

STANDING RULES

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

A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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

ARTICLE I NAME

ARTICLE II OFFICES

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

RULE 4.1 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The amount for dues of the three categories may only be set or changed at the Annual Meeting of the Members.

A. INDIVIDUAL

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

a. JABBY LOWE LEGACY SERVICE AWARD

Dues for this classification shall be waived for one year commencing with the renewal period after a member has received this designation. IF the individual receiving this award is part of a Family membership, their annual dues will be reduced by the amount of the Individual membership.

B. FAMILY

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

C. BUSINESS/CORPORATE

1. Dues for this level shall be \$100.00 per year. Business/Corporate members shall be entitled to benefits as may become available from time to time.

D. CHAPTER INCENTIVE

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

RULE 4.2 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A. MINIMUM INFORMATION

All membership applications must contain fields for the following information:

1. Primary Member Information
 1. Name
 2. Mailing Address
 3. Telephone Number

4. E-mail Address
 5. Date and Signature Blocks
 2. Family Member Information
 - a. Name
 - b. Date and Signature Blocks
 3. An Area to Designate Affiliation
 4. The Following Disclaimer Statement:
The purpose of GSGRA is to foster the sport of rodeo in and for the gay community in the state of California. By affixing my signature, I acknowledge my concurrence with the stated purpose.
- B. REQUIRED INFORMATION
1. An applicant must provide the following items of information without which the application must be rejected and returned to the applicant.
 - a. Legal Name
 - b. Address
 - c. Signature
- C. APPLICATION FORMAT
1. Membership applications may be printed in various formats as approved by the Membership Committee. No chapter will use a membership application form that has not received approval from the Membership Committee.

RULE 4.3 AFFILIATION CHANGES

1. The change of affiliation from a Chapter to nonaffiliated shall be considered as a change of Chapter affiliation within the twelve (12) month period.
2. Affiliated Members shall be eligible for all Chapter benefits commencing at the second Chapter Meeting following a change.
3. Members who change their affiliation at a meeting of the Chapter they are transferring to shall be eligible to vote at the following Chapter meeting.

RULE 4.4 NAME BADGES AND SASHES

A. NAME BADGES

1. One name badge is provided free of charge to all new members. Replacement name badges may be ordered by the member at cost, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.
2. Name badges may be engraved with legal or nicknames. Offensive or other questionable nicknames may be denied by the Membership Committee or referred to the Executive Board for a decision.
3. The Membership Committee may refer any name badge order to the Executive Committee for confirmation.

B. NAME BADGE PENDANTS

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

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

C. NAME BADGE / PENDANT PROTOCOL

1. Name badges and/or pendants may not be altered in any way.
2. Name badges may only be worn above the waist.
3. Pendants may not be worn alone; they may only be worn properly attached to a name badge.
4. Pendants indicating a current office, appointed position or title must also indicate "Chapter" in the engraving where duplicate positions occur. (i.e. The Association

President would wear a pendant engraved "PRESIDENT" and a Chapter President would wear a pendant engraved "CHAPTER PRESIDENT"). Pendants for the current MR., MS., MISS, and MsTer GSGRA titles are excluded as they only occur at State level as the name indicates. Honorary Member pendants will read "Honorary Member – (Year they received honor)".

5. Pendants indicating a past office, appointed position or title must also indicate State or Chapter in the engraving and the dates of service. (i.e. CHAPTER BYLAWS COMMITTEE CHAIR 2003.) Pendants for the past MR., MS., MISS, and MsTer GSGRA titles should show only the dates of service. (i.e. MISS GSGRA 2003.)
6. All Association Member Name Badges and Pendants are to be ordered and purchased through the State Membership Committee.
7. Members may wear as many pendants as they choose. The pendants chosen must be placed in the following order:
 - a. Charter Member
 - b. Chapter Affiliation
 - c. Current State Elected Offices
 - d. Current State Titles (including Royalty, Dance Champions, etc.)
 - e. Current State Appointed Positions
 - f. Past State Elected Offices
 - g. Past State Titles (including Royalty, Dance Champions, etc.)
 - h. Past State Appointed Positions
 - i. Current Chapter Elected Offices
 - j. Current Chapter Appointed Positions
 - k. Past Chapter Elected Offices
 - l. Past Chapter Appointed Positions
 - m. Other
 - n. Years of Membership

D. SASH PROTOCOL

1. All state and chapter royalty sashes must clearly indicate the term of service (ie. Mr. GSGRA 2014).
2. Only past or current members of the Royalty Team may wear GSGRA sashes.
3. Past royalty are encouraged to wear sashes only at the annual GSGRA competition and at reunion type events.

RULE 4.5 CASH PAYMENTS

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

RULE 4.6 CHAPTER CHARTER REVOCATION

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

ARTICLE V STATE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

RULE 5.1 ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Annual Convention shall be scheduled over a two-day period. The meeting shall be held until all official business is finished.
2. Members attending the Annual Convention must register with the GSGRA Secretary and pay a registration fee, if required, prior to the call to order of the meeting.

RULE 5.2 CHAPTER SPOKESPERSON

1. Each chapter shall choose by vote at the Chapter Meeting preceding a State Membership Meeting one Affiliated Member to act as the spokesperson for the Chapter. The Chapter President or Chapter Secretary shall notify the State Secretary of the chapter spokesperson prior to the State Membership Meeting.

RULE 5.3 NONAFFILIATED SPOKESPERSON

1. Nonaffiliated members registered for the convention shall select a spokesperson by vote of the contingent. The vote shall occur during the Call of the Roll.

