide with their term as Trustee.

SECTION 8. VACANCIES

1. CAUSES

A vacancy in a Director's position shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of the death, resignation, or removal of any Director. Directors who allow their membership to expire are considered to have resigned. Directors who otherwise are no longer members in good standing, or whose membership has been suspended shall immediately be suspended from their Director positions until the issues are satisfactorily resolved. Directors whose membership has been revoked are considered to have been removed from office.

2. RESIGNATION

Except as provided in this paragraph, any Director may resign. The resignation shall be effective upon receipt of written notice to the President, the Secretary, or the Board unless the notice specifies a later time for the resignation to become effective. If the resignation of a Director is effective at a future time, the Board may fill the vacancy as directed in Article VII Section 8.4. to take office when the resignation becomes effective. A Director whose membership expires will be considered to have resigned. Changes in affiliation during the term of a Chapter Representative or Alternate shall immediately be considered a resignation from the Board. No Director that has resigned during a term of office may be re-elected to fill the same position during the same term. No Director may resign when the Board would then be left without a duly elected Director in charge of its affairs.

3. REMOVAL

At any time, a Director may be removed from the Board by a two-third (2/3rd) vote of the total Board members by secret ballot at a regular or special meeting of the Board. Any such decision must be preceded by due process including, but not limited to, a review by the Ethical Practices Review Committee. Such removal from duty shall be effective immediately. Any motion to remove a Director must be acted on at the meeting of presentation. Persons removed from office in this manner may not be elected to another position on the Board for the remainder of the current term. In addition to Ethical Practices violations as stated above, Officers, and the GSGRA Trustee to IGRA may be removed from office for missing three consecutive Board meetings with no justifiable excuse. Prior to removal, the Board must attempt to contact the individual to verify whether there is a justifiable excuse.

4. ELECTION DUE TO VACANCY

1. OFFICERS

In the event of a vacancy, the Board may elect from the membership a person to fill the remaining term of an Officer at any regular or special meeting of the Board. The candidate shall be seated immediately while awaiting confirmation by the membership. Candidates elected to fill vacancies shall be submitted in writing to each Chapter for confirmation in accordance to Article V Section 9. unless the remaining term is ninety (90) days or less. A majority affirmation by the Chapters is required to confirm a candidate as an Officer.

2. REPRESENTATIVES

Vacancies in Chapter Representatives shall be filled by the elected Alternate Chapter Representative with the second Alternate moving up to first Alternate. The Chapter shall then elect a new second Alternate at any regular or special Chapter Meeting. Election of the new second Alternate shall occur as described in Article VII. Section 6.2. If the position of an Alternate Chapter Representative is vacant, the Chapter shall elect the Alternate as described in VII.6.3. A vacancy in the position of the Representative At Large shall be filled by an alternate. A new nonaffiliated alternate shall be elected at the next meeting of the membership if said meeting is held prior to the end of the unexpired term of office for the vacant position.

3. GSGRA TRUSTEE TO IGRA

A vacancy in the position of GSGRA Trustee to IGRA shall be filled according to the procedures specified in Article XV.

## **ARTICLE IX. DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING**

Immediately following the Annual Convention, the Board shall hold a regular meeting for the purpose of organization and the transaction of other business. Notice of this meeting shall not be required.

### **SECTION 2. OTHER REGULAR MEETINGS**

Other regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least quarterly.

### **SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the President, any Vice-President, the Secretary, or by twenty five percent (25%) of the Directors.

### **SECTION 4. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

1. Notice of regular meetings of the Board shall be given to each Director at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the proposed meeting unless otherwise stated within these Bylaws. Electronic communication notice and/or posting notice of the meeting to the Association's website shall meet notification requirement.
2. Notice of special meetings of the Board shall be given each Director by written notice via e-mail or by telephone, either directly to the director or to a person who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice to the director. All such notices shall be given or sent to the director's e-mail address or telephone number, as shown in the records of the Association. Notices by e-mail or telephone shall be delivered or

telephoned at least 48 hours before the time set for the meeting. The notice shall state the time and place for the meeting; however, it need not specify the purpose of the meeting.

#### SECTION 5. QUORUM

A majority of the authorized number of voting Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly held, at which a quorum was present, shall be regarded as the act of the Board, unless a greater number be required by law or by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

#### SECTION 6. ADJOURNMENT

A majority of the directors present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place.

#### SECTION 7. NOTICE OF ADJOURNED MEETINGS

Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given unless the meeting is adjourned for more than 24 hours, in which case personal notice of the time and place shall be given to Directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

#### SECTION 8. MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE

Any meeting, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all Directors participating in the meeting can hear one another. All such Directors shall be deemed to be present in person at such meeting. Telephone meetings shall require a five (5) day notice.

#### SECTION 9. WAIVER OF NOTICE

The transactions of any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call or notice, if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of notice.

### **ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES**

#### SECTION 1. COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS

##### 1. STANDING COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS

###### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Board shall consist of the GSGRA Trustee to IGRA, and the Association Officers.

###### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee of the Board shall consist of the GSGRA Trustee to IGRA, and the Association Officers.

