

NMGRA General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

1. Call Meeting to Order 7:02 pm
 - a. In attendance: Michael Kaplan, Jeff Lowe, Russel Ellenberger, Brian Helander, Dave Henzel, Mark Arnold, Ron Odion, Ed Powers, Philip Terry-Smith, Bill Steers, Emma Treu, Guest Joey Montoya
2. Approval of Agenda Ed moved Dave 2nd Approved- voted affirmative
3. Approval of December 2025 Meeting Minutes Motion Phil Micheal 2nd Approved- Voted affirmative
4. President's Report (Jeff)
 - a. Brian Helander shared a grant opportunity in conjunction of 250 anniversary of USA with Jeff, Jeff submitted application for \$10,000.00
 - b. Establish a ByLaws committee to review the changes once posted by IGRA (Standing Rules and Royalty Handbook will come in subsequent months)
 - i. Committee : Phil, Jeff Lowe, Bianca, Dave and Ryan
 - ii. Once we get IGRA bylaws we can make changes as necessary to our bylaws.
 - c. AGRA rodeo bake sale- Update and discussion on AGRA bakesale
5. Vice President's Report (Seliah/Royalty)
6. Royalty team meet Sunday and set schedules
 - a. Royalty plans for 2026- meet with royalty Sunday 11 Jan-
 - b. Royalty submitted to Seliah plans for the year
 - c. \$1500 goal set for each member of royalty
 - d. Royalty to sell at least 2 ads for rodeo and 1 buckle each
 - e. Bianca had a show on Saturday (but was unable to attend due to surgery) , Imperial court stepped into help- show raised \$170

- f. Encouraged royalty to communicate so the VP can assist as necessary
- g. Bake sale AGRA- A payment system will be set up in Zeffy for this event.
- h. CeCe has a show on 26 April 4-6 pm Bitchin Music Bingo
- i. Jeff working on Underwear Auction
- j. Sashes are in-
- k. Working on ordering buckles for royalty
- l. Website being revised nmgra.org website

7. Secretary's Report (Phil)

- a. New members and renewals?
 - i. Membership reminder- use link on Website for renewal
 - ii. 2 new members to vote in - Sebastian Gallegos, Joey Montoya - Dave moved for acceptance, Emma 2nd. All voted in the affirmative
- b. Other items - Intro Zeffy for membership, donation, and event management- no cost to org, ability to add an "additional donation the organization, "tip" to zeffy helps keep the platform free for non-profits

8. Treasurer's Report (Ed)

- a. Reported on shifting to Non-Profit Quickbooks
- b. Referred to financial report sent to members.
- c. Noted that we need to update signature cards with new bod members
- d. Anonymous donation received via fidelity management

9. Trustee's Report (Dave)

- a. IGRA update/s – Nothing to report on except university and 26 Board mtg
- b. Brian Helander spoke to what to expect at University
- c. 3rd qtr IGRA board mtg to be held in Santa Fe in conjunction with Zia Rodeo-
 - i. Often host organizations provide box lunches, something NMGRA to consider

10. Rodeo Director's Report (Dave/Ryan)

- a. Selia working on poster and website update.
- b. Dave has re-initiated the Google for Nonprofits
- c. Schedule for meetings/call for those who wish to participate in the rodeo planning committee
 - i. 1st mtg this coming Monday 6 pm
 - ii. Subsequent meetings for now will be at 6 pm prior to the next board meeting
- d. Russell agreed to do Assistant Rodeo Director again this yr
- e. Jeff encouraged all to find a way to contribute to the rodeo production

11. Old Business

- a. Dave has agreed to take over submitting the NM State Corporations annual report from Brian.
- b. NMGRA made presentation to plaza Café- Still have the Santa Fe presentation to make.

12. New Business- none

13. Next Meeting Date – February 10, 2026

14. Motion to adjourn motion by- Ed. 2nd Dave adjourn at 7:47 pm

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