



## Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – November 19, 2025

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### **Attendees:**

Stewart Black – President  
Jeffrey Neal – Vice President  
Bryan Shields – Secretary  
David Hering – Treasurer  
Guy Puglisi – Trustee  
Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos – Rodeo Director  
Doug Graff – Director

Michael Pitta/Becky Bocky/Miss NGRA 2025  
TJ Leogardo  
Sherice Brisco

### **Board Members Absent:**

Jason Banales – Director  
N/A

### **Available Positions:**

Fundraising Director  
Sponsorship Chair

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President called the meeting to order 7:03 p.m. Quorum of Board was met. Meeting was held via Zoom.

### President's Report

- Report Submitted
- NGRA is seeking a new Fundraising Director and a Sponsorship Chair. Please contact Stewart Black or any Board Member if you are interested in either of these roles.

### Vice President's Report

- Report Submitted
- **Membership: Membership: 91 (Individual 68, Lifetime 18, Honorary 5)**
- Reminder: Membership renewals are due by December 31, 2025.
- **Jeffrey Neal moved to approve new member Zack Waldrop. Second – R. Tomasulo-Campos.**  
**Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.** Welcome Zack!
- **Jeffrey Neal moved to approve Zach's membership through 2026. Second - D. Hering. Discussion.**  
**Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

### Secretary's Report

- **David Hering moved to approve the October 2025 meeting minutes. Second – R. Tomasulo-Campos.**  
**Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

### Treasurer's Report

- Report
- 2026 Proposed Budget shared for review ahead of December's meeting.
- Trustee Election Results: Congratulations Guy Puglisi!
- Ballots will be sent out after this meeting for upcoming election of President, Secretary, and Director at Large positions. Results to be announced at our December 17, 2025, meeting.

### Trustee's Report

- Report Submitted
- IGRA 4th Quarter BOD Meeting - November 13, 2025 and Annual Convention
- Fifteen contestants competed in the royalty competition. The two charities who received 50% of the entry fees, \$1,875 each, were Stand in Pride and The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The 2025 IGRA royalty raised over \$16,500.
- There are currently no proposals for an association to host the 2027 convention, so it appears IGRA will be responsible to select a location and host the event. ASGRA planned to provide a proposal, but the hotel gave the dates away to a different group. ASGRA is still looking at alternatives.
- The board approved a contract with Cultural Sponge to redesign/consolidate the five websites IGRA currently has. Ultimately, everything will be under IGRA.com.



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- Rodeos were approved for CGRA, GPRA, GSGRA/Bay Area, NMGRA, NSGRA, and UGRA.
- Rodeo School support was approved for NMGRA, MIGRA, RRRA, and UGRA. The limit of six rodeos being supported will be removed from the Rodeo School Support Request document. There are currently seven rodeo support requests approved for 2026. Embassy Suites PHX Biltmore is the host hotel for IGRA Convention November 11-15, 2026. Room rates are \$194 for kings and two queens \$214 plus \$10 per person for third and fourth persons. The delegate fees are set at \$135.
- Hall of Fame inductees were: Mark Arnold, Barbara Bugg, Kim Dawson, Jodi Hines, Bruce Roby, Craig Rouse, and David J. Smith.
- Gene Fraikes was reelected as IGRA Secretary and Kami Boles was elected as IGRA Vice President.
- The IGRA board meetings will be held as follows:
  - o January 16 — Las Vegas / IGRA U
  - o April 24 — Little Rock / Rodeo in the Rock
  - o August 21 — Santa Fe / ZIA Rodeo
  - o November 12 — Phoenix / Convention
- Trustee Chair is Candy Pratt. 1st Vice Chair is Chris Tobin and 2nd Vice Chair is Robert Thurtell.
- Terry Covington was appointed to the fourth assistant position on the WGRF team.

### Director-At-Large Reports

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

### Royalty Team

- No Report Submitted

### Rodeo Planning Committee – RPC / Sponsorship

- Report Submitted
- **Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos presented 2026 Proposed Budget for review and moved to approve. Second - D. Graff. Discussion. Motion passed via unanimous verbal vote.**
- **Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos moved to approve a \$500 maximum budget to replace NGRA radios. Second – D. Graff. Discussion. Motion passed via unanimous verbal vote.**
- Next RPC meeting will take place Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 6p. Meeting will be a hybrid - in person and with a zoom link.

### Fundraising

- Report Submitted
- **Jeffrey Neal moved to approve December's *Wild Wild Oz* poster. Second – D. Hering. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote with edits discussed (*change date font color to red, replace Three Olives with Malibu logo, and remove Grinch*).**
- **Bryan Shields moved to approve November's *A Night of Rodeo Royalty* poster. Second - R. Tomasulo Campos. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote with edits discussed (*add sponsor logos to bottom, use white BHR logo, center date line, shrink dead space between "A Night Of" and "Rodeo Royalty"*).**
- **Bryan Shields moved to approve January's *IGRA Invades NGRA* poster. Second – D. Graff. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote with edits discussed (*add BHR logo between NGRA and IGRA logos, use translucent IGRA logo instead, replace Three Olives with Malibu logo*).**
- Next Fundraising meeting to take place in person on Tuesday evening, December 2nd (First Tuesday of the month) at 6:30p at Roadrunner, located on the corner of Washington and Buffalo.



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### Marketing

- No Report Submitted

### Unfinished Business

- N/A

### New Business

#### **- Proposed Change to Standing Rule One:**

- *C. NGRA will pay the application fee for titleholders who choose to represent NGRA at the IGRA Royalty Competition.*
- *D. NGRA Royalty eligible to compete in IGRA Royalty competition may each hold up to two (2) individual fundraising events to fulfill the IGRA Royalty contestant requirements.*
- *E. Funds raised from royalty-produced required fundraisers for IGRA Royalty competition will be funneled through NGRA, provided that the event is revenue neutral to NGRA.*
- *F. All fundraising efforts by current royalty team members, other than fundraising to accomplish IGRA Royalty Competition requirements or through attendance at another organization's fundraising event, will be held for the benefit of NGRA and through the direction of the Fundraising Committee.*
- *G. Shall not benefit financially (Personally) from any fundraiser promoted with NGRA or IGRA or with their title.*

**- Bryan Shields moved to approve the standing rule change. Second – R. 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 8:16 p.m.**

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