



## Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – January 21, 2026

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### Attendees:

Jeffrey Neal – President  
Bryan Shields – Secretary  
David Hering – Treasurer  
Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos – Rodeo Director  
Doug Graff – Director  
Jason Banales – Director

Jim McCoy

### Board Members Absent:

Guy Puglisi – Trustee

### Available Positions:

Vice President  
Fundraising Director  
Sponsorship Chair

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President called the meeting to order 7:04 p.m. Quorum of Board was met. Meeting was held via Zoom.

### President's Report

- Report Submitted
- Thank you to everyone who attended or supported the recent IGRA University and the Sin City Classic. It was an amazing event and the Saturday show hosted by Tequila Mockingbird was out of this world.
- **Jeffrey Neal appointed Shaun Franklin-Sewell as Vice President. David Hering moved. Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.** Congratulations Shaun!
- **Jeffrey Neal appointed Jason Banales as Fundraising Director. David Hering moved. Bryan Shields Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.** Congratulations Jason!
- **Jeffrey Neal appointed Stephanie Danderson as Miss NGRA 2026. Doug Graff moved. David Hering Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.** Congratulations Stephanie!
- NGRA is seeking a new Sponsorship Chair. Please contact Jeffrey Neal or any Board Member if you are interested in this role.

### Fundraising

- Report Submitted
- Upcoming fundraising events taking place on the second Saturday of the month at The Phoenix:
  - February 14 from 6-8p – Wild Hearts & Western Spurs
  - March 21 from 7-9p – Shamrocks & Spurs
  - April 18 from 7-9p – Rodeo Idol Competition Kickoff
  - May 16 from 7-9p – Rodeo Survival Party
  - June 20 from 7-9p – Closet Ball
- Next Fundraising meeting to take place in person on Tuesday evening, January 6th (First Tuesday of the month) at 6:30p at Roadrunner, located on the corner of Washington and Buffalo.

### Vice President's Report

- No Report Submitted
- Membership: **Membership: 91 (Individual 68, Lifetime 18, Honorary 5)**
- Reminder: Membership renewals are due by December 31, 2025.

### Secretary's Report

- **David Hering moved to approve the December 2025 meeting minutes with updated Black Rodeo dates (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>). Second – Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**



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### Treasurer's Report

- Report

### Trustee's Report

- No Report Submitted
- IGRA 1st Quarter BOD Meeting Notes from January 16, 2026
  - o The liability policy will be approximately \$530 v. \$555 with Western Specialty Insurance. IGRA D&O policy will also be with WSI for \$1,411. The point system is 1 point for associations, 1/4 point for independent rodeo schools not part of a regional rodeo, and 1/2 point for IGRA University and Convention.
  - o The fourth black shirt for WGRF is now vacant. A new recruitment will be sent to the trustees and distributed via social media with a deadline of March 1st.
  - o The 2027 IGRA Convention will be at the Golden Nugget in Downtown Las Vegas.
  - o The Corporate Auditor for 2026 will be Ed Barry.
  - o The board voted to make a \$10K donation to The Sundance Association for Country Western Dancing for all the contributions they made to make WGRF a huge success, donating \$17K worth of equipment, and representing the majority portion of the hotel room block.
  - o Mark Arnold is working on a five-year strategic plan and a two-year capital fundraising campaign with a goal of \$300K.

### Director-At-Large Reports

- Douglas Graff – Director
  - No Report Submitted
- Jason Banales – Director
  - No Report Submitted

### Royalty Team

- No Report Submitted

### Rodeo Planning Committee – RPC / Sponsorship

- Report Submitted
- Black Rodeo will take place the first weekend in October 2026 (*October 2-4, 2026*). Anyone interested in volunteering to assist with the bar, please contact Rosemary or Doug.
- Next RPC meeting to be announced – likely in February after Phoenix rodeo.

### Marketing

- No Report Submitted

### Unfinished Business

- N/A

### New Business

- Jim McCoy with 2026 PRIDE Event Updates
  - January 30 deadline for NGRA article
  - Join PRIDE for BINGO on February 11 at Area 15 (doors at 6p, BINGO at 7p)
  - Monthly PRIDE BINGO every second Wednesday through November 2026
  - PRIDE facilitates a full community calendar ([lasvegaspride.org/calendar](http://lasvegaspride.org/calendar))
- Celebration of Life for Kitty Litter is taking place Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 1-4p at Badlands.
- **David Hering moved to approve NGRA joining The Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Nevada. Doug Graff to complete the application, and the \$250 application fee has been**



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**generously donated by The Baygo Collection. Second – Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos.  
Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

**Quorum was met.**

[General Membership – Unfinished Business](#)

- N/A

[General Membership - New Business](#)

- N/A

**Quorum was met.**

**Board and General Membership meetings adjourned at 8:14 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Bryan Shields, NGRA Secretary 2018-2028