

# BRANDING IRON

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2022



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well, I certainly have very little to write about for this issue of the Branding Iron.

It now appears we will have 6 Delegates and only 3 Alternate Delegates for the

2022 IGRA Annual Convention in Denton, Texas. But, I am sure everyone will represent AGRA very well.

At the time of this writing, our current membership stands at 141 members with 29 Champion Members.

I encourage members to continue attending Membership Meetings and actively participate in the meetings and other events as they are scheduled.

I would like to remind everyone that nominations for President and Secretary will be accepted

in the November and December 2022 Membership Meetings. Voting and elections will take place in the January 2023 Membership Meeting for a 2-year term from March 2023 through February 2025. In March 2023, the Board will appoint the Treasurer for a 2-year term from March 2023 through February 2025.

Individuals nominated for President must have been an individual or champion member for at least 12 months when nominated. Individuals nominated for Secretary must have been an individual or champion member for 6 months when nominated.

So now is the time to start think about the board positions, ask questions, and gather any information you need to you think you might be interested in one of the positions.

HAPPY HALOWEEN!!!

*-Ron Trusley*

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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

**SUNDAY, AUG. 14 • 3:00PM**

**AT CHARLIE'S PHOENIX**

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# RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Rodeo Committee is working hard to get everything in place for our rodeo in February 2023. The slate of officials is almost complete, and I will soon be sending formal invitations.

I hope to be able to show the buckle design in our October Membership Meeting. And, I hope to make the buckle available for members at a discounted price.

If you would be interested in being the Rodeo Director, now is the time to start thinking about it, and to make sure you know what is involved, and that you would have time to perform the duties. Per AGRA Bylaws, in March the Board will appoint a Rodeo Director for a 2-year term. That means in March 2023 the Board will appoint a Rodeo Director for a 2-year term from March 2023 through February 2025. The appointed individual would be Rodeo Director for the 2024 and 2025 rodeos.

## Ron Trusley

2022-2023 Rodeo Director  
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# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Congratulations to all of our October Birthdays!



- Michael Butts ..... 10/4
- Michael Lee ..... 10/5
- Nathaniel Monreal ..... 10/10
- Nick Villanueva ..... 10/13
- Christopher Service..... 10/19
- Jorge Felix ..... 10/26
- David Holmes ..... 10/26
- Doug Holmes ..... 10/26
- Richard Merritt..... 10/28
- Tim Bentley ..... 10/31

**Hector Villalba**  
Secretary

# TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Well everyone the rodeo season is over! Oh, no its not... one more: It's the Finals in El Reno, Oklahoma!

The top 20 for each category are getting their letters congratulating them for making their points and being able to go to World Gay Rodeo Finals. I am very proud of all of our contestants from Arizona Gay Rodeo who competed

this year and are able to go to finals.

Just remember that the next Rodeo will be our rodeo in 2023.

Also, our President, Ron Trusley is the Grand Marshal for Finals.

Thank you,  
**Mark Christensen**  
Trustee

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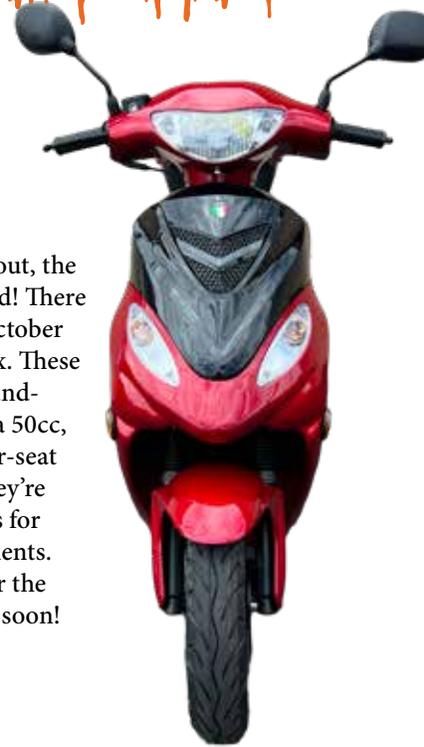
# EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Greetings everyone! I am very happy to say that our current raffle of TWO Amigo 50cc Scooters is going extremely well! The staff of Charlie's Phoenix has really been pushing ticket sales, and I feel that a lot of people are excited about these scooters. They are one of the biggest prizes we have done to date.

If you would like to purchase tickets, time is running out, the drawing will be held on October 17, after Pride weekend! There will be tickets available for purchase at the Sunday, October 9 membership meeting, 3:00pm, at Charlie's Phoenix. These are great little scooters that could be a fun run-around-town extra vehicle or even a daily driver, featuring a 50cc, air cooled gasoline motor, lockable trunk and under-seat storage, USB phone charging port and more. They're street legal in all 50 states, check your local laws for licensing, insurance, and registration requirements.

We have another great raffle coming up after the scooters and I can't wait to tell you all about it soon!

Thank you,  
**Michael Weidmann**, Executive Assistant



## FUNDRAISING REPORT



Howdy all.... As September closes we had a great Labor Day weekend. We made \$795.00 at our Beach Party fundraiser show at Charlie's Phoenix.

In a vote by the board, AGRA decided to donate the funds from the Beach Party, to Mr. & Miss Charlie's Pride 2023 to help them with their fundraising goals for the Phoenix Pride Scholarship Program. The Phoenix Pride Scholarship Program goes back to LGBTQIA+ individuals seeking continued education. Anyone in the community may apply. What I love about AGRA is our continued support for many organizations throughout the community and throughout the year, not just when we do our check presentations from the Rodeo. That's why we exist, to help other non-profits and community organizations further their missions.

