

# IGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules Proposals 2022

This document includes the Bylaws and Standing Rules advance proposals to be considered at the 2022 IGRA Annual Convention. In accordance with standard annual convention practice, deletions are underlined and additions are **bolded**. When deletions or additions result in a change to section or paragraph numbering, it is understood that the renumbering will be done during editing and is, therefore, not indicated in the proposal.

The following table designates which committee will consider each proposal. Committee assignments are subject to change and each committee may have additional proposals to be considered.

<b>Proposal Prefix</b>	<b>Committee</b>
BSR	Bylaws and Standing Rules

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## Proposal BSR-01

Page 5, Article IV, Section 7, Paragraph A

### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 7. Membership Renewals.

Paragraph A. The Membership Committee will consider a Member Association's renewal request when the Secretary has received all of the following:

1. Completed renewal application (Exhibit A1).
2. Copy of board resolution releasing geographic territory of existing Member or Recognized Association and corresponding letter, if applicable.
3. Provide proof of active or good standing from state or province.
4. Documentation proving not-for-profit or nonprofit corporation.
5. Copy of current bylaws.
6. List of current officers.
7. Membership list dated within thirty (30) days prior to the renewal deadline.
8. Verified funds in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) **four hundred dollars (\$400.00)** paid to IGRA for annual dues.
9. Verified funds paid to IGRA for any outstanding fees, fines, assessments, or monies due.

## Proposal BSR-02

Page 8, Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph A

### ARTICLE VI – ANNUAL CONVENTION

#### Section 1. Time and Place.

Paragraph A. The annual convention (Annual Convention) shall be held within the last two months of the rodeo year and may not be scheduled within seventeen (17) days of IGRA University, Finals Rodeo, or any other IGRA–sanctioned rodeo.

**Paragraph A. The annual convention (Annual Convention) shall be held within the last two months of the rodeo year in conjunction with Finals Rodeo.**

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### RULE XIV FINALS RODEO

Section 3. Finals Rodeo may not be scheduled within seventeen (17) days of Annual Convention, IGRA University, or any other IGRA–sanctioned rodeo.

**Section 3. Finals Rodeo shall be scheduled in conjunction with Annual Convention.**

## Proposal BSR-03

Page 10, Article VII, Section 1, Paragraph A

### ARTICLE VII – DELEGATES

Section 1. Voting Delegates.

Paragraph A. Representation.

1. Each Member Association shall be entitled to representation at Annual Convention by five (5) **two (2)** voting delegates and five (5) **two (2)** alternate delegates.
2. A Member Association shall be entitled to one (1) **four (4)** bonus voting delegate by hosting one or more of the following at least one (1) rodeo within its geographical area during the current rodeo year:
  - a. At least one (1) rodeo within its geographical area.
  - b. Annual Convention.
  - c. IGRA University.
3. The number of delegates per Association shall not exceed six (6).

## Proposal BSR-04

Page 21, Article XI, Section 1, Paragraph A

### ARTICLE XI – AUDITORS

Section 1. IGRA Corporate Auditor.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

The IGRA Corporate Auditor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at the first board meeting of the rodeo year. The appointment will be for one (1) fiscal year. **An individual may serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive years.**

## Proposal BSR-05

### Page 25, Article XII, Section 8

#### ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

##### Section 8. Public Relations Committee.

##### Paragraph A. Appointment.

The Board of Directors will select an official Public Relations Chairperson a **Public Relations Spokesperson** for a term of three (3) years. **The Public Relations Spokesperson shall serve as the Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee.** In addition to the Chairperson, the committee shall be composed of one (1) representative from each Member Association, as selected by that association.

##### Paragraph B. Duties.

1. The Public Relations Chairperson **Spokesperson** will report to the Board of Directors at each scheduled board meeting. In his/her absence, the Vice President will make the report.
2. The Public Relations Chairperson **Spokesperson** will conduct a public relations seminar at Annual Convention and additional seminars through the year at locations beneficial to IGRA Member Associations. Pre-registration fees of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per person payable to IGRA and sent to the Executive Office, postmarked at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the seminar. Fees shall be refundable upon attendance. Fees shall be forfeited for non-attendance. Late registration will be accepted at the discretion of the Chairperson.
3. The Public Relations Chairperson **Spokesperson** will perform any other actions deemed necessary by the Public Relations Committee and/or the Board of Directors.
4. Position description of the Public Relations Chairperson **Spokesperson** shall be determined by the Board of Directors (Exhibit B).

##### Paragraph C. Other.

1. Member Associations, their individual members, stock contractors, contract personnel, officials, and staff of the rodeo, will notify the Public Relations Chairperson **Spokesperson** with all IGRA media requests.
2. Any Member Association or their individual members purporting to represent the integrity, interests, goals, and operations of IGRA must receive written consent to appear or participate in or on any form of media.
3. IGRA, its Public Relations Chairperson **Spokesperson**, and its Member and Recognized Associations will at all times do their best to respect each person's confidentiality with regard to IGRA-sanctioned events if they have not signed a waiver of consent. However, IGRA, its Public Relations Chairperson **Spokesperson**, and its Member and Recognized Associations shall not be liable for the reproduction of any such person's name, voice, likeness, biography, and photograph in or on any form of media present, or not present, at an IGRA-sanctioned event.

## Proposal BSR-06

Page 13, Rule XII, Section 8

### RULE XII RODEOS AND RODEO APPROVAL

#### Section 8 Mentoring.

The Executive Board will appoint a Mentorship Team consisting of individuals experienced in the areas of rodeo directorship, financial responsibilities and production to provide guidance for all phases of producing a rodeo. The Mentorship Team will provide guidance to Associations with new rodeos, and to associations with returning rodeos who request it. **The Mentorship Team will provide guidance to Associations with new rodeos, Associations with returning rodeos after more than three years without a rodeo, and any Association which requests assistance.**

## Proposal BSR-07

Page 19, Rule XVI, Section 9

### RULE XVI SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

#### Section 9. Appreciation Award.

This award is for non-members of the nominating Member Association who have made significant contributions to the association and is a means of providing a formal “thank you.” **This award is for individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to the Member Association and is a means of providing a formal “thank you.”** This award may be given by the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Committee Chairs, or any other official representatives of IGRA with the approval of the Board of Directors. IGRA will cover the cost of no more than two (2) awards per Member Association.