



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – January 15, 2025

Attendees:

Stewart Black – President
Jeffrey Neal – Vice President
Bryan Shields – Secretary
David Hering – Treasurer
Guy Puglisi – Trustee
Kathy Alday – Director
Jason Banales – Director
Doug Graff – Rodeo Director
Chris Aguilar - Fundraising Director

Michael Pitta/Becky Bocky/Miss NGRA 2024
Heather Mumford
Brenda Alday
Tara Hornor
Leela Alland
Marshall Hughes/Mr. NGRA 2024

Board Members Absent:

N/A

Available Positions:

Sponsorship Chair

President called the meeting to order 7:01 p.m. Quorum of Board was met. Meeting was held via Zoom.

President’s Report

- Report Submitted
- 2025 NGRA State Convention -
 - Convention Chair: Jeffrey Neal
 - Parliamentarian: Appointment to come
 - Requesting proposed changes by February 24, 2025. Please send to vicepresident@ngra.com.
 - Any member may propose changes to the bylaws.
 - Convention date: Sunday, March 2, 2025
 - Location to be determined.
 - Meeting will be in person.
- Stewart encouraged everyone to attend IGRA University. It is open to all, membership is not required, and please register early to assist with an accurate head count.

Vice President’s Report

- Report Submitted
- Membership: 91 (Individual 65 + Honorary 8 + Lifetime 18)
- **Membership application received for Daniel Ciacci. David Hering moved to approve. Chris Aguilar Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote. Welcome Daniel!**

Secretary’s Report

- David Hering moved to approve the December 20204 meeting minutes. **Second – C. Aguilar. Discussion. Approved by unanimous vote.**

Treasurer’s Report

- Report Submitted

Trustee’s Report

- No Report Submitted
- IGRA University in Las Vegas - \$25 admission – please support and represent if you are able!
 - o Royalty sponsorship is available. Email IGRA Vice President if interested.
- We have received an invitation to attend the IGRA 50th Golden Year Reunion taking place in Reno, Nevada, on October 9-12, 2025. The weekend will include the “Road to Fifty” Celebration: Fifty Years of Gay Rodeo, the 2025 World Gay Rodeo Finals and IGRA Royalty Competition. All dances to be held at “The Row” in Downtown Reno. WGRF will be held at Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center. The letter is in the meeting packet and will be distributed to the membership on January 20, 2025.



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- If you are wondering what you can do to help with this amazing celebration, there are a few things:
 - Contact your friends and tell them about the reunion, dates, and location.
 - Find your photos and send them to igra50reunion@gmail.com so we can include them in the photo reel.
 - Book your hotel room to make sure you get in on the block booking. There will be many other related events in Reno this weekend, so book your room early. Silver Legacy and Circus Circus are the host hotels and are in “The Row” which is in downtown Reno.
 - Further weekend event details to follow on www.igra.com, IGRA Member Forum, and your own local Rodeo Association social media.
 - Host Hotel link: [Welcome to the ROW!](#)

Director-At-Large Reports

- Kathy Alday – Director
 - Report Submitted
- Jason Banales – Director
 - No Report Submitted

Fundraising

- Report Submitted
- Next Fundraising meeting to take place in person on Tuesday evening, February 4th (First Tuesday of the month) at 6:30p at Roadrunner, located on the corner of Washington and Buffalo.

Royalty Team

- Report Submitted

Rodeo Planning Committee - RPC

- Report Submitted
- Next RPC Meeting January 29 – **in person** (*Zoom will also be available if needed*)

Sponsorship

- This has been rolled into Rodeo Director updates moving forward until the position has been filled. If interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Stewart Black.

Marketing

- No Report Submitted

Unfinished Business

- N/A

New Business

- **Kathy moved to have our 501c3 paperwork reviewed by council to have an executive summary drafted for clarification and our guidance/reference moving forward. J.Banales – Second. Discussion. Motion withdrawn.**
- **Kathy moved to acquire a quote to have our 501c3 paperwork reviewed by council to have an executive summary drafted for clarification and our guidance and reference. Jason Banales – Second. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Quorum was met.

General Membership



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[General Membership - New Business](#)

- N/A

Quorum was met.

General Membership adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Executive Session called to Order at 8:02 p.m.

Executive Session and Board meeting were adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Bryan Shields, NGRA Secretary 2018-2025