###### RODEO FINANCE COMMITTEES

Each Association sponsored rodeo shall have a Rodeo Finance Committee that shall be chaired by the Treasurer and shall consist of the Association Finance Committee, Rodeo Director, Rodeo Treasurer, and the hosting Chapter President or committee chair, as applicable.

## 2. ETHICAL PRACTICES REVIEW COMMITTEE (EPRC)

### 1. CODE OF ETHICS

The Bylaws, Standing Rules and Rodeo Rules of The International Gay Rodeo Association, G.S.G.R.A. Inc. and its Incorporated Chapters are hereby adopted by reference as part of the Code Of Ethics of the Association.

### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the EPRC is to resolve complaints and problems which may arise within the Association pertaining to the Code of Ethics and other unethical or un-sportsmanlike activities. It shall develop procedures and policies in an attempt to prevent future recurrences for presentation to the Board for approval when necessary. The committee shall have jurisdiction over all members of the Association, all Association sponsored events and all persons and entities under contract to the Association and/or its Chapters in matters of ethics and/or sportsmanship.

### 3. CONSTITUTION

The EPRC shall consist of one State Representative or Alternate Representative from each affiliated Chapter, selected by the State Representatives and Alternate Representatives affiliated to that Chapter, and one Representative At Large or nonaffiliated alternate, as determined by the nonaffiliated board delegation. The Administrative Vice President shall chair the committee. In the event that the Administrative Vice President cannot attend a meeting or hearing of the committee, the Executive Committee shall designate an acting committee chair from among the Executive Committee members. The term shall coincide with the term of the Board. A member may be substituted only if the member is party to a complaint under review as determined by the committee, or if a member is unable to attend a specific meeting of the EPRC. If the substitution involves the Administrative Vice President, the Executive Committee shall designate a substitute chair from among the Executive Committee members; if the substitution involves a chapter's EPRC representative, that chapter's State Representatives and Alternate Representatives shall designate a substitute from among themselves; and if the substitution involved the Representatives At Large or the nonaffiliated alternates the remaining Representatives At Large and alternates shall select a substitute from among themselves. A quorum for any meeting of the EPRC shall be as required for meetings of the Board. A majority shall prevail in all decisions. The chair shall vote only in cases of a tie.

### 4. PROCEDURE

Any complaint regarding Association policy, members, or contract personnel may be presented to the EPRC. All complaints must be in writing and must be submitted to the Chairperson of the EPRC, no later than thirty (30) days following the alleged incident(s). No complaint

will be denied review if, in the opinion of the EPRC, it is deemed timely due to extenuating circumstances. All persons involved in a complaint shall be notified of a hearing to resolve the matter and shall be given the opportunity to present their side of the situation within thirty (30) days of receipt of the complaint. The hearing shall be scheduled to occur before the next meeting of the Board. In special cases requiring that a matter be addressed in a short period of time, the Chair may conduct a hearing by posing questions and requesting responses in writing. These written questions and responses shall be distributed to all members of the committee. All correspondence of the committee shall be in writing and shall be distributed to all other members before any decisions are made. All questions and responses of persons involved as well as all correspondence of committee members shall become an official part of the hearing record. The committee shall report all complaints received and their resolution to the Board at the next Board meeting. As part of the report, the committee may submit recommendations for Board action. These recommendations may include, but are not limited to, policy changes, member discipline, or other actions to be taken with contract personnel.

### 3. OTHER COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS.

The board may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office, designate one or more committees, each consisting of two or more directors and/or officers, to serve at the pleasure of the board. Any committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the board, shall have all the authority of the board, except that no committee, regardless of board resolution may:

1. Take any final action on matters which, under the Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law of California, also requires members' approval;
2. Fill vacancies on the board or in any committee of directors;
3. Fix compensation of the directors for serving on the board or on any committee;
4. Amend or repeal Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws;
5. Amend or repeal any resolution of the Board which by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable;
6. Appoint any other committees of the Board or the members of these committees;
7. Approve any transaction (1) to which the Association is a party, and one or more directors have a material financial interest; or (2) between the Association and one or more of its directors or (3) between the Association or any entity in which one or more of the directors has a material financial interest.

## SECTION 2. OTHER COMMITTEES

1. The President shall reach out to the entire membership within thirty (30) days after the Annual Convention to see if anyone is interested in chairing a Communications Committee with responsibility for producing "*The Chute*", which is the Official Newsletter of GSGRA. This position will only be filled when there is an individual who has the necessary desire and dedication to produce a newsletter on a regular basis, either monthly or quarterly. The newsletter will be posted to the GSGRA Website and available to members and the public to view.

2. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint such other committees as may be necessary or desirable to perform the functions of the Association. Committee members will serve for one (1) year terms. The terms will commence when appointed and end at the board meeting held after the annual convention.

### SECTION 3. STANDING COMMITTEES

The following committees will be standing committees and the Chairpersons, and any applicable Vice Chairpersons and subcommittee chairs shall be appointed annually by the President.

1. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
2. BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES COMMITTEE
3. ROYALTY COMMITTEE
4. DANCE COMMITTEE
5. BRANDING COMMITTEE
6. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE
7. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The duties of all standing committees shall be as designated by the Board.