ARTICLE VI CHAPTERS

RULE 6.1 APPLICATION VERIFICATION

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

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RULE 7.1 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

A. PRESIDENT

1. The President shall, subject to the direction of the Board, have the following powers and duties:
 - a. To preside at the Annual and Special State Membership Meetings.
 - b. To preside at all regular and special meetings of the Board and to call special meetings of the same.

- c. To direct, subject to the advice and direction of the Board, the planning of the meetings and functions of the Association.
- d. To sign contracts and other instruments connected with the business affairs and professional activities of the Association upon prior approval of the Board.
- e. To appoint all standing and special committee chairpersons and members unless otherwise provided and he/she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He/she shall not be the Chairperson of any appointed committee with the exception that he/she may serve as Chairperson of a specially convened Task Force Committee.
- f. To serve as the official representative or appoint an official representative of the Association at such meetings of other groups as may be designated by the Board.
- g. To promote the interests and purposes of the Association, and to be responsible for the progress and work of the Association.
- h. To perform other duties as may be directed by the Board, the Membership, or these Bylaws.
- i. To serve as a member of the board of directors in the year following the term of office in a non-voting role for no more than a twelve-month period.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

1. The Administrative Vice President shall:

- a. Serve as assistant to the President in all duties of the President and shall assume the corresponding duties in absence of the President.
- b. Assume those duties delegated by the President.
- c. Oversee and direct the Royalty and Dance programs of the Association as prescribed by the Board in accordance with the Association's Objectives and Purposes.
- d. Oversee and direct the Rodeo Clubs of the Association as prescribed by the Board in accordance with the Association's Objectives and Purposes.
- e. Be at least an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of the Association.
- f. The administrative Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the Bylaws.

C. VICE PRESIDENT OF RODEO OPERATIONS

1. The Vice President of rodeo operations shall:

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

D. SECRETARY

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

- a. To maintain an accurate roster of the membership and to distribute or cause to be distributed a list of all affiliated members, including their status, to each Chapter prior to the regular Chapter Meetings or upon request.
- b. To maintain an accurate list of all standing and special committees, committee chairpersons, and personnel.
- c. To maintain an accurate list of all Chapter Officers and committees.
- d. To accurately record the proceedings of all meetings of the state membership and the Board, and to report the minutes of such proceedings in writing at all

regular and special meetings of the membership or the Board. Minutes of all meetings shall be distributed to all Board members within thirty (30) days of the meeting.

- e. To maintain copies of the minutes of all chapters.
- f. To give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board and Membership required by the Bylaws.
- g. To keep the seal and the records of the Association in safe custody.
- h. To keep the bylaws, standing rules, and other regulation documents current and available to the Board and Membership.
- i. To ensure that the Association has complied with all federal and state filing requirements, exclusive of those associated with the duties of the Treasurer.
- j. The secretary shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.

E. TREASURER

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

RULE 7.2 REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Chapter and nonaffiliated representatives shall have the following powers and duties:
 - a. To be responsible for interfacing the concerns of the Chapters and their affiliated membership/the nonaffiliated membership, as applicable to the Board.
 - b. To interface the workings and actions of the Board to the Chapters and Membership.
 - c. To have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the Bylaws.

RULE 7.3 PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

RULE 7.4 FINANCIAL AUDIT

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

ARTICLE VIII DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

RULE 8.1 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

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

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

RULE 9.1 STANDING COMMITTEES

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. The Membership Committee shall, under the direction of the President, maintain and process all memberships of the Association. Membership records (e.g. completed application forms, renewal forms, check copies, check requests or any other document related to changes of member data) shall be retained in either hard copy or electronic format for a minimum of seven years after the applicable member's membership has expired. Each chapter shall appoint their chapter membership chair, or in absence thereof their chapter secretary, to this committee.

B. BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

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

C. ROYALTY COMMITTEE

1. The Royalty Committee shall, under the guidance of the Administrative Vice President, produce the GSGRA Royalty Contest at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
2. The GSGRA Royalty Contest shall be produced according to the "Rules Governing the Selection of Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer G.S.G.R.A." available from the Administrative Vice President or designated assistant. (See Standing Rules Rule 9.3)
3. The committee shall consist of currently serving state royalty and each Chapter's Administrative Vice President.

D. DANCE COMMITTEE

1. The Dance Committee shall, under the direction of the Administrative Vice President, produce the GSGRA Country Western Dance Championships at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each chapter or in absence thereof, their Chapter Administrative Vice President.
2. The contest shall be produced according to the current "IGRA Country-Western Dance Competition Rules" (available on the IGRA website). See Standing Rules RULE 9.4 DANCE COMPETITION.

E. BRANDING COMMITTEE

1. The committee shall, under direction of the President, be responsible for the Association's website, state-wide advertising and promotional material, letterhead, and other materials used to communicate the Association's messages to both membership and the public at large. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each chapter or in absence thereof, their Chapter President.

F. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

1. The Sponsorship Committee shall, under the direction of the Vice President of Rodeo Operations, obtain business and corporate sponsorships and coordinate activities of the Chapter Sponsorship Committees. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each chapter or in absence thereof, their Chapter President.

G. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. The Education Committee shall, under the direction of the Vice President of Rodeo Operations, develop and direct educational projects of the Association. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each chapter or in absence thereof, their Chapter Vice President of Rodeo Operations.

