

# THE BRANDING IRON

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



### ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Well now that summer is winding down, things are heating up with AGRA. George Immerso and his team are well into the planning stages for the Road Runner Regional Rodeo 2012. I am asking all members to get involved in on the Rodeo Team. As we all know this event takes an army of soldiers to put on. Please get with me or any other board member to see where you can help.

Our ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO 2012 Sponsorship packets will be ready at our September membership meeting. I encourage all members to attend this meeting to pick up a few copies and help with sponsorships. Every little bit helps!!

Please don't forget about our Labor Day Beach Party Saturday, Sept. 3rd @ 8pm. As always this will be a fun filled event that all members should attend. I hope everyone has a relaxing Labor Day Weekend with loved ones!

**Be safe and stay cool!**

**Michael Weidmann  
AGRA President**

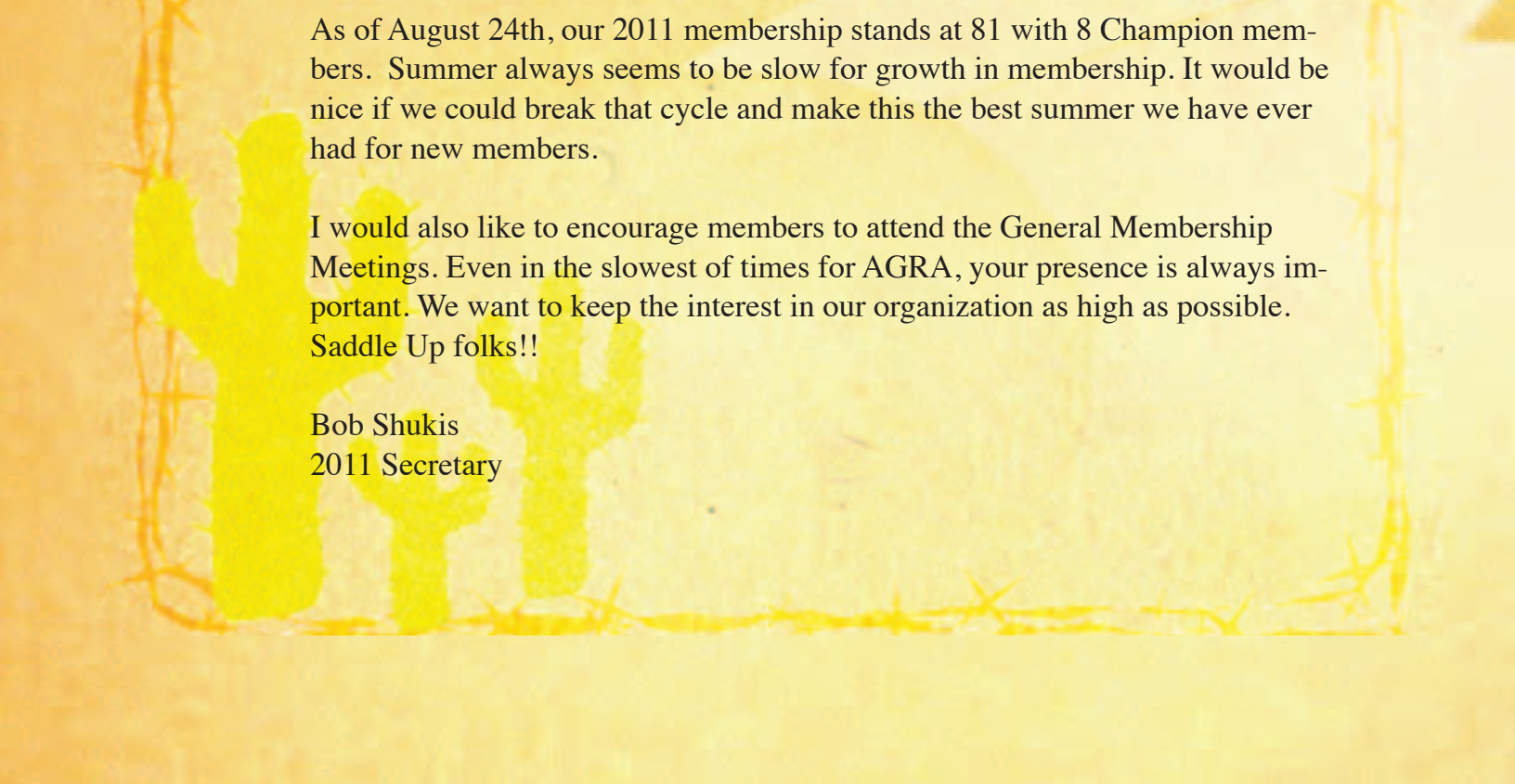


# THANKS BOB!

Howdy Folks!

