

# THE BRANDING IRON

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



## ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope everyone has recovered from their Pride weekend and Easter weekend. It's been a very busy month for everyone. Well I can assure you that your board of directors is hard at work already gearing up for the new Rodeo year. The board has done interviews for the our committee chairs and I will be introducing them now! Drum Roll Please.....

First I would like to introduce our Rodeo Director George Immerso, George has been a pleasure to work with the last couple of years and has amazing teams working with him. George again will be a great asset to our organization. George and his team will be making a few changes this year to accommodate lessons learned from the previous years! Welcome back George we are glad to have you on board again!

Our membership liaison is George Del Rio, George comes to AGRA not only with great ideas to build our membership but an enthusiasm that our organization desperately needs. George will be setting up membership drives, reaching out to community businesses and our local sister organizations to help increase the awareness of our mission and get people to join this amazing organization we all so deeply love! Welcome George!

Christy Barnett will be our Pride Events Coordinator- the board of directors have decided to create a pride events chair to organize our local pride events and any other event that AGRA would like to be visible at. Christy comes to us as a former Mister AGRA and a runner-up to Phoenix Pride. Christy is excited to show not only our local community but the surrounding areas what AGRA does for our community. Thanks for jumping on board Christy and we look forward to working with you this year!



**Walt Hutter has been selected as our Audit Committee chair- Walt comes with a plethora of accounting knowledge and experience when dealing with AGRA. Walt was AGRA's treasurer for several years! Walt will be selecting two other people to work on this committee as well. If you are interested or wanting to get more involved with AGRA please get with Walt. Welcome Walt!**

**Dave and Doug Holmes has been selected to be on the Elections Committee and we are just awaiting confirmation from one other to fulfill the third slot. Welcome boys we are glad to have you on board!**

**Justin Gonzalez has been selected as our BI editor, Justin comes with a wide range of experience and he also did our April BI. We are excited to see the various changes Justin will be doing with the BI!**

**Contestant Liaison- still waiting confirmation.**

**I have to say the BOD is so excited for this up coming year, we have an excited group of committee chairs that have been selected, They will call upon our membership for their expertise and their knowledge to help grow this organization back to what it once was! It's time that we GET EXCITED, GET INVOLVED and SHOW the community what we are all about! We are planning membership drives, fundraisers, social outings, please attend and invite your friends get them involved in our amazing cause!**

**We have already made it out of the trenches after this last rodeo, there is light at the end of the tunnel!! I must say I am so honored to work for such a dedicated and determined membership! We should all be proud of what we do for our community!**

**Respectfully,  
Michael Weidmann  
AGRA President**



# THANKS BOB!

Howdy Folks!

Well, it's time again to wish some folks a Happy Birthday and a wish for many more! These members of AGRA all share the month of May as a Birthday Month...Happy Birthday to all of you from all of us!

**7-May**

**Tim Dougherty**

**9-May**

**Michael Weidmann**


**16-May**

**Edgar Garcia**

As of April 25th, our membership for 2011 stands at 67, with 7 Champion members. This is a good start for the year. Like I have said before, let's talk up AGRA every chance that we can to increase our membership.

I hope the start of the summer season is going well for all...Enjoy!

Bob Shukis  
2011 Secretary





Hello AGRA Membership,

Here is the financial report:

Thank you,

Jai  
AGRA Treasurer

March: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$10,325.35
Checking	\$10,325.35
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$1,766.46
Rodeo	\$65.40
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income	(\$5,369.30)
Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Refund \$146.18	Generator Rental \$2000
Ticket Sales \$1798.46	Portable Toilets \$859.52
Bar Crawl \$285	Officials \$114.89
Mini Rodeo \$100	Printing \$175.49
Sponsors \$935	Refreshments \$49.34
Non-Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Misc Income \$40	Bank & Credit card Exp. \$404.49
Membership Dues \$1404	Office Expense \$372.71
Merchandise \$51.54	Annual Banquet \$465.88
St Patio Show \$1514	



April: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$3,627.13
Checking	\$3,627.13
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$1,227.78
Rodeo	(\$7,926.00)
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income	(\$13,295.30)
Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
	Generator Rental \$2000
	Arena \$4952
	IGRA \$974
Non-Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Membership \$72	Bank & Credit card Exp. \$159.22
Merchandise \$15	
Charlies Patio Show \$1300	





# **TRUSTEE**

## **Trustee's Report**

**First, I want to tell you about actions approved in the April 8, 2011 IGRA Board of Directors' and Trustees' Meetings in Fort Lauderdale.**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

#### **IGRA Royalty Team Charity Funds**

**The IGRA Royalty Team recommended funds raised for charity be distributed to the Matthew Shepard Outreach Foundation and the Trevor Project. Without opposition, this recommendation was approved.**

### **International Awards**

**Nominations will be accepted through the end of the IGRA Board Meeting in July. IGRA pays for two Appreciation Awards from each Association. In our June 13 AGRA Membership Meeting, I will ask for nominations for the International Award, Trustees' Award, and the Appreciation Award. If there are more than two nominees for the Appreciation Award, I will request a vote so this award is only given to two recipients.**

### **2011 IGRA Annual Convention**

**The contract has been signed with the Hilton Mission Valley (San Diego), and all meeting space will be for IGRA activities.**