RULE 9.2 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

RULE 9.3 GSGRA ROYALTY CONTEST

Section 1. Competition administration and selection of judges

- A. The GSGRA Royalty Competition will be organized and directed by the Administrative Vice President and his/her designated assistants.
- B. There shall be a minimum of three (3) judges who shall be representative of each Chapter as well as the non-affiliated membership. If necessary, the Administrative Vice President can require a Chapter or non-affiliated members to provide more than one (1) judge.
- C. Each member chapter of the Association shall supply one judge and one alternate judge best qualified for competition judging. The name of that judge and alternate judge shall be submitted to the Administrative Vice President a minimum of 30 days prior to the scheduled competition date.
- D. The Administrative Vice President will contact potential judges from within the non-affiliated membership until a judge and an alternate judge are confirmed.
- E. In the event a chapter or non-affiliated judge is unable to attend, the alternate judge will judge.
- F. In the event a submitted judge and alternate are unable to attend, the Administrative Vice President or designated assistant will select a replacement judge from those members present at the event.

Section 2. Conflicts of Interest

- A. To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest the Administrative Vice President, his/her designated assistants, and the judges, shall not have played any significant role in helping any contestant prepare for the competition, including, but not limited to helping train for and/or record horsemanship video, studying for interview segments, rehearsing, or suggesting entertainment numbers.
- B. Any of the above-mentioned persons (The Administrative Vice President, his/her designated assistants, and the judges) determined to have participated significantly in any contestant's preparation for the competition will be disqualified from participating.
- C. If before the competition begins a judge is disqualified under this conflict of interest policy, the chapter's alternate will judge. If a judge is disqualified under this conflict of interest policy after the competition begins, that judge's scores in all segments will be deleted and no alternate will be appointed. If an alternate is disqualified under this conflict of interest policy, that chapter may not appoint a replacement alternate.

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

Section 3. Score Sheets and Guidelines

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

Section 4. Membership Requirements

Each contestant must be a member in good standing of the Association for a period no less than nine months prior to date of the state competition and must reside in the Association's geographical area of representation.

Section 5. Fundraising requirements

Contestants must provide written verification that they have raised and donated five hundred (\$500.00) or more dollars for a nonprofit organization, while a member of GSGRA, but within the time span of one year prior to the application deadline for the state competition (see section 7 below).

Each contestant is required to raise a minimum of \$250 through fundraising events to benefit the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association; the total will be split evenly between GSGRA revenue and a Royalty Travel Fund. Contestants are required to notify the GSGRA Administrative Vice President in advance of the event and no less than 7 days prior to the event.

Section 6. Entry Fee

There is no entry fee to compete.

Section 7. Entry Packets

- A. The GSGRA Administrative Vice President shall make entry forms and entry packets available to each chapter's President and Administrative Vice President no later than 90 days prior to the contest beginning date.
- B. Completed entry packets must be mailed to the GSGRA Administrative Vice President and postmarked with a government postal service postmark or emailed to the GSGRA Administrative Vice President no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the competition. The postmarked or emailed entry packet must include the Contestant Application Form (contestants may change the title of their entertainment segment after submitting the application form) and the fund-raising verification letter from a non-profit organization (see section 5 above). The western wear description may be submitted separately from the entry form but must be submitted to the GSGRA Administrative Vice President or his/her designee prior to the start of the first segment of the competition.

Section 8. Written Plan of Action

Each contestant must provide a written plan of action consisting of their suggested goals for the future Royalty Team. It must be turned in with the horsemanship video. The envelopes will be given to the GSGRA Administrative Vice President to be opened, verified, and reviewed with the new Royalty Team to build the team's final plan of action for the following year. Failure to provide a plan of action will result in a two (2) point deduction from each judges score sheet in the interview segment.

Section 9. Titles, Term, Awards, and Duties

- A. Provided there are sufficient contestants, each category (Mr., Ms., Miss, and MsTer) will have a second runner up, first runner up, and a winner.
- B. The royalty team’s term shall begin at the conclusion of the competition and continue for approximately one year.
- C. Award Rules:
 - 1. The second runner-up, first runner-up and winner shall each be presented with a sash, which they will keep through the duration of their term. The sash will be presented when the results of the competition are announced. On successful completion of their term, each person may keep their sash. If a person resigns the title or has their title removed for whatever reason, that person shall turn in their sash so it may be reissued to the new titleholder, if any.
 - 2. The winner of the Miss GSGRA category will also receive a state issued crown, which she will keep through the duration of her term. The crown will be presented when the results of the competition are announced. On successful completion of her term, Miss GSGRA will keep her crown. If Miss GSGRA resigns the title or has the title removed, for whatever reason, she shall turn in the crown so that it may be reissued to the new titleholder, if applicable.
 - 3. An award buckle will be presented to Mr., Ms., Miss, and MsTer GSGRA on successful completion of their terms. Sashes, buckles, or any other awards remain GSGRA property until successful completion of the royalty member’s term.
- D. Duties: The GSGRA Royalty Team enters a contractual agreement with GSGRA which includes the following:
 - 1. Serve under the guidance of the Administrative Vice President.
 - 2. Adhere to the GSGRA Royalty Etiquette Guide & Code of Conduct, GSGRA EXHIBIT A, available from the Administrative Vice President or designated assistant.
 - 3. Will attend and assist in the production (through work at the rodeo, by assisting with organization, and/or through entertainment/performance) of all GSGRA rodeos.
 - 4. Make every effort to attend and represent GSGRA at other IGRA affiliated rodeos.
 - 5. Serve as co-chairs of the Royalty Committee.
 - 6. Whenever possible, will participate in the “Grand Entry” event at each rodeo attended.
 - 7. Will attend the Annual Convention and one (1) regular meeting of the Board.
 - 8. Will participate, as directed, in the royalty contest held to determine their successors.
 - 9. Closely coordinate their performance/fundraising schedule(s) with the Administrative Vice President.

