

approved
MIGRA
General Membership Annual Meeting
SPETEMBER 19, 2009
Hayloft Saloon
8070 Greenfield Road, Detroit, MI

The meeting was called to order by Valetta Rose, Vice President and Chair of the Elections Committee, (with Juli Martin serving as Co-Chair). This was the election and *Bylaws / Standing Rules and Procedures* amendments meeting..

Roll call was taken and 10 voting members were present and there were 3 valid mailed-in ballots.

ELECTIONS

Vice President – Chuck Ogden 12 yes

Treasurer – Valetta Rose 12 yes

MIGRA Trstees	Don Luczak	11 yes
	Shelby Lynn Parrett	10 yes
	Robert Silversides	12 yes

IGRA Trustee

Candidate	1st Choice	2nd Choice
David Hallwood	8;	4
Eric Swafford	4	8

Election Results:

Vice President – Chuck; Treasurer – Valetta; MIGRA Trustees (3) – Rob, Don, Shelby Lynn; IGRA Trustee (1) – David.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

All motions presented before the general membership were approved and presented by the Board of Directors’.

Motion #1 - PASSED VOTE: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention

Amend the *Bylaws* Article VI, §1(A) – Coporate Structure, Board of Directors, Composition to include the Board of Trustees’ Chairperson as follows:

1. Composition
2. President
3. Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer, and
6. -- **M.I.G.R.A. Board of Trustees’ Chairperson, and** --
7. Standing Committee Chairpersons

Cost: None

Rationale: Article VII, Section 2(A)) includes the Board of Trustees when speaking of the composition of the Board of Directors. This amendment will make both articles of the Bylaws agree.

A **motion** to split question two (2) into 2A(all through number 4) and 2B (number 5 only). (Chuck; Don – 2nd) passed unanimously.

Motion #2a – PASSED VOTE: 10 yes; 0 no; 2 abstention

Amend the *Bylaws* Article VII, § 1(B)(2) Term of Office by extending the Board of Trustees' term of office and limiting the maximum years an individual may serve in an elected position as follows:

- ...==
2. **Board of Trustees elected for a two (2) years term:**
 - a. **Up to three (3) elected in even-numbered years, and**
 - b. **Up to three (3) elected in odd-number years; --**
 3. Other elected officers ...
 4. IGRA Trustee is as set ...==

Motion 2b – FAILED **vote 3 yes; 8 no; 1 abstention**

5. No person shall serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms in any elected position. No person shall serve more than five (5) consecutive years. --

Cost: None

Rationale: At this time, we elect Trustees to only a one (1) year term. By electing them to a two (2) year, rotating system (like the Executive Board members), we will have better continuity within the Board of Trustees. Additionally, by placing a maximum number of years one can serve on the Board of Directors, we allow for more rotation of service ensuring fresh, new ideas.

Motion #3 – PASSED **VOTE: 10 yes; 1 no; 1 abstention**

Amend the *Bylaws* Article VII, § 2(B) Appointed Standing Committees as follows:

B. Appointed Standing Committees in Accordance with these By-Laws:

1. The President shall appoint the chairpersons [~~and the Executive Board shall ratify, chairpersons~~] of the following standing committees:
 - a. Advertising;
 - b. Fundraising & Sponsorship;
 - c. Dance & Entertainment;
 - d. Membership; and
 - e. Merchandise.
 - f. Rodeo Director
2. **-- The Executive Board shall ratify all committee chairpersons with the exception of the Rodeo Director. --**
3. [~~The President shall appoint, and~~] **The Board of Trustees shall ratify the Rodeo Director.**
4. The chairperson of the standing committees shall have one vote each on the Board of Directors.

Cost: None

Rationale: (B)(1) in this section incorrectly states that the Executive Board appoints the Rodeo Director; and (B)(2) states again that the President appoints the Rodeo Director. By making these changes and re-numbering the section, it will be both correct and non-repetitive.

Motion #4 – PASSED **VOTE: 11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**

Amend the *Bylaws* Article VII, §4(E) Election of Officers by removing the "condorcet" method of voting and allowing a simple majority as follows:

Amend the *Bylaws* Article VIII, §1(C) by adding newsletter to the list of duties and re-numbering the remainder of the section as follows:

...
-- **16. Shall publish and distribute a quarterly newsletter to the general membership, --**

- ~~16.~~ **17.** Shall prepare an operating budget for activities of the Secretary for inclusion in the annual operating budget of the Corporation; and
17. **18.** Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors

Cost: None

Rationale: The Secretary is responsible for the publication of the newsletter but it is not listed under the duties section of the Bylaws. This will make it official and avoid any confusion in the future when there are changes to the Board.

STANDING RULES AND PROCEDURES AMENDMENTS

Motion #7 – PASSED **VOTE: 11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**

Amend the *Standing Rules and Procedures* Article V, §(1)(B) Duties of Royalty by adding MIGRA members, shows and events as follows:

- B. No funds raised by Royalty ~~and MIGRA members from MIGRA shows or events, while acting in the capacity of Royalty~~ may be used for Royalty's personal expenses. ~~to travel to, and compete in, IGRA rodeos, as~~ **It is** Royalty's **and members'** responsibility ~~is~~ to raise funds for charity and M.I.G.R.A.

Cost: None

Rationale: This slight change will specifically let people know that any money raised at any MIGRA event is for MIGRA's benefit not the individual member's benefit.