### SECTION 4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint such Special Committees as the Board shall deem advisable or appropriate.
2. The Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons for all Special Committees shall be appointed by the President:
3. Rodeo Clubs are considered to be Special Committees, and all nonaffiliated members on the Club's roster are members of the committee.

### SECTION 5. COMMITTEE OFFICERS AND REPORTS

The Chair, or in the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, shall preside at meetings of the committee. The Chair shall make written reports on behalf of the committee to the Board and/or the members.

## **ARTICLE XI. FISCAL YEAR AND OTHER REPORTS**

### SECTION 1. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the 1st day of January and end at midnight on the last day of December of each calendar year.

### SECTION 2. ANNUAL REPORT

Not later than 120 days after the close of the Association's fiscal year AND Federal and State taxes have been filed, the Board shall cause an annual report to be made available upon request to the members. Such report shall contain the following information:

1. The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the Association as of the end of the fiscal year;
2. The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year;
3. The revenue or receipts of the Association, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the fiscal year; and,



4. The expenses and/or disbursements of the Association, for both general and restricted purposes during the fiscal year.
5. The report required herein shall be accompanied by a Certification by the Treasurer of the Association that the report was prepared without audit from the books and records of the Association.

### SECTION 3. MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly membership and financial reports shall be sent to the Board electronically within 10 days of month end.

### SECTION 4. QUARTERLY AUDIT

On no less than a quarterly basis, the Treasurers financial reports will be audited by a member of GSGRA that has been appointed by the President to serve as internal auditor by comparing the bank statements received since the prior audit to the Treasurer's records. The results of these audits shall be presented to the Board of Directors no later than the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The member performing these audits must not be a member of the same household as the treasurer being audited.

### SECTION 5. CHAPTER REPORTING

1. The reports required of the Board of this Association in ARTICLE XI.2. and ARTICLE XI.3. are required similarly of the Officers of all Chapter Associations. The reports will be filed with the Secretary of this Association within the specified time frame and will be available to Affiliated Members of the Chapter upon request. Chapters are required to file, on a monthly basis, copies of minutes of the chapter and executive board meetings, as well as copies of the chapter's Treasurer's report. If a Chapter does not hold a monthly Chapter or Executive Board meeting then the Chapter Secretary, or a designee, will submit a report stating that no monthly meeting was held. Failure to file these documents with the board Secretary within thirty (30) days of adoption and/or approval shall result in an assessment against the chapter of \$25.00 for each document.
2. Chapters are also required to maintain a current copy of their Bylaws, standing rules, and articles of incorporation on file with the Association's Secretary.
3. On no less than a quarterly basis, the Chapter Treasurers financial reports will be audited by a member of GSGRA that has been appointed by the Chapter President to serve as internal auditor by comparing the bank statements received since the prior audit to the Treasurer's records. The results of these audits shall be presented to the Chapter Officers and GSGRA State Treasurer prior to the next regularly scheduled state board meeting. The member performing these audits must not be a member of the same household as the treasurer being audited.
4. These Chapter Reporting requirements shall be included in the Chapter Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XII. BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Association shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, committees having and exercising any of the authority of the Board, and the membership committee, and shall keep at the principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the Association may be inspected by any member, or the member's agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time. The membership list, however, shall at all times be held confidential, and shall not be made available to any member, except to the extent stated above, or to third parties.

## **ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1. METHOD**

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be made and adopted:

- At any annual or special meeting of the membership called for that purpose.
- By the vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of the available vote at any annual or special meeting of the members where a quorum exists.
- By a vote of two third (2/3rd) of the Board at a regular meeting, or special meeting of the Board called for that purpose.

### **SECTION 2. RATIFICATION.**

Bylaws adopted by a two third (2/3rd) vote of the Board shall be ratified by the members at the next annual or special meeting, or as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XIV. STANDING RULES**

The Association shall have the power to adopt, and from time to time amend, such rules pertaining to the purposes, activities, and affairs of the Association as it deems necessary and desirable, provided that such rules and regulations do not conflict with any provisions of law, or the Bylaws of the Association. Such rules and regulations shall be known and designated as the Standing Rules of the Association. The Standing Rules may be modified by a vote of 2/3 of the Membership at the Annual Convention, or the Board at any Board Meeting, by a vote of two third (2/3rd) of the Directors present. Modifications may be proposed and approved at the same meeting.

## **ARTICLE XV. PERSONAL LIABILITY OF MEMBERS**

No member of the Association shall be personally liable to its creditors or for any indebtedness of liability. Any and all creditors shall look only to the assets of the Association for liability claims.

## **ARTICLE XVI. THE INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION**

G.S.G.R.A. Inc., as an entity, is a member of the International Gay Rodeo Association (I.G.R.A.). The Bylaws, Standing Rules and Rodeo Rules of I.G.R.A., which may be amended from time to time by the membership of that organization, are hereby adopted by reference.

