

# THE BRANDING IRON

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



### ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Memorial Day Weekend!! We are gearing up for a hot summer!

We started taken nominations for convention in San Diego and will continue to take nominations this month at our June membership meeting.

Stay tuned for more information regarding membership renewal parties and AGRA retreat.

That's all for now folks

Respectfully,  
Michael Weidmann  
AGRA President

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Next Newsletter Deadline:  
June 25th 2011

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# 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 June as a Birthday Month...Happy Birthday to all of you from all of us!

<b>6/6</b>	<b>Marcos Sandoval</b>
<b>6/11</b>	<b>Charlie Thompson</b>
<b>6/11</b>	<b>Clinton Bartlett</b>
<b>6/16</b>	<b>David Patterson</b>
<b>6/20</b>	<b>George Del Rio</b>
<b>6/21</b>	<b>Michael Wells</b>
<b>6/25</b>	<b>John Lovejoy</b>
<b>6/28</b>	<b>Ron Trusley</b>
<b>6/29</b>	<b>Jim Craven</b>

As of May 25th, our membership for 2011 stands at 72, with 8 Champion members. This is a great start to the New Year, but it is good to see so many members out there seeking other new members to increase these numbers. If this continues, this will be one of the best years for us ever!

Summer is heating up...and this search for new members and renewing past members is heating up as well. By recruiting new members, we can put some real sizzle into the summer of 2011!

Bob Shukis  
2011 Secretary





# TRUSTEE

## **Trustee's Report**

Per AGRA Bylaws, I the May 15, 2011 Membership Meeting, nominations were received for the 2011 Annual IGRA Convention that will be November 9-13 at the Hilton Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego. Members nominated and who accepted the nomination are:

Kyle Ross, Dan Iversen, Joshua Sipe aka Claudia B, Jai Crystal, David Holmes, Doug Holmes, John King, Gary Hatterman, Greg Gillum, Cary Leibowitz

Nominations will again be receive in the June 12 Membership Meeting, and voting by secret ballot will take place in the July 17 Membership Meeting. The AGRA President and Trustee are automatically Delegates. The four people receiving the highest number of votes will be Delegates, and the five people with the next highest number of votes will be Alternate Delegates.

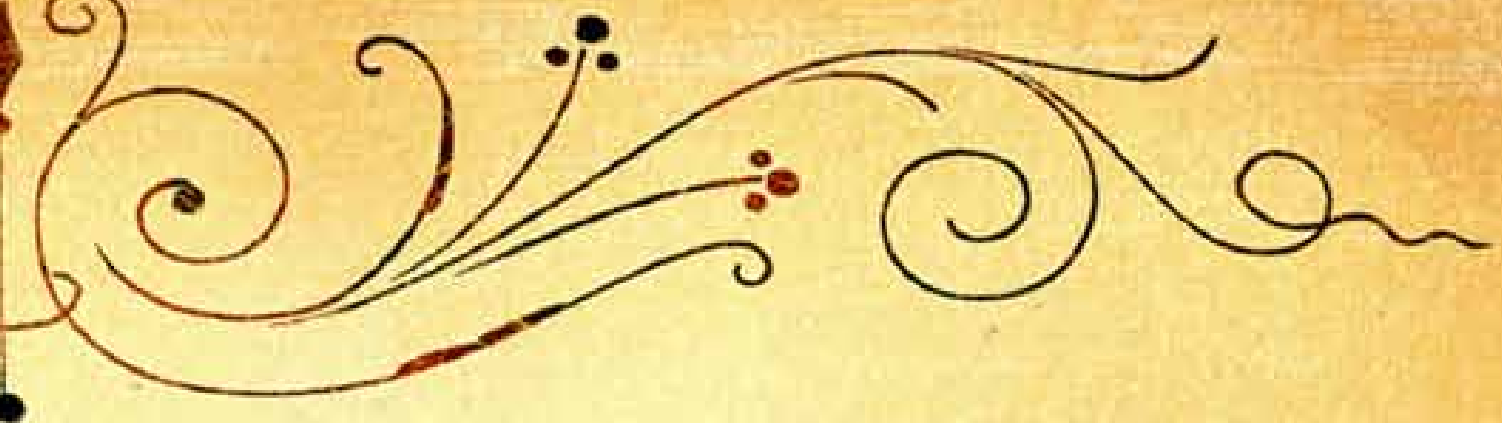
Nominations for International Awards will be accepted in the June 12 Membership Meeting. Award categories are International Award, Trustees' Award, and Appreciation Award. The IGRA Board of Directors and Trustees select the recipients for the International and Trustees Awards. The Appreciation Award is for non-members of IGRA, and IGRA pays for two awards per Member Association. If there are more than two nominations for the Appreciation Award, I will suggest members vote so that only two AGRA Appreciation Awards are given.