Section 10. Public Record

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

Section 11. Competition Schedule

- A. The GSGRA Royalty Competition will take place in conjunction with the Annual Convention or at a date and time approved by the Board of Directors.

- B. A schedule of events for the GSGRA Royalty Competition will be provided to all contestants prior to the date of the competition. A contestant meeting will be held prior to the start of the first competition segment for “get-acquainted” time and distribution of information on the contest procedures and schedules. Horsemanship videos, written plan of action, entertainment music and final western wear descriptions must be submitted during this meeting and will not be accepted after the conclusion of the meeting.
- C. Announcement of the GSGRA Royalty Competition results shall take place after completion of the final competition segment after an audit has been completed by an auditor selected by the Executive Committee.

Section 12. ADA Compliance

- A. The GSGRA Royalty Competition will not discriminate against anyone based on disability according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- B. If a contestant requires special accommodations or cannot compete in a certain category of the GSGRA Royalty Competition because of his/her disability, that contestant must notify the Administrative Vice President no later than thirty (30) days prior to the GSGRA Royalty Competition. Prior to the competition, the Executive Committee will determine a fair and reasonable resolution with consideration of all contestants. The decision will be final only for that specific category.

Section 13. Competition

- A. The contestants’ order of competition will be random by draw conducted by the Administrative Vice President during the “get-acquainted” contestant meeting. The same order will apply to all segments of competition.
- B. All contestants must be available for events as scheduled.
- C. Mr./Ms./Miss/MsTer contestants will be judged 1/6 on western wear, 1/6 on horsemanship, 1/6 on entertainment, 1/6 on public presentation and 1/3 on interview.
 - a. High and low scores in each category will be thrown out and the remaining scores totaled.
 - b. In the event of a tie, high and low scores will be added back in to break the tie. In the event a tie still exists, the highest interview score breaks the tie.
- D. The personal interview will be closed to the public. All other segments will be open to the public.
- E. To qualify for a position on the Royalty Team a contestant must earn a score of at least 70% (percent) of the total available points.

Section 14. Competition Segment Guidelines

- A. Each segment of competition will follow the rules and requirements used at the most recent IGRA Royalty Competition. Refer to the IGRA competition information for specific rules and regulations.

Section 15. Succession.

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

RULE 9.4 DANCE COMPETITION

1. The annual dance competition shall be produced according to current IGRA Country-Western Dance Competition Rules (available on the IGRA website).
 - Section 1. Competition to be held when approved by the Board of Directors at such a time that winners of the competition will be able to compete at the IGRA competition, if any.
 - Section 2. All contestants must be members in good standing of the Association and be at least of the legal age of majority to sign contracts.
 - Section 3. Registration is free. Entry forms will be sent to the Dance Competition Coordinator and must be received no later than thirty (30) days prior to the dance contest. Only a GSGRA Official Entry form shall be used.
 - Section 4. Official judges' sheets shall be used, and results shall be available per IGRA rules.
 - Section 5. All results of the dance competition will become a matter of corporate record and results shall reflect the order of placement, and total scores will be posted immediately after the announcement of winners at the designated place within the competition venue. Individual results and judges sheets shall be sent to any contestant within (30) days after the competition upon receiving written request to the Dance Contest Coordinator.
 - Section 6. Conduct
 - a. The decision of the judges, the contest coordinator, and director will be final. All contestants are expected to act in a professional manner. Any contestant causing a disturbance or involved in unethical conduct interpreted as solicitation of privileged contest information from any contest official, may be disqualified from all competition. Contestants are not allowed to question or consult the judges under any circumstances regarding the administration and execution of the contest during the event. Contest questions on all matters should be directed to the contest coordinator only.
 - b. The judges are allowed to socialize with all who attend the event when not working, provided privileged information about judges' scoring or contest results is not divulged. As judges, specific contest observations are to be considered privileged for the duration of the event and shall not be revealed to anyone other than proper event officials. Noncompliance by any contestant, or improper conduct by any contest official, as well as formal contest inquiries or protest, should be brought to the attention of the contest coordinator or the event director.
 - c. Dance contestants and contest officials may not be under the influence or consume alcohol/illegal drugs during the contest. Contest officials include master of ceremonies, announcer, judges, auditors, scorekeepers, and their staff.