### **SECTION 1. GSGRA TRUSTEE TO IGRA**

The GSGRA Trustee to the IGRA shall be elected at a Board meeting at least sixty (60) days prior to the IGRA Annual Convention. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving a majority of the vote shall be elected. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the vote, a runoff election will take place between the two candidates receiving the most votes. The runoff process will continue until one candidate receives a majority of the vote. The term of the GSGRA Trustee to the IGRA shall be in accordance with the IGRA Bylaws. In the event of a vacancy, the Board may elect from the membership by majority vote of Directors present a person to fill the remaining term at any regular or special meeting of the Board. The person elected shall be seated immediately. The GSGRA Trustee to the IGRA must be and remain a member in good standing in the Association for the period of their term.

## SECTION 2. GSGRA. DELEGATES TO IGRA.

The Association sends Delegates and Alternates to attend the Annual IGRA Convention. These Delegates and Alternates must be selected by vote of the Board pursuant to procedures outlined in the Standing Rules. The Bylaws and Standing Rules of the IGRA will determine the maximum number of Delegates and Alternates to be elected.

## ARTICLE XVII. GSGRA SPONSORED RODEOS

### SECTION 1. HOSTING

1. Recognized chapter organizations may bid to host an Association rodeo. Proposed rodeo dates for forthcoming I.G.R.A. rodeo years will be voted upon by the Board. The Association may also form a special committee to produce a rodeo.
2. Any Chapter suspended by the State of California will not be eligible to host a GSGRA Rodeo.

### SECTION 2. SPONSORSHIP

1. All Association rodeos whether or not sanctioned by the IGRA shall be sponsored and controlled by the Board.
2. Each chapter holding a rodeo shall cause a currently authorized GSGRA logo to appear in all advertising and promotional material related to that rodeo, except business card size. Currently authorized logos are available to download from the [www.GSGRA.org](http://www.GSGRA.org) website under Admin – Resources. Any chapter not using a GSGRA logo on all advertising and promotional material for its rodeo shall pay a fine of \$100 within 30 days of the rodeo's completion, to be deposited to the GSGRA general fund.

### SECTION 3. BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Rodeo Finance Committee shall have full responsibility for the budgeting and financial management of the proposed rodeo. The committee shall meet, either in person or by telephone, as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair or within 3 days of the request of any two members of the committee.

### SECTION 4. CHAPTER BID REQUIREMENTS

1. All bids by Chapters to host an Association rodeo shall contain the statement that the Chapter commits to and agrees to abide by all the provisions of these Bylaws and the Standing Rules as they relate to the preparation for and production of the proposed rodeo.
2. No member of the Association may financially obligate or commit this organization or a Chapter, in relation to a proposed rodeo, prior to meeting the requirements of XVI.5. and XVI.6.
3. A sanctioning fee of \$500.00, payable to G. S. G. R. A., Inc., must be paid during the chapter's bid procedure and is required. These sanctioning fees will be used to contribute to the Reserve Trust Fund or as directed by the Board.

### SECTION 5. CHAPTER BID PROCEDURE

The proposed rodeo hosting chapter must submit the following items to the Board for its review:

1. Certification that the Chapter organization has a minimum of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) in a bank account reserved specifically for rodeo operation and production expenses.

2. Detailed disclosure of all chapters' debts and liabilities and associated repayment plans.
3. The name of a qualified Rodeo Director/Rodeo Committee Chair for the proposed rodeo
4. A comprehensive budget for the proposed rodeo, including the previous year's budget, where applicable, for purposes of comparison.
5. Payment in full of any outstanding assessments, as described in Article X, Section 6, against the chapter by the Association.
6. Other requirements which the Board may deem necessary and include in the Standing Rules.

#### SECTION 6. CHAPTER BID APPROVAL

1. The Board shall approve all bids to host rodeos.
2. Prior to presentation to the Board the Finance Committee shall review items 1, 2, and 4 from Section 5 of this Article to resolve any potential problems. The Committee shall then present its recommendations for approval to the Board.
3. Approval of the bid shall require two thirds (2/3rd) of the Directors present at a regular or special meeting of the Board on or before a date eight (8) months prior to the proposed rodeo.
4. If extenuating circumstances exist, The Board may extend the deadline for complying to a bid submission by a two third (2/3rd) vote of the Board at a regular or special meeting of the Board.

#### SECTION 7. COMMITTEE PRODUCED RODEOS

The special committee to produce a rodeo may develop in more than one way, such as: a combination of two or more Chapters or Clubs; a committee represented only by one Club; or a committee appointed by the Board to produce a state financed rodeo. The Board must review all items within Article XVI, Sections 4, 5, and 6 and determine what requirements must be met in order for a committee produced rodeo to be financially sound.

1. The committee chair shall assume duties and responsibilities for production of the rodeo as deemed necessary by the Board.

#### SECTION 8. PRE-RODEO PRODUCTION FAILURE

The Board, by a two third (2/3rd) vote of the Directors present at a regular or special meeting of the Board may:

1. Assume control over all aspects, activities, and decisions relating to the Rodeo,
2. Require that the Rodeo be rescheduled to a different date, or
3. Declare the proposed Rodeo cancelled and require that all and any activity related to the Rodeo cease immediately.

#### SECTION 9. RESERVE TRUST FUND

1. Funds from this trust fund may be used only in the event of the financial shortfall of an Association approved rodeo.
2. The funds may be distributed either as a grant or a loan as determined by the Board.