Motion #8 – PASSED **VOTE: 11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**

Amend the *Standing Rules and Procedures* Article V, §3(B)(2) Royalty Competition Guidelines by replacing the \$250 minimum requirement with hosting a fundraiser as follows:

- B. Candidate must:
1. be a fully paid member in good standing of M.I.G.R.A.
 2. ~~raise a minimum of \$250.00 for a 501 (c)(3) charity.~~ **Host a minimum of one (1) fundraiser for MIGRA.**

Cost: Unable to specify. Assuming four (4) Royalty members, then MIGRA would stand to lose \$1000.00.

Rationale: For the past several years, Royalty members have fallen short of raising the \$250 goal prior to the competition. Many times MIGRA has "suspended" the rule in order to put someone into a position. Changing the requirement to hosting one (1) fundraiser prior to competition makes the task more achievable and the prospect of running for Royalty less daunting.

Motion #9 – PASSED **VOTE: 10 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**

Amend the *Standing Rules and Procedures* Article V, §3(B)(6) Royalty Competition Guidelines by requiring knowledge of the Animal Welfare Statement without being judged or given a score on it.

- B. Candidate must:

1. be a fully paid member in good standing of M.I.G.R.A.
2. raise a minimum of \$250.00 for a 501 (c)(3) charity.(If Motion #9 passes: this will read as it passed)
3. be judged publicly in western wear.
4. be judged publicly on entertainment..
5. be judged publicly on public presentation
6. ~~be judged privately on IGR.A Animal Welfare Statement.]~~ **-- have read and be aware of the Animal Welfare Statement --**
7. be judged privately on IGR.A. Horsemanship Pattern.
8. be judged privately in personal interview.

Cost: None

Rationale: IGR.A is no longer judging on the Animal Welfare Statement, so it stands to reason that MIGRA does not need to either.

Motion #10 – PASSED VOTE: 10 yes; 0 no; 2 abstention

Amend the *Standing Rules and Procedures* Article V, §3(C)(1) and §3(C)(2) Competition Categories, Criteria, and Point Awards by deleting one category, re-numbering the section and adjusting the points accordingly as follows:

C. Competition Categories, Criteria, and Point Awards

1. All candidates must compete in all ~~six (6) categories~~ – **five (5) categories --**, with a possible maximum of ~~150 – 135 –~~ points. Each candidate must receive a minimum total number of ~~440 – 95 –~~ points (70%), or that candidate will not be selected for M.I.G.R.A. Royalty, even if only one candidate is competing for that title.
2. Point Awards:
 - a. Western Wear
 - b. Entertainment
 - c. Public Presentation
 - d. ~~Animal Welfare Statement~~
 - e. **d.** IGR.A Horsemanship Pattern
 - f. **e.** Personal Interview

25 points 25 points 25 points ~~15 points~~ 10 points 50 points

Cost: None

Rationale: Since the previous motion passed, this motion will make the *Standing Rules and Procedures* consistent.

Motion #11 – PASSED VOTE: 9 yes; 2 no; 1 abstention

Amend the *Standing Rules and Procedures* Article V, §(3)(C)(6) IGR.A Animal Welfare Statement by deleting the section..

6. ~~IGR.A Animal Welfare Statement – To be evaluated in private by a panel of judges.~~
 - a. ~~Evaluation criteria are correctly stating the IGR.A Animal Welfare Statement.~~
 - b. ~~Correctly answer a question related to the appropriate response to animal mistreatment.~~

Cost: None

Rationale: Since motion 10 passed, this motion will make the Standing *Rules and Procedures* consistent.

Motion #12 – PASSED VOTE: 7 yes; 2 no; 3 abstention

Amend the *Standing Rules and Procedures* Article V, §3(C)(8) Personal Interview by deleting the need to give a copy of the interview questions to the candidate as follows:

8. Personal Interview - To be conducted in private before a panel of judges on the following criteria:
 - a. Communication skills.
 - b. Substantive content of answers: knowledge of M.I.G.R.A and IGRA history and organization, and IGRA rodeo events.
 - c. Sincerity and enthusiasm as a representative of M.I.G.R.A, and IGRA rodeo.
 - d. General appearance -- note: casual western wear is required, MISS must be in male attire, and MsTer must be in female attire.
 - e. Confidence.
 - f. This is a technical interview with set questions on IGRA, M.I.G.R.A. and rodeo.

~~Candidates must receive a copy of the personal interview questions.~~

Cost: None

Rationale: Candidates for other Board positions do not receive a copy of the questions they may be asked. Royalty candidates should be held to the same standard.

Motion #13 – PASSED VOTE: 8 yes; 2 no; 2 abstention

Amend the *Standing Rules and Procedures* Article V § 5((D) through §5(H) by deleting it in its entirety.

~~D. IGRA Animal Welfare Statement:~~

- ~~1. Must be conducted in private at Royalty competition, and~~
- ~~2. Must be given at the time application is submitted.~~

~~E. Personal Interview:~~

- ~~1. Must be conducted in private at Royalty competition, and~~
- ~~2. Questions from Section 4.B. of the Standing Rules must be given to each candidate at the time of Royalty competition application.~~

~~F. Entertainment: Must be conducted in public at Royalty competition.~~

~~G. Western Wear:~~

- ~~1. Must be conducted in public at Royalty competition, and~~
- ~~2. Description must be submitted prior to the start of competition.~~

~~H. Public Presentation:~~

- ~~1. Must be conducted in public at Royalty competition, and~~
- ~~2. Judges questions must be submitted prior to the start of competition~~

Cost: None

Rationale: These items are covered previously in other sections of Article V. If previous motions passed, then Animal Welfare will no longer be part of the competition. Personal Interview is covered in Art. V §3(C)(8) ; Entertainment is addressed in Art. V §3(C)(4); Western Wear in Art. V §3(C)(3); and Public Presentation in Art. V §3(C)(5).

Respectfully submitted, _____



Juliana E. Martin.
Secretary