ARTICLE X FISCAL YEAR AND OTHER REPORTS

RULE 10.1 ANNUAL BUDGET

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

ARTICLE XI BOOKS AND RECORDS

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE XIII STANDING RULES

ARTICLE XIV PERSONAL LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

ARTICLE XV THE INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

RULE 15.1 IGRA TRUSTEE REIMBURSEMENTS

- A. Assuming funds are allocated in the annual budget, the Association shall reimburse its IGRA Trustee in the following manner:
 - 1. Division I Rodeos and all IGRA Trustee Meetings (Except IGRA Convention)
 - a. All travel to and from the rodeo unless the rodeo is held within 50 miles of the Trustee's residence or is hosted by the Trustee's GSGRA Chapter.
 - b. One half (1/2) the cost of housing at the host hotel for a maximum of three (3) nights for a Division 1 rodeo or four (4) nights for an IGRA Trustee meeting
 - c. If the Trustee is an official in the rodeo and receives any reimbursement from the hosting association, the GSGRA – reimbursable amount will be reduced by that same amount.
 - d. If the Trustee is a contestant in the rodeo and wins any cash prize in excess of their entry fees, the GSGRA – reimbursable amount will be reduced by that amount. (For example, if the trustee wins \$200 and has paid \$40 in entry fees, the amount of travel reimbursement will be reduced by \$160.) This will apply only to prizes of cash, and only to winnings related directly to competing in the IGRA-sanctioned rodeo events (such as "all around" money, "best rookie" money, or a Wild Drag Race costume contest); it will not apply to any special events open to non-contestants (such as a "Martha Washington" or "Dolly Madison" event which non-contestants may enter).
 - 2. IGRA Convention
 - a. An amount as voted on at the Annual meeting the same as the delegates.
 - b. Reimbursement will be for the cost of fuel (round trip), or the lowest available air, bus, or train ticket purchased at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of travel. The total amount of reimbursement will not exceed the budgeted amount.
- B. Receipts must be presented for reimbursement and will not exceed the budgeted amount. Reimbursement is contingent on the trustee attending a significant portion of the eligible event (the Division 1 rodeo or the IGRA Trustee meeting.)

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

- A. NOMINATION PROCESS
 - 1. IGRA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
 - a. The President shall appoint an IGRA Nominations Committee Chair. The committee will include, but not be limited to, one member from each chapter.

The chapter is responsible for providing the person to fill the committee position.

- b. The committee should actively solicit for nominations.
- c. Potential candidates may nominate themselves.
- d. Nominations will be accepted in person, e-mail or by phone message.
- e. The nominations committee will be responsible for verifying each candidate's eligibility for selection and will include membership validation.
- f. The IGRA Nominations Committee will conduct and run the election.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

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

3. DELEGATES

- a. IGRA Delegates and Alternates will be selected at a Board meeting at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the IGRA Annual Convention. The Board of Directors shall attempt to fill all Delegate and Alternate positions that are authorized by the IGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Board will determine the size of the delegation, with a minimum of four (4) delegates and a maximum of six delegates. To best represent the interests of the Association at the IGRA Convention, candidates shall be nominated to fill the IGRA allowed four (4) or six (6) delegate positions in the following way:
 1. Current GSGRA Trustee to IGRA
 2. Current GSGRA President
 3. Association Delegates – Two (2)
 4. If authorized by IGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules, two (2) additional Association Delegates
 5. Alternates (Maximum of four)
- b. Each nominated candidate must accept nomination in person at the Board meeting or in writing to the IGRA Nominations Committee Chair and/or the President if unable to attend. The IGRA Nominations Committee Chair will verify acceptance of nomination prior to the selection process.
 1. The nomination process will begin by the 1st of the month, at least two months prior to the election date.
 2. The nomination and election process will be outlined on the GSGRA website for the entire nomination period.
 3. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the election.

B. SELECTION PROCESS

1. Selection and voting of the eligible candidates will occur at a Board meeting at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the IGRA Annual Convention.
2. Voting will follow the standard voting procedure of a regular quarterly Board Meeting.
3. The nomination and election of the current Trustee and the current President will be automatic. In the event that either the Trustee and or the President decline nomination or are unable to attend, nominations for a comparable number of delegates will be accepted and voted on as Association Delegates.

4. Each Board Member shall vote for candidates, up to the number of Association Delegate positions available.
5. Candidates with the most votes shall be elected, up to the number of Association Delegates positions available.
6. Any Ties that need to be broken will require a runoff vote where the GSGRA Board of Directors each get one vote for the tied nominees.
7. Candidates not elected will automatically be an alternate delegate in the order according to their total vote count.
8. Once all Association Delegates and Alternates have been established and it is determined that any of the Chapters are not represented in the delegation, the unrepresented Chapter President or their selected designee will automatically replace the Alternate with the most votes and become a member of the Association delegation to IGRA Convention.

C. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

1. The budgeted amount for reimbursing expenses for the IGRA delegates, alternates, and trustee, as selected in Article XV Rule 15.2 Section 2, will be divided evenly amongst all participating members of the delegation.
2. Reimbursement for expenses will be for 50% of hotel room rates and taxes, (maximum of 4 nights) plus 100% of air, train, or personal vehicle expenses to a maximum of the individual share of the budgeted amount. (Vehicle rental expenses at convention are not reimbursable unless required in the course of representing the delegation. Prior approval of the Board must be obtained).
3. Receipts for travel and hotel expenses must be submitted to qualify for any expense reimbursement.
4. Reimbursement of expenses will normally be made after the completion of IGRA Convention.
5. Specific expense reimbursements may be submitted and paid in full, up to the maximum individual budgeted amount, in advance if receipts for the paid amount are submitted with the request. (i.e. airline or train ticket showing amount paid).

D. POST ELECTION PROCESS

1. DELEGATION

- a. The results of the election will be kept by the Association Secretary until the conclusion of the IGRA Convention.
- b. In the event an elected delegate is unable to attend the convention, the procedure for filling the vacancy will be completed as follows:
 1. The first alternate will become a delegate.
 2. The second alternate will become the first alternate, and so on until all alternates have moved up in their order.
- c. If a delegate or alternate is not present at the start of IGRA Convention, the GSGRA President or those elected delegates and alternates in attendance may choose to leave the position vacant or may appoint any GSGRA member in good standing who is already attending the Convention to fill the vacant position(s).