### **ARTICLE XVIII. NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES**

This Association has been formed under the California non-profit Public Benefit Corporation Law for the purposes stated in the Articles of Incorporation, and it shall be non-profit and non-partisan. No substantial

part of the activities of the Association shall consist of the publication or dissemination of materials with the purpose of attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not substantially participate or intervene in any political campaigning on behalf of any candidate for public office or for or against any cause or measure being submitted to the people for a vote. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- By a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or
- by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

The Association shall not, except in an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the stated purposes of the Association.

## **ARTICLE XIX. DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The properties and assets of this non-profit corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes. No part of the net earnings, properties, gains dividends or assets of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of any private person or individual, or any member or director of this corporation. On liquidation or dissolution, all properties, assets, and obligations shall be distributed and paid over to an organization dedicated to charitable purposes consistent with the corporation's philosophy, provided that the corporation continues to be dedicated to the exempt purposes as specified in the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

## **ARTICLE XX. PROCEDURAL STANDARDS**

Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, will serve as the procedural standards and guidelines for issues not specifically addressed by these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XXI. DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of this Association, voluntary or involuntary, or otherwise, then all of the property and assets of this Association shall go to one or more non-profit corporations whose purposes are similar to that of this Association. The assets and property so transferred shall be used solely and exclusively for charitable purposes. In the event of dissolution, no portion of the assets or property or funds of this Association shall ever be distributed to any of the officers, directors, or members of the Association.

## **ARTICLE XXII. SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS**

The invalidation of any provision of these Bylaws shall not be deemed to invalidate, negate, or detract from the enforceability of any other provision herein stated.

### **ARTICLE XXIII. INSIGNIA, LOGO, ACRONYM, NAME**

Any Association member, outside organization, or individual which uses any Association logo, the GSGRA acronym, and/or the name Golden State Gay Rodeo Association in connection with any event without the permission of the Association may be investigated by the Association and if necessary, referred to the EPRC for action or prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

### **ARTICLE XXIV. SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATION**

The creator(s) and administrator(s) of any Social Media site/page (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, etc.) which uses any GSGRA logo, the GSGRA acronym, and/or the name Golden State Gay Rodeo Association (to include Chapters and Clubs) must secure IN ADVANCE permission of the Association's Board of Directors. In addition, the proposed administrator(s) of any proposed site/page shall be presented to the Board for approval.

Any approved social media site/page created and/or administrated on behalf of the state association (GSGRA) must include as administrators with unlimited access to the site/page, the current GSGRA President, Secretary and any approved site manager(s). All passwords of administrators for any state association site/page shall be recorded with the GSGRA Secretary.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting Secretary of G.S.G.R.A., Inc., a California Non-Profit Corporation, and the above Bylaws are the Bylaws of this Corporation as adopted at a meeting of the Board held on January 27, 2024.

Secretary  
Andy Siekkinen

Dated: December 18, 1984.  
Amended March 31, 1985.  
Amended January 17, 1987.  
Amended April 11, 1987.  
Amended May 13, 1989.  
Amended May 5, 1990.  
Amended May 5, 1991.  
Amended June 14, 1992.  
Amended May 1, 1993.  
Amended May 7, 1994  
Amended April 22, 1995  
Amended May 4, 1996  
Amended July 26, 1997  
Amended May 10, 1998  
Amended May 8, 1999  
Amended June 10, 2000.  
Amended June 30, 2002  
Amended February 8, 2003  
Amended May 3, 2003  
Amended January, 2009  
Amended July, 2009  
Amended January 2010  
Amended January 2013

Amended January 2016  
Amended January 2017  
Amended January 2018  
Amended January 2021  
Amended January 2024

## HISTORY OF MODIFICATIONS

930200 11/20/93

VII.3.2 Removed paragraph relating to election of Trustees which conflicted with VII.6.2.

940100 05/07/94

IV.3 Included a reference to Section 1.11.

IV.4.3 Added ~break in membership" requirements to voting qualifications.

IV.7 Moved Standing Rule 4.3 items 1 through 5 referring to membership suspension into the Bylaws.

VI.2.1 Changed affiliation requirements for Chapter Officers from 1 year to 6 months.

IX.1.1.4 Redefined composition, purpose, and procedures for the E.P.R.C..

XVI.2 Added the hosting Chapter president and rodeo treasurer as responsible parties for budgeting and financial management of G.S.G.R.A. rodeos.

XVI.3 Allowed bids to be presented for multiple years.

XVI.5.2 Changed "debt free" to exclude debits and liabilities declared to G.S.G.R.A.

XVI.7.2 Removed the ability of the board to use the reserve trust fund for the purchase of event failure insurance.

XVI.7.3 Addition to allow the reserve trust fund to be distributed as either a grant or a loan.

950100 04/22/95 IV.6 Redefined two third vote to designate Directors present.

IV.7.3 Define that a majority vote is of Directors present and may occur at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

V.1 Allows the Annual meeting to occur outside of the state of California and the notice necessary.

V.2 Redefines section identifications.

VI.6.3 Redefines section identifications.

VI.7 Identifies procedure to revoke a Chapter's Charter.

VI.8 Provides for financial loans to Chapters.

