

BRANDING IRON

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The Official Newsletter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Nominations for Delegates to the 2019 IGRA Annual Convention were received in the May and June membership meetings. Now

per the AGRA Bylaws, voting will take place in the July 14 membership meeting. Per the bylaws, the President and Trustee are automatically Delegates. So on the ballot you will be instructed to vote for four people. The four individuals with the highest number of votes will be Delegates, and the remaining five will be Alternate Delegates.

Individuals who were nominated and whose names will be on the ballot are as follows (listed alphabetically by first name):

Dan Iversen
Chris Fairbrother (aka Christi Mikels)
Gary Parker
Greg Begay
Joshua Sipe (aka Claudia B)
Mark Boyd
Michael Brent

Michael Weidmann
Travis James

I encourage you to visit the AGRA website at www.agra-phx.com and let us know what you think about the site, and if you have suggestions for making it better.

Also, I want to remind everyone that articles for publication in the monthly AGRA Newsletter – “The Branding Iron” – are due by the 25th of each month. Send them to Mark Boyd at mark@markalanboyd.com.

I want to ensure that every member has received their AGRA name badge and that the name is correct as you requested. So if you have not received a name badge, or if your name badge is wrong, please let me know.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, or if you need information, just contact me.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The royalty team Continues to be out representing AGRA at different community events. Thank you team way to go!!!

Miss AGRA 1st Runner -Up Nikki

Starr, Mr AGRA Mahlon Lovell, and Mr 1st Runner- Up- Rayan Knopp have

met all their requirements to compete at the IGRA level for royalty in October.

If you are interested in being part of the 2020 contact a current royalty team member or myself. Come be a part of making a difference in our community.!

Michael Butts

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Special Announcement

Effective June 8, 2019 the current AGRA Secretary submitted her resignation. In the Sunday – July 14, 2019 AGRA Membership Meeting, nominations will be received to fill this vacated position. Voting by ballot will also take place in the July 14 meeting. The term will end February 28, 2021.

RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Good news!!!! Our 2020 Rodeo Application was unanimously approved by the IGRA Board in their July 5 meeting in Denver. So now we will be able to finalize and sign a contract with the Stock Contractor.

Also, we have visited different hotels and will be selecting a host hotel very quickly. Sponsorship packets can now be distributed, and we hope to secure sponsorship commitments very soon. Vendor information will also be distributed soon. If you, or your business/organization, are interested in a possible sponsorship, just let us know. Or if you know of a business/organization you think might be interested, let us know, and we will make sure they receive the sponsorship packet. For sponsorships and/or information, contact me or Michael Weidmann.

Hensley Beverage Company is finalizing a new Contract/Agreement

and should be ready by the week of July 15. This will probably a 3-year Agreement. Once the Agreement is finalized, we will let you know the specifics in it.

We are in the process of creating and approving the buckle design for the 2020 rodeo. It should be available soon.

It is not too late to sign up to be on the 2020 Rodeo Committee. We will meet Sunday – July 14 at 1:00 pm in Charlie's Corporate Offices. If you are interested just show up for the meeting, or let me know you are interested.

Be sure to check the AGRA website (www.agra-phx.com) regularly for updated rodeo information.

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FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings all!
Website updates will be coming throughout the month and I'm working on a new Events section that is easier to manage that will

allow me to get events posted quicker.

Also, I can't wait to show you all some designs I've been working on for our 35th Anniversary!

As always, I welcome submissions for the Branding Iron, website, and social media via email. Articles are due on the 25th of the month.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles, advertisements and more for the Branding Iron each month!

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AGRA BOARD METING	AGRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES	IGRA BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2019	August 18, 2019	Canadian Rockies Rodeo north (Calgary AB Canada)	August 02-04, 2019	
		AGRA Beach Party @ Charlie's	August 31, 2019	
September 05, 2019	September 08, 2019	Labor Day (monday)	September 02, 2019	
		Best Buck in the Bay (San Francisco/Duncan Mills, CA)	September 13-15, 2019	
		Big Horn Rodeo (Las Vegas, NV)	September 20-22, 2019	
		Pride in the Desert (Tucson)	September 28, 2019	
October 10, 2019	October 13, 2019	Las Vegas Pride	October 19-20, 2019	
		33rd Annual World Gay Finals Rodeo (Scottsdale, AZ)	October 24-27, 2019	
		33rd Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Scottsdale, AZ)	October 24-27, 2019	
November 07, 2019	November 10, 2019	Rainbows Festival (Phoenix)	November 2-3, 2019	
		AGRA Fall Bake Sale	November 10, 2019	
		35th Annual IGRA Convention (Denver, CO)	November 21-24, 2019	November 21, 2019
December 19, 2019	December 22, 2019	AGRA Day of Christmas @ Charlie's	December 22, 2019	
		AGRA Holiday Bake Sale	December 22, 2019	
January 09, 2020	January 12, 2020	IGRA University (Location TBD)	January 17-19, 2020	
February 06, 2020	February 09, 2020	Super Bowl LIV (54) (Miami, FL)	February 02, 2020	
		AGRA 2020 Royalty Competition @ Charlie's (5:00 pm)	February 08, 2020	
		Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo	February 13, 2020	
		35th Anniversary Arizona Gay Rodeo	February 14-16, 2020	
		Rodeo Volunteer Party	February 21, 2020 (Friday)	
		AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet	February 29, 2020 (Saturday)	
March 05, 2020	March 08, 2020			

HOT COUNTRY NIGHTS



Aug. 24th
Showtime 9:30 pm



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