Well, it's time to wish a Happy Birthday to these folks that all share the month of September as their month of birth. We all wish you the very best and may you have many more!

<b>9/6</b>	<b>Scott Gaw</b>
<b>9/6</b>	<b>Debra Stambaugh</b>
<b>9/9</b>	<b>Paula Bohl</b>
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Dan Iverson</b>
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Kevin McSweeny</b>
<b>9/19</b>	<b>Javier Vega</b>
<b>9/27</b>	<b>Cary Leibowitz</b>
<b>9/30</b>	<b>Arnold Chavez</b>



As of August 24th, our 2011 membership stands at 81 with 8 Champion members. Summer always seems to be slow for growth in membership. It would be nice if we could break that cycle and make this the best summer we have ever had for new members.

I would also like to encourage members to attend the General Membership Meetings. Even in the slowest of times for AGRA, your presence is always important. We want to keep the interest in our organization as high as possible. Saddle Up folks!!

Bob Shukis  
2011 Secretary

Hello AGRA Members,

Here is the financial report:

Thank you,

Jai  
AGRA Treasurer



June: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$5,382.71
Checking	\$5,382.71
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$2,639.70
Rodeo	(\$1,695.33)
Year to Date 2011 Rodeo Net Income	(\$14,489.61)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Program Ads \$450	Generator Rental \$1686.33
	Volunteer Party \$200
	Refund \$259
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$71	Bank & Credit Card Exp 127.95
Merchandise \$15	IGRA Fundraiser \$2675.50
Apollos Kowby Karaoke \$191	Office Expense \$184.85
Pride Beer Booth Sales \$5351	
July: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$6,241.99
Checking	\$6,241.99
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$548.80
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2011 Rodeo Net Income	(\$14,489.61)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$211	Bank & Credit Card Exp 128.35
Grand Ol' Opry \$651	Office Expense \$184.85





# TRUSTEE

## Trustee's Report

In the September 18 Membership Meeting, we will again be accepting nominations for the IGRA Appreciation Award since the deadline for nominations is extended until October 1, 2011. One nomination was previously received. IGRA will pay for the cost of two (2) Appreciation Awards per association.

Unfortunately it became necessary for Gary Hatterman to remove his name as a Delegate to the IGRA Annual Convention. Now the Delegate and Alternate Delegate list is as follows:

### Delegates


Ron Trusley, Trustee  
Michael Weidmann, President  
Jai Crystal  
John King  
Doug Holmes  
David Holmes

### Alternate Delegates

Cary Leibowitz  
Greg Gillum  
Dan Iversen  
Carlos Garcia


At this time, there is a vacant position for one Alternate Delegate. If you plan to attend convention and are interested in filling the position, please let me know. The convention will be November 11-13, 2011 at the San Diego Mission Valley Hotel. Room rates are \$109.00 per night, and self-parking will be available at a reduced rate of \$5.00 per day. More information is available on the IGRA website ([www.igra.com](http://www.igra.com)). I encourage all Delegates, Alternate Delegates, and anyone else planning to attend convention to make your room reservations as soon as possible. Reservation deadline is October 19.

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**Again, I want to remind everyone that the 2011 World Gay Rodeo Finals will be in Fort Worth October 7-9. The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza Fort Worth South. Room rates are \$85.00 per night, and the reservation deadline has been extended till September 30, 2011. However, I encourage everyone to make reservations now to ensure room availability. More information is available on the IGRA website. I sincerely hope many AGRA members will be able to go to the Finals Rodeo; it should be lots of fun!**

**Ron Trusley, Trustee  
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# **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**Hello All -**

**Let's all hope that when this Branding Iron is published, it will be much cooler than the 115 degrees we are enjoying today...I can feel my skin sizzling when I'm outside in Phoenix on a day like today. But I digress...**

**Those last entries for the 2011 A.G.R.A. Royalty Competition are making their way to our Vice President as we speak. Entry applications are due to Cary Liebowitz by Friday, September 1. The contestants will have several weeks to meet their qualifications, raise funds, and prepare for the Royalty Competition on Friday, September 16 at Charlie's-Phoenix. The judging starts at 7pm, so I suggest you get there early, have a beverage, and stake out a good place to watch these men and women compete!**

**Your delegates and alternates to the IGRA convention are also preparing to represent our association in November in San Diego. As we look at proposals and other business matters, we are also considering some ways to include you in some fun events in Phoenix before we hit the road. Be sure to keep an eye out for email updates from our Secretary, Bob Shukis, about these and other news about your rodeo association.**

**Keep cool and take care!**

**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 3**  
**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 7**  
**September 18**  
**October 16**  
**November 20**  
**December 11**  
**January 8**  
**February 12**



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