VII.3 Changes the current Vice President to an Administrative Vice President and adds a Vice President of Rodeo Operations.

VII.6.3 Clarifies a majority vote as votes cast.

VIII.2 Requires regular Director meetings to be held at least quarterly.

VII.3 Changes "Vice-President" to "any Vice-President" and "any two of the Directors" to " 25 % of the Directors" to call a special meeting of the Board.

VII.4 Requires a notice for any regular meeting of the Board.

IX.1.4.3 Places the E.P.R.C. under the chair of the Administrative Vice President.

IX.1.4.4 Provides for special case procedures for resolving matters before the committee due to limited time.

IX.3 Renames the "Rodeo Operations" committee to the "Rodeo Management and Resources" committee.

XIII Redefined two third vote to designate Directors present.

XV Redefined a majority vote to designate Directors present.

XVI.2 Redefined the constitution of the Rodeo Finance Committee and its responsibilities. Moves old XVI. 10 pertaining to meeting requirements into this section

XVI.4 Moved paragraph from XVI.3 to paragraph 2 of this section.

XVI.5 Requires submission of bid to the Board for approval. Provides for other bit requirements to be added through the Standing Rules.

XVI.6 Completely redefines the procedure for bid approval.

XVI.7 Adds a new section relating to Pre Rodeo Production Failure.

XVI.8 Reserve Trust Fund Contribution renamed from XVI.9

XVI.8 Removed Rodeo Director Responsibilities to Standing Rule 16.3.

960100 05/04/96

XVI 5.1 Increase \$5000 minimum to \$7000 minimum for rodeo bid procedure.

970100 02/08/97 Yearly Version Update. No changes.

970101 07/26/97 III.1 Editorial Clean-up.

VI.2 Membership Application inclusion in Standing Rules Attachments.

IV.1.1 Define legal age requirements

IV.1.4 Add investigation disclaimer

IV.1.10 Add G. S. G. R. A. Trustee to I. G. R. A.

IV.2.2 Define Family Memberships

IV.2.3 Add CORPORATE

IV.4.2 Define newsletters to Individual and Family Memberships

IV.4.3 Add “affiliated with a chapter”

IV.4.4 Define member age requirements and event participation exclusions

IV.5.3 Define “Voluntary” affiliation change IV.7.1

Membership Suspension until restitution IV.7.3.d

Notifying I. G. R. A.

V.1 Annual Convention location clarification

V.2 Chapter representation & voting

V.3 Non-Affiliated voting

V.4 Proxy vote clarification

V.6 Membership meeting notice

V.8.4 Action without meeting notification time period change VI.1.2

Removal of geographic area restrictions

VI.3 Clarify “State” Board.

VI.5 Change Association to G. S. G. R. A.

VI.6.2 Change from letter to number application requirements

VI.6.3 Clarify State Membership Committee

VI.7 Change Suspension to separate section

VI.8 Add reinstatement of chapter charter & renumber all following sections in the article

VI.8.1 Number instead of bullet requirements and define payment plan developers

VI.8.2 Clarify “State” Board

VII Clarify “State” Board

VII.3.2 Change Trustee to Counselor and make changes in all other references throughout Bylaws

VII.6.1 Defining Nomination Committee time frames, change “certified contingent” to “member”, & clarify majority vote and tie procedures

VII.6.3 Eliminate one year requirement for Chapter Representative, add availability for 2 chapter Representative Alternates

VII.7.2 Add “approximately” to term office

VII.7.4 Add “approximately” to term office

VII.8.4.1 Clarify “State” Board of Directors. Remove immediate seating and membership approval VII.8.4.2

Trustee vacancies

VIII.4 Change meeting notice time and add e-mail as notice type

IX.1.4 Clarify “committee” members

XV Clarify Majority vote and tie procedures

XVI.4.3 Add paragraph 3 re: hosting / bidding chapter responsibilities

XVI.2 Change “Rodeo Director” to “Event Director” XVI.5.3

Change “Rodeo Director” to “Event Director”.

980100 05/10/98

VII.6.1 Defined secret ballot voting for Officers.

VII.3.1 Changed Chapter & State dual officer positions from non-acceptable to conflict of interest.

VX.1 Added number to Section 1. For Trustee

VX.2 Add new section 2 for I. G. R. A. Delegates

990100 05/08/99

VII.3.2 Editorial change Trustee to Counselor

VII.6.2 Editorial change Trustee to Counselor



VII.7.3 Editorial change Trustee to Counselor  
VII.8.4.2 Editorial change Trustee to Counselor  
XVI.4.3 New Section covering Sanctioning fee and requirements  
XVI.8.1 Added statement “for 1999 season.”  
XVI.8.2 Added new section for Calculation of seat tax for rodeo season 2000 and beyond.

99.01.01 01/17/00  
V.2 Corrected wording to 97.01.01 changes lost.  
V.3 Corrected wording to 97.01.01 changes lost. V.4  
Corrected wording to 97.01.01 changes lost.

00.01.0 06/10/00  
00.02.0 XVI.8.1 Removed outdated 1999 Trust fund calculations.