Have a spooky Halloween.

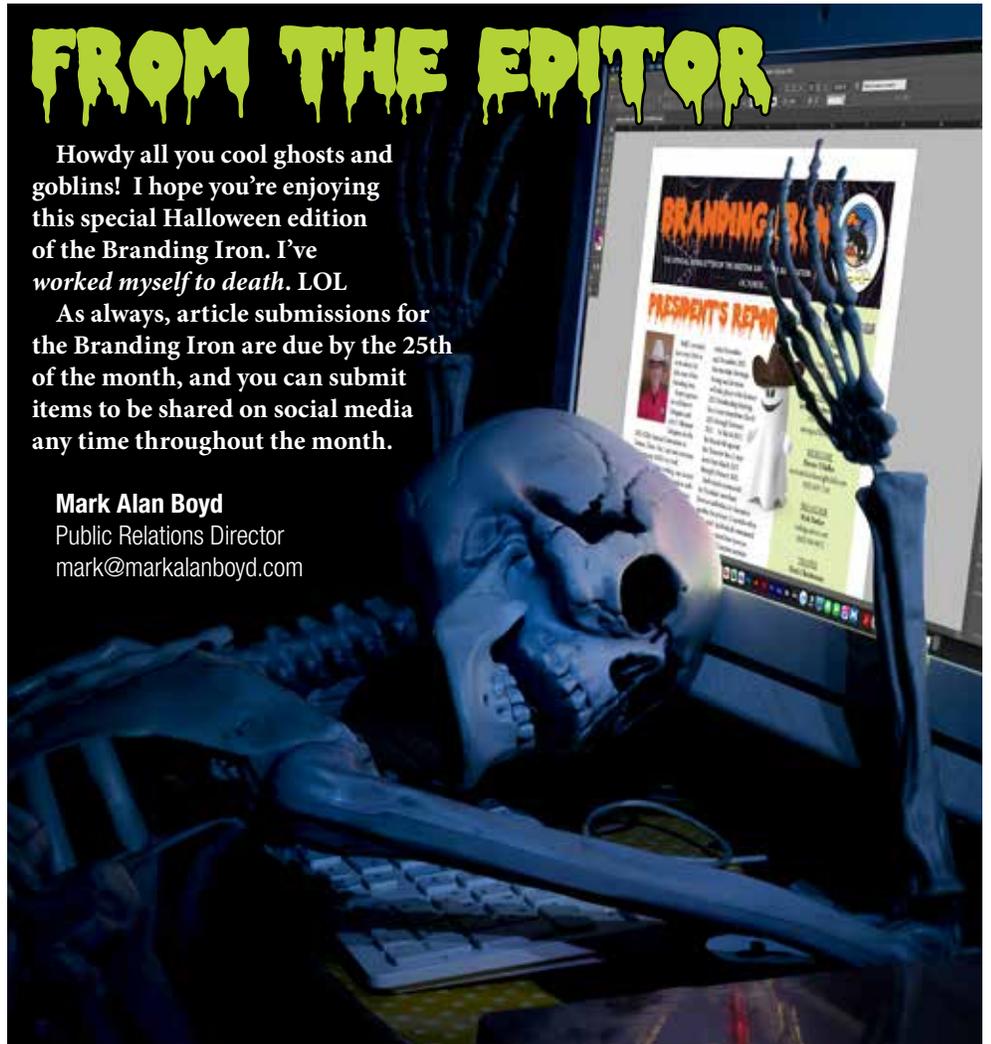
**Joshua Sipe AKA Claudia B.**  
Fundraising Director

## FROM THE EDITOR

Howdy all you cool ghosts and goblins! I hope you're enjoying this special Halloween edition of the Branding Iron. I've *worked myself to death*. LOL

As always, article submissions for the Branding Iron are due by the 25th of the month, and you can submit items to be shared on social media any time throughout the month.

**Mark Alan Boyd**  
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# EVENT SCHEDULE

RODEO/EVENT	DATES
Las Vegas Pride	October 8, 2022
Phoenix Pride Parade & Festival	October 15-16, 2022
World Gay Rodeo Finals - El Reno, OK	October 28-30, 2022
IGRA Annual Convention - Denton, TX	November 18-20, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	November 24, 2022
AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's	December 18, 2022
AGRA Holiday Bake Sale - 5:00 pm	December 18, 2022
Christmas Day	December 25, 2022 (Sunday)
New Year's Eve	December 31, 2022 (Saturday)
New Year's Day	January 1, 2023 (Sunday)
AGRA Royalty Competition @ Charlie's	February 8, 2023 (Wednesday)
Super Bowl LVII (57) - State Farm Stadium - Glendale AZ	February 12, 2023
Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo	February 16, 2023 (Thursday)
37th Anniversary Arizona Gay Rodeo	February 17-19, 2023
Rodeo Volunteer Party	February 24, 2023 (Friday)
AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet	February 25, 2023 (Saturday)

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All membership meetings are at 3:00pm at Charlie's Phoenix, unless otherwise noted.

- October 9, 2022
- November 13, 2022
- December 18, 2022 **5:00pm**
- January 15, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- March 12, 2023

## BOARD MEETINGS

All board meetings are at 7:00pm at Charlie's Corporate Offices, unless otherwise noted.

- October 6, 2022
- November 10, 2022
- December 15, 2022
- January 12, 2023
- February 9, 2023
- March 9, 2023