## **International Awards descriptions are:**

### **International Award**

This award is to recognize those members of IGRA who have made contributions to IRA worthy of special recognition. This contribution can be in any of the activities that IGRA encompasses.

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**Trustees' Award**

This award is to recognize those contestants of IGRA who have exhibited excellence in the standards exemplified in the Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship.

**Appreciation Award**

This award is for non-members of IGRA who have made significant contributions to the association and is a means of providing a formal "thank you".

AGRA Appreciation Awards in 2010 were given to Morrie Carter aka Miss Ebony, Nick Blair-Alliance Beverage Distributing Company, The Imperial Sovereign Empire of Arizona, Scott Tickler aka Victoria London, Richard Stevens aka Barbra Seville, Apollo's Lounge, April Petersen & The Alternative Marketing Team-Hensley Beverage Company, and Rainbow Cactus. I strongly encourage you to think of two individuals or groups/organizations that are non-members of IGRA and who are worthy of this award. I would like to see the awards go to different individuals or groups/organizations rather than to the same ones year after year. However, no legitimate nomination will be refused.

**Ron Trusley**

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# **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**Hello A.G.R.A. members and friends -**

**June is here and the desert sun is heating things up.**

**Just a few weeks ago, your Board of Directors appointed a variety of Standing Committee chairs. One of these wonderful volunteers is the new editor of the Branding Iron - Justin Gonzalez. Justin has been taking over the monthly design and editorial duties - while looking at ways to develop the magazine and expand its readership. One of the ways to help our Branding Iron grow is to bring in (or bring back) some colorful advertising.**

**\*\*If you are interested in advertising your business by reaching over 1,000 Arizona rodeo members, fans, and friends each month, please contact me at [3destiny@msn.com](mailto:3destiny@msn.com). Justin and I will be putting together an ad sheet shortly!**

**Decor/Rodeo Art Wanted - At Charlie's Phoenix, the A.G.R.A. has a LARGE bulletin board near the front of the bar. Because the board is so big, it has been a challenge to fill it with relevant information and artwork.**

**\*\*If you have rodeo, A.G.R.A. or IGRA pictures, art, or current year posters, please send me an email. I'll ask you to drop it off to Charlie's so we can get it on the LARGE bulletin board. (Please note two requirements: 1. The A.G.R.A. bulletin board is dedicated solely to promoting the organization - not our businesses or our vanities. 2. A.G.R.A. and Charlie's will not be responsible for any donated items posted on this open bulletin board. Thank you for your understanding and your donations.)**

**Keep cool... See you in June -**

**Greg Gillum  
A.G.R.A. Public Relations**



# MEETING SCHEDULE

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

**May 11**  
**June 8**  
**July 13**  
**August 10**  
**September 14**  
**October 12**  
**November 16**  
**December 7**  
**January 4**  
**February 8**

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

**May 15**  
**June 12**  
**July 17**  
**August 14**  
**September 18**  
**October 16**  
**November 20**  
**December 11**  
**January 8**  
**February 12**



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