2002 06 30  
The following represent amendments made between June 2000 and June 2002. Article V, Section 3. Revise representation rules and address chapter charter suspension Article IV, Section 1. Clarify acceptance date of membership applications.  
Editorial changes to correct spelling of counselor and replace “Trustee” with “Counselor” where appropriate.  
Article XXII. Insignia, Logo, Acronym, Name  
Article IX. Section 1. Revised EPRC  
Article XVI. Sec 1 Added requirements to rodeos  
Article VII. Added GSGRA Trustee to IGRA to Executive Board  
Article IX. Added GSGRA Trustee to Executive and Finance Committees  
Article IX Added a Counselor to EPRC

2003 02 08  
Article VI. Section 6. Reduced application period from 45 to 30 days. Reduced verification notice from 30 days to 15 days. Changed submission of applications from State Board to State Secretary.

2003 05 03  
Editorial throughout – Removed references to “executive” for GSGRA offices  
Editorial throughout – Replaced “fee” with “dues”  
Editorial throughout – Replaced “tag” with “badge”  
Editorial throughout – Corrected spelling of “Counselor”  
Editorial throughout – Clarified term for annual meeting of members.  
Editorial throughout – Clarified name of “executive committee”  
Editorial throughout – Clarified usage of terms “Association”, “State” and “GSGRA”  
Editorial throughout – Replaced term “ad hoc” with “special” when used to describe committees.  
Article IV. Section 1. Paragraph 1. Specified that applications be submitted to authorized members.  
Article IV. Section 1. Paragraph 3. Deleted.  
Article IV. Section 1. Paragraph 3. Moved from Section 5.  
Article IV. Section 1. Paragraph 4. Expanded requirements for processing application. Article IV. Section 1. Paragraph 5. Added.  
Article IV. Section 1. Paragraph 6. Clarified definition of “active member”.  
Article IV. Section 1. Paragraph 11. Replaced “Chapter Membership Chair” with “authorized official”. Article IV. Section 3. Deleted – reordered all following paragraphs.  
Article IV. Section 6. Paragraph 1. Clarified grounds for suspension  
Article IV. Section 6. Paragraph 2. Moved from text of paragraph 1.  
Article IV. Section 6. Paragraph 4. Clarified procedures for suspension.  
Article IV. Section 6. Paragraph 5. Clarified procedures for resolving suspension.  
Article V. Section 5. Clarified voting procedure.  
Article VI. Throughout – Added information for Clubs.  
Article VI. Section 7. Clarified procedures for suspension of chapters.  
Article VII. Section 6. Paragraph 3. Clarified procedures for election of board representatives.  
Article VIII. Section 4. Allows electronic communication formats for official notices.

Article IX. Deleted paragraphs authorizing standing committees for; nominations, fundraising/public relations, newsletters, rodeo management & resources. Added paragraphs authorizing standing committees for branding & communications

Article X. Clarified time table for monthly financial reports to the board and publication of the reports to the membership.

Article X. Section 5. Clarified monthly report requirements by chapters and enacted a penalty fee for tardy reports.

Article XII. Clarified procedures for amending Bylaws.

Article XVI. Section 5. Reduced bid deadline from nine to eight months, expanded documentation requirements, and eliminated requirement that a hosting chapter be debt-free.

2004 05 01

Article XVI. Section 5. Changed bid deadline from 8 months to 6 months.

2005 04 03

Article IV. Section 1. Replaced short name GSGRA with short name “the Association.” Changed submission requirements to allow any chapter officer and the designated IGRA alternate trustee to accept applications.

Article V. Section 1. Change annual meeting dates to the period of January 1 to March 1. Deleted redundant notice requirement.

Article X. Section 1. Changed fiscal year to calendar year.

2009 01 24

Article V. Section 5. Changed establishment date for apportionment of chapter votes at convention.

Article VII. Sections 1 & 7. Changed terms of executive officers to two years and set alternate year election schedule.

Article XVI. Section 5. Increase minimum bank balance required for rodeo bid to \$15,000.

Article IX. Section 3. Added MsTer category.

2009 07 25 (Ratified by January 2010 Convention)

Article VII. Section 4. Added requirements that directors maintain their membership in good standing.

Article VII. Section 8. Added specifications that members who resign, have their membership revoked, or otherwise suspended, automatically forfeit their seat as a director.

2010 01 30

Article IV. Section 1. Created new section for Founders, moving the information from current location in Article VII, Board of Directors, Counselors. Renumbered remaining sections.

Article IV. Section 2. Categories of Membership. Established Honorary Memberships.

Article VII. Section 6. Removed Counselor position here and throughout entire document.

Article VII. Section 8. Added wording allowing for removal from office when officers miss meetings without good cause.

Article XV. Section 1. Revised election process of GSGRA Trustee to the IGRA.

Article XVI. Sections 1 & 3. Change vote approving rodeos from membership to the Board. Removed out dated wording.

2013 01 19

Article IX. Section 1. Revised Rodeo Finance Committee membership for potential of committee produced rodeos.

Article XVI. Sections 1-8. Revised to allow for committee produced rodeos.