ARTICLE XVI ASSOCIATION SPONSORED RODEOS

RULE 16.1 DEFINITION

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

RULE 16.2 RESERVE FUND CONTRIBUTION.

1. No later than 30 days following the completion of an approved rodeo, the producing Chapter shall contribute an amount equal to \$0.25 (twenty-five cents) per rodeo performance ticket sold over 1000 (one thousand) tickets to the Reserve Trust Fund maintained by the Association. The Treasurer shall ensure similar amounts are transferred from committee produced rodeos. Rodeos which fail to produce a surplus shall not be required to contribute to this fund.

RULE 16.3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAPTER RODEO DIRECTORS

1. Rodeo Director responsibilities shall be:
 - a. Form a Rodeo Committee of which the Rodeo Director shall be chair. This committee shall include all Rodeo Sub-Committee chairs.
 - b. Hold regular monthly open meetings of the Rodeo Committee.
 - c. Ensure that minutes of these meetings are kept.
 - d. Ensure that a financial report be made to the Association Treasurer of items of revenue and expenditure pertaining to the production of the rodeo within sixty (60) days of completion of the rodeo.
 - e. Forward a copy of the minutes and the financial report to the Association Vice President of Rodeo Operations within 10 days of the date of each and every meeting of the committee. Failure to do so shall result in a fine of \$25 per occurrence.

ARTICLE XVII NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE XVIII DEDICATION OF ASSETS

ARTICLE XIX PROCEDURAL STANDARDS

RULE 19.1 PARLIAMENTARIAN

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

RULE 19.2 VOTING

A. SECRET BALLOT

1. If the vote is during a regular or special meeting of the Board, the votes will be cast by the individually elected chapter representatives or their designated alternates and the members of the Executive Committee by an agreed upon method so as the votes remain secret.
2. If the vote is during the Annual Convention or any other special meeting of the members, the total available votes allocated to the voting contingents will be cast by an agreed upon method so as the votes remain secret.

- a. Each represented chapter may cast their votes at the discretion of the affiliated members present at the meeting unless their affiliated chapter members have previously directed them to cast their votes in a certain manner.
 - b. If there is a voting contingent of nonaffiliated members, they may cast their allocated votes at the discretion of those members who are part of the voting contingent.
 - c. For each ballot, the total number of allocated votes will be written in the upper right-hand corner of the ballot and shall be circled. The total number of votes cast by each voting contingent cannot exceed the number of votes allocated to the voting contingent. Any ballot that has exceeded the total number of allocated votes, which is written in the upper right-hand corner and circled, will be voided and none of the votes on that ballot will be counted.
3. Whenever a vote by secret ballot is taken, the results of the vote will be retained for a period of one year. The results will be sealed in an envelope; which will then be marked with the motion, or officer position in the case of an election, dated; and retained by the Secretary. The ballots may be destroyed after a period of one year.

ARTICLE XX DISSOLUTION

ARTICLE XXI SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

RESOLUTIONS

DEFINITION OF TERMS

HISTORY OF MODIFICATIONS

930300 02/05/94

9.3 Added to include rules for selecting "royalty".

940100 05/07/94

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

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

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

9.4 Added rules for the dance competition.

940200 10/08/94

5.1.1 Change the requirements for the Annual Membership Meeting from being "held" to being "scheduled" over a two-day period.

Add the sentence "The meeting shall be held until all official business is finished." 9.1.9 Changed the title of "Administrative Vice President" to "Vice President".

950100 02/04/94

4.5 Added rules for accepting cash and issuing receipts.

950200 04/22/95

- 4.1 Change references from "Board year" to "fiscal year"
- 4.4 Change Rule title from "Name Tags / Protocol" to "Name Tags and Sashes"
- 4.4.4 Added regulations relating to Sash Protocol.
- 4.6 Added rules for automatic affiliation changes upon granting a charter for a new Chapter.
- 4.7 Added rules for automatic affiliation changes upon revoking a charter of an existing Chapter.
- 7.1.2 Change reference from "Vice President" to "Administrative Vice President"
- 7.1.3 Add a responsibility description for the Vice President of Rodeo Operations.
- 9.1.4 Place the Mr., Ms., Miss. committee under the Administrative Vice President.
- 9.1.5 Place the State Dance Contest committee under the Administrative Vice President.
- 9.1.8 Place the Sponsorship committee under the Vice President of Rodeo Operations.
- 9.1.9 Place the Education committee under the Administrative Vice President.
- 9.1.10 Change the name of the "Rodeo Operations" committee to the "Rodeo Management and Resources" Committee and add a description of the responsibilities.
- 16.3 Added Rodeo Director Responsibilities.

950300 10/14/95

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

960100 05/04/96

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

970100 02/08/97

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

970101 07/26/97

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

980100 05/10/98

- 15.2 I. G. R. A. Delegate selection process
 - 19.1 Removed chapter parliamentarian section.
 - 19.2 Added voting section and Secret voting procedures
- Resolutions. Added Resolution for filling State Dance Committee
May 10, 1998
STATE DANCE COMMITTEE
The Administrative Vice President of G. S. G. R. A. will officially compose a proposal of members of the State Dance Contest Committee and present it for approval to the G. S. G. R. A. Board of Directors at the second quarterly board meeting of the election year.