### **2012 IGRA Board Meeting Schedule**

**IGRA Board Meetings in 2012 will be held as follows:**

**Friday – January 13, 2012 in St Louis at IGRA University**

**Friday – May 18, 2012 in Las Vegas (Big Horn Rodeo)**

**Friday – August 17, 2012 in Chicago (Windy City Rodeo)**

**IGRA Annual Convention (date & location to be determined)**

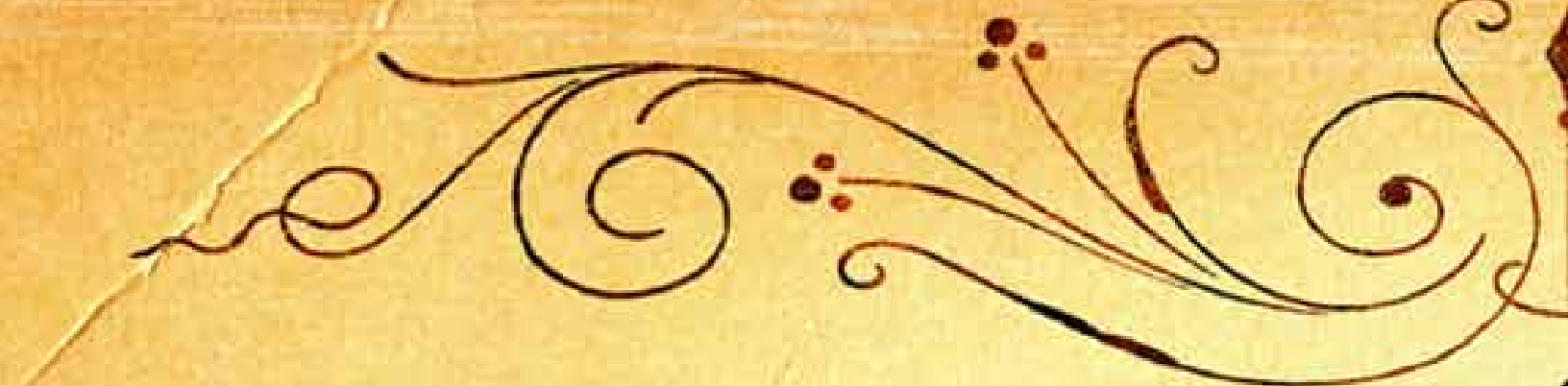
### **Trustees' Meeting**

#### **Scorekeeper Certification**

**Paul Hodapp, CGRA, was certified as a Scorekeeper for 2011.**

### **2011 RRRR Fine**

**In the Rodeo Review Board Meeting following the rodeo, AGRA was not assessed a fine, and there was no mention of any violation. However, when the minutes were**



**distributed, the IGRA Secretary indicated there was a \$50.00 fine. Later, the IGRA Treasurer sent an invoice for the \$50.00 fine. Due to the inconsistencies and different statements regarding what occurred, I asked that the Trustees rescind the fine. Without opposition, the fine was rescinded.**

#### **Bay Area Regional Rodeo**

**Change of dates from August 16-18, 2011 to September 9-11, 2011 was approved. Also, a variance for arena size of 85 feet wide by 200 feet long was approved.**

#### **Registration Times at 2011 Finals Rodeo**

**A variance was approved to have registration from 6-8 pm on Friday evening at the host hotel.**

#### **Rule Interpretation**

**The Trustees voted to interpret Rodeo Rule X, Section 24 that “video tapes” are defined as “any photographic media”.**

**On April 25 I received an email asking for a vote to approve date changes for the Zia Regional Rodeo from August 5-7, 2011 to August 12-14, 2011. The venue location has also changed to Santa Fe. I expect these dates to be unanimously approved.**

**You can now make hotel reservations for the 2011 IGRA Finals Rodeo which will be October 7-9 in Fort Worth. The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza Fort Worth South. Reservations can be made by calling (817) 293-3088 and asking for the International Gay Rodeo Association room block. Room rates are \$85.00 plus \$12.84 tax per night (total \$97.84 per night). Cut-off date for reservations is September 8, 2011.**

**In the last meeting, the AGRA Board of Directors approved sponsorship of the Jr Bull Riding Buckles & Medals for the 2011 World Gay Rodeo Finals. For 2010, AGRA sponsored the Steer Riding Event for \$800.00. For 2011, the sponsorship cost is only \$600.00.**

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# THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID!

Howdy!

April was a good month for us. We had the easter benefit at Charlie's and raised almost 600 dollars. Thank you Jai and George Del Rio for your help. All the entertainers thank you so much.

Our next fundraiser is Chili Verde Day at Charlie's. May 7 th hope to see you all there.

Thank you,

Claudia B  
(Joshua Sipe)





# **MEETING SCHEDULE**

**AGRA Board Meeting**  
**Schedule 2011 - 2012**  
**(Charlie's Office)**

**May 12**  
**June 2**  
**July 14**  
**August 4**  
**September 15**  
**October 13**  
**November 3**  
**December 8**  
**January 5**  
**February 2**

**AGRA Membership Meeting**  
**Schedule 2011 - 2012**  
**(Charlie's Dance Floor)**

**May 16**  
**June 6**  
**July 18**  
**August 8**  
**September 19**  
**October 17**  
**November 7**  
**December 12**  
**January 9**  
**February 6**





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