Article XVI. Section 9. Moved specified funding amount for Rodeo Reserve Fund to Standing Rules

2013 03 23

Article VII. Section 3. Added nonvoting board positions for rodeo directors Article

VII. Section 7. Added term period for rodeo directors

2014 01 11

Article V. Section 3. Added provisions for nonaffiliated directors

Article VII. Sections 1, 3, 6-8. Added provisions for nonaffiliated directors Article

IX. Section 1. Added provisions for nonaffiliated directors

2016.1.30

Editorial throughout – Changed all non affiliated variations to nonaffiliated  
Editorial throughout –Punctuation clean up  
Article IV. Section 1 Corrected misspelling of “a horse is” was “a horse if”  
Article IV, Section 2 correct mis use of word, Change that to than (less than 30)  
Article IV, Section 6 correct mis use of word, Change it’s to a (a person as a)  
Article VI. Section 6 added and to the sentence (good standing and)

2017.1.28

Article IV Section 3 4. Categories of Membership, changed Honorary award to Jabby Lowe Service Award  
Article IV Section 4 3. Adding in nobody including business will have more than one vote.  
Article IV Section 7.1 removed reference to IGRA bylaw rule # because it has and will move  
Article VI (Chapters and Clubs) Section 6 added .6 stating Clubs need to submit Corp papers to state within 45 days  
Article VI Section 8.3 removed  
Article VI Section 9.6 added clarification on hosting rodeo by state  
Article VIII (Directors meeting) Section 4 split to 1 and 2 added email into section 2  
Article X Fiscal Year End Section 4 – added auditor must not be member of the same household moved chapter audit language to Section 6-chapter reporting  
Article X Section 6 moved Bylaw maintenance from item 1 to new item 2 to remove it from being fineable section  
Article X Added Section 6.3 Chapter Audit requirements  
Article XIII Adding clarification to vote is Majority (2/3) for standing rules.  
Editorial Clean up and formatting including use MS Word Table of Contents generation.

2017.7.22

Article VII Section 4 Add the word “elected” Directors must be a member in good standing...; Add sentence: “Non-elected rodeo directors for Association sponsored rodeos must be members, but are also exempt from this time requirement.” Add: Directors “and non-elected officers” must maintain...

2018.01.27

Article VII Section 4: Ratified at convention.  
Article IV Section 5.1: Nonaffiliated members can choose to be listed on a Rodeo Club membership roster.  
Article VI Section 6.2: Changed Chapter membership requirement from 25 to 16 members; 10 must live in geographical area.  
Article VI Section 7.2.1: Changed revocation if membership fall below 16 members. (From 25 to 16)  
Article VI Section 9: Club Operations – Delete entire section and replace with new Section 9: GSGRA Rodeo Club Operations

2021.01.30

Article IV Section 2.8: Remove requirement to receive a newsletter.  
Article IV Section 4.2: Remove and renumber remaining section.  
Article IV Section 4.3: Renumbered to Section 4.2  
Article V Section 1.1: Removed requirement to hold Annual Convention in the city of one of the Chapters.  
Article V Section 7: Remove requirement to post meeting notice in newsletter; notices by electronic communication fulfills requirements.  
Article V Section 9.1: Remove notices by certified mail.  
Article V Section 9.2: Notices by electronic communication meet requirements.  
Article V Section 9.4: Remove certified mail and 45-day requirement for chapter to respond.  
Article V Section 9.5: New section defining how nonaffiliated members can vote on an action without meeting.  
Renumber remaining section numbers.  
Article V Section 9.6: Renumbered from 9.5 to 9.6; notification of action without meeting results can be posted to Association’s website.  
Article VI Sections 1-6: Remove CLUBS and Club references and create a new ARTICLE just for Rodeo Clubs.  
Article VI Section 7.2: Add additional reasons for charter suspension and revocation.  
Article VI Section 9: Remove entire section and create a new ARTICLE just for Rodeo Clubs.  
Article VII – new Article VII. RODEO CLUBS; Sections 1-7 Define Rodeo Clubs, Purpose, Officers, Operations, Finances, and Dissolution  
Renumber all remaining Articles (Article VII – Article XXII are now Article VIII – Article XXIII).  
Article VIII Section 4.1 and 4.2: Remove notices by mail and newsletter.

Article IX Section 2.1 and 2.2: Require President to see a Communication Committee Chairperson to produce THE CHUTE – Official Newsletter of GSGRA; or if no one takes-on the responsibility the committee will not need to be included in Other Committees.

Article IX Section 3: Remove Communications as a Standing Committee and correct all committee names.

Article X Section 2: Make the association's Annual Report available upon request to members.

Article X Section 3: Membership and Financial Reports sent monthly to the Board electronically withing 10 days of month end.

Article X Section 5: Delete section; renumber remaining section numbers.

Article X Section 6: renumbered to Section 5; Requires chapter reporting to be sent to the association Secretary instead of the Board; Fine lowered to \$25.00; Chapter Treasurer's report be audited quarterly, and results sent to State Treasurer.

Article XVI Section 1: Rewritten and added chapters suspended by the State of California are not eligible to host a GSGRA Rodeo.

2024.01.27

Article XVII Section 2.2: removed "ribbon or flag logo"; added "currently authorized logos" and a place to download files from the gsgra.org website.

Add new Article XXIV: Social Media Administration.