990100 05/08/99

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

000100 06/10/2000

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

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

- Article XV. Rule 15.2. Allows for election of IGRA convention delegates at annual meeting.
- Article IV. Rule 4.5. Changed pricing of name badges.
- Article IX. Rule 9.1. Correct reporting line of Nominations Committee
- Article IX. Rule 9.1. Correct name of dance contest
- Article IX. Rule 9.1. Added duties for Fundraising Committee.

Article IX. Rule 9.3. Updated Royalty contest
Article IX. Rule 9.4. Updated Dance contest
Article IX. Rule 9.1. Require postal service mark.
Article IX. Rule 9.3. Require western wear description sheets.
Article XV. Rule 15.2 Revised delegate selection process
Article IX. Rule 9.4. Revised royalty contest rules

2003.02.08

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

2003 05 03

Editorial throughout – Replaced term “tag” with “badge”.
Editorial throughout – Clarified usage of terms; “Annual Meeting”, “Meetings of Members”, and “Membership Meeting”.
Editorial throughout – Replaced “ad hoc” with “special” when referring to committees.
Editorial throughout – Clarified usage of terms “GSGRA”, “Association”, and “State”. Editorial throughout – Corrected spelling of “counselor”
Article IV. Rule 4.1. Replaced reference to “mechanical costs” with “production costs”.
Article IV. Rule 4.1. Reduced chapter portion of membership dues to \$2.00 per member.
Article IV. Rule 4.2 Clarified requirements of the membership application.
Article IV. Rule 4.4 Deleted reference to suspension of membership. Reordered all following paragraphs.
Article IV. Rule 4.4 Clarified purchases of name badges. Clarified sash protocol.
Article IV. Rule 4.6 Clarified membership transfers when a chapter charter is revoked.
Article VI. Rule 6.1 Deleted.
Article IX. Rule 9.1 Deleted references to standing committees for Nominations, Fundraising/Public Relations, Newsletter, and Rodeo Resources. Added standing committee for Branding & Communications.
Article IX. Rule 9.3 Clarified duties of royalty.
Article XVI. Rule 16.3. Established deadline for reporting rodeo results to the treasurer.
Article XIX. Change appointment of parliamentarian to become a responsibility of the president. Clarified procedures for voting at meetings.

2003 08 16

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

2004 05 01

Article VII. Rule 7.1. Added part 9 to president’s duties, requiring president to serve as a nonvoting member of the board for up to 12 months following completion of term.
Article IX. Rule 9.3. Changed conditions and timing of awarding royalty buckle.

2005.02.05

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

2005.04.30

Article IX. Rule 9.3. Changed deadline for submission of packet to 30 days prior to convention. Changed contest date to annual convention and specified that contest may occur over both Friday night and Saturday.
Article XV. Rule 15.1. Added comment that reimbursement will occur only if funds are budgeted.

2005.07.16

Article X. Rule 10.2. Added new rule requiring budget variances of more than 10% to have board approval.

2008.07.25

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

2009 01 25

Throughout – added MsTer title to royalty competition rules.

2009 07 25

Article IX. Rule 9.3. Added throughout. Revised deadline for distribution of packets. Allows Miss to keep crown. Increased qualifying fundraiser to \$300 and establishes split between GSGRA and travel fund. Revised duties to include fundraising of \$700, revised attendance at annual meeting and board meetings. Revised scoring procedures for contest.

2010 01 30

Article IV. Rule 4.1. Incorporated Honorary Memberships

Article IV. Rule 4.3. Clarified membership transfer process.

Article VII. Rule 7.2. Removed reference to Counselor here and throughout document.

Article IX. Rule 9.4 Aligned Dance Competition dates with IGRA as well as other miscellaneous changes

Article X. Rule 10.2. Added Dance Category to fund coverage.

Article XV. Rule 15.2. Clarified nomination process.

Article XV. Rule 15.2. Provides for removal of absent delegates.

Article XVI. Rule 16.3. Clarified reporting process.

Article XIX. Rule 19.1. Clarified procedure for appointing a parliamentarian.

2011 10 22

Article IX. Rule 9.4 Added vests to award items and clarified that awards remain property of GSGRA until completion of terms.

2012 01 07

2013 Rule 9.3. Removed reference to GSGRA Spirit Stick

2014 01 19

Article IX. Rule 9.1. Amended to allow for electronic record storage.

Article XVI. Rule 16.2 Moved specified dollar amount of contribution to Rodeo Reserve Fund from Bylaws to Standing Rules.

2015 01 11

Article IV. Rule 4.3. Made treatment of change of affiliation to nonaffiliated equal. Article VII. Rule 7.2. Added wording for nonaffiliated board representatives.

2016.01.30

Editorial throughout – Changed all nonaffiliated variations to nonaffiliated.

Editorial throughout –Punctuation clean up

Article XIX Rule 19.2 Change secret ballots from written only to “an agreed upon method”.

2017.01.28

Article IV Rule 4.1 Added #1 due change at annual meeting from bylaws.

Article IV Rule 4.1 # 4 change business add to available size from specific dimensions.

Article IV Rule 4.1 # 5, change added name Jabby Lowe Service Award and add in for family membership only the awardee receives the benefits.

Article IV Rule 4.1 #6 changed incentive due from “start of” to during annual meeting.

Article IV Rule 4.4 #Added A to the existing text without indent, added to B language and process for offensive requests.

Article IX Rule 9.1 section 5 split branding and communications into 5 and 6

Article IX Rule 9.3 added language to guarantee enough judges for royalty contest.

Article XV Rule 15.2 Section 3Clarify IGRA Reps in the event GSGRA were not to product any rodeos in a year.

2018.01.27

Table of Contents: Remove Article X Rule 10.2 David Watkins Memorial Fund (Entire section).

Article IX Rule 9.3 Section 9.C.4: Remove “and completion of a David Watkins Memorial Fund Fundraiser”.

Article IX Rule 9.3 Section 9.D.6: Remove entire line/requirement to raise money for DWMF; renumber remaining section.

Article X. Rule 10.2: Remove entire David Watkins Memorial Fund section.

Lined-up paragraphs correctly in Article XV that were mixed into run-on sentences. No change in text or numberings.

2021.01.30

Article IV Rule 4.1.3.1: Remove advertising in newsletter from Business/Corporate Membership

Article IV Rule 4.4.3.D and E: Add “GSGRA” to royalty titles.

Article IV Rule 4.4.4.C: Change “pageant” to “competition”.

Article V Rule 5.1.2: Members required to register for annual Convention with GSGRA Secretary and pay fees, if required.

Article V Rule 5.2.1: Remove written introduction of Chapter Spokesperson; Chapter will notify State Secretary of Chapter Spokesperson prior to meetings.

Article V Rule 5.3.1: Nonaffiliated members must register for Convention and nonaffiliated contingent will select a spokesperson during Call of the Roll.
Article V Rule 5.4 & Rule 5.5: Remove presentation of spokesperson credentials and meeting reimbursements.
Article VII Rule 7.1.2.3: Remove education project from responsibilities and add Royalty and Dance Programs.
Article VII Rule 7.1.2.4: New #4-Oversee Rodeo Clubs of the Association. Renumber remaining items.
Article VII Rule 7.1.4.1.4: Minutes will be distributed instead of mailed to the Board.
Article VIII Rule 8.2.1 Remove entire rule for meeting reimbursements.
Article IX Rule 9.1: Correct all committee names to include “COMMITTEE”; include a chapter representative from each chapter on every committee.
Article IX Rule 9.1.6: Remove Communications Committee entirely and renumber remaining section.
Article IX Rule 9.3.1.C: Each chapter to supply a judge & must notify Administrative VP a minimum of 30 days prior to the scheduled competition.
Article IX Rule 9.3.4: Contestants required to live in the Association’s geographical area.
Article IX Rule 9.3.5: Raise a minimum of \$250 for GSGRA (remove hosted in their name)
Article IX Rule 9.3.9.C.3: Remove Award Rules entirely – requesting for vests. Renumber remaining section.
Article IX Rule 9.3.9.C.4: Renumbered to Article IX Rule 9.9.C.3: remove “rings and vests” as awards.
Article IX Rule 9.3.9.D.2: Add GSGRA Exhibit A GSGRA Royalty Etiquette Guide & Code of Conduct.
Article IX Rule 9.3.9.D.5: Remove Community Outreach/Fundraising Committee and add Royalty Committee.
Article IX Rule 9.3.10.A: Remove titles and replace with GSGRA Royalty Competition.
Article IX Rule 9.3.10.B: Results are to be posted in a designated place of the competition venue.
Article IX Rule 9.3.11.A: Remove titles and replace with GSGRA Royalty Competition held in conjunction with Annual Convention or at a date and time approved by the Board of Directors.
Article IX Rule 9.3.11.B: Remove competition required on Friday or Saturday of Convention.
Article IX Rule 9.3.11.C: Competition results announced after final competition event (remove Saturday).
Article IX Rule 9.3.12.A and Rule 9.3.12.B: remove titles and replace with GSGRA Royalty Competition.
Article IX Rule 9.4.1.1: Remove September 1 through November 30 date and replace with approval by Board of Directors.
Article IX Rule 9.4.1.3: Entry forms to be “sent” not “mailed” and “received” not “postmarked”.
Article IX Rule 9.4.1.4: Add “per IGRA rules”.
Article IX Rule 9.4.1.5: Post results in a designated place of venue; results will be sent on request, not mailed.
Article XV Rule 15.2.1.1.6: Remove by mail & fax.
Article XV Rule 15.3.2.2: Remove process outlined in the monthly newsletter.
Article XVI Rule 16.3.1.3 and Rule 16.3.1.4: Correct Insure with Ensure.
Article XVI Rule 16.3.1.5: Rodeo Directors must forward minutes and financial reports within 10 days to VPRO; failure to do so shall result in a \$25 fine.
Resolution from May 10, 1998 – move to History of Changes.

2023.01.14

Article XV Rule 15.2.1.1: Remove #2 & #4 – removing “categories” for delegate positions.
Article XV Rule 15.2.1.3: Align with new IGRA Bylaws quantifying Association Delegates at 4 or 6 depending on allowed maximum by IGRA; remove categories and rename to Association Delegates and Alternates; Remove nominations into “Categories”.
Article XV Rule 15.2.2: Remove voting for delegates in “categories”; redefine voting for Association Delegates; Alternates (maximum of 4) in order of vote count.
Article XV Rule 15.2.4: Delete entire section; replace with new Post-Election Process section to include keeping results until after IGRA Convention; order of succession for delegates and alternates that cannot attend convention; and filling a vacant position if a delegate is not present at the start of IGRA Convention.

2023.04.12

Article XV Rule 15.2.2: Remove #2 Secret Ballot; renumber section.
Article XV Rule 15.2.2: Add #6 Provision for runoff to break a tie.