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Guideline Proposal # 1

G1.4.11 State Hall of Fame Committee

This committee shall:

- A. Induct up to 5 **no more than 4** TGRA past or present members into the TGRA Hall of Fame, who have been a member for a minimum of 5 years showing the most exemplary commitment and dedication to TGRA;
- B. Induct the Inductees at the annual rodeo every 5 years
- C. Have a local member in each of the Member Chapters; **Committee shall consist of 5 former Hall of Fame inductees and a chair, appointed by the State President.**
- D. Vote in secrecy and shall not disclose the name of the Recipient(s) until such time as the award is presented by the State President. **Hall of Fame Inductees shall be announced no less than 90 prior to the annual rodeo by the State President**
- F. In the event no annual rodeo is held, the Induction Ceremony shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

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Article VI - Voting and Elections

- 6.1 **Member Voting Rights** Each Individual Member and each Commercial Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted for membership vote.
- 6.2 **Offices** These election rules cover the election of State President, State Vice President, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Contestant Representative, and IGRA Trustee.
- 6.3 **Nominations** Members that desire to be listed as a candidate for State President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or State Contestant Representative must submit a request to the State Elections Chair in writing no later than October 1st 12:00 a.m. the first Friday of October each year. Each request must include the office desired along with physical mailing and/or email address. The State Elections Chair shall acknowledge receipt of request and that member meets the qualifications and will be listed on the ballot. Requests to be on the ballot will be accepted until 12:00 midnight on October 1st. All requests must be received by the State Elections Chair, either via email or US mail by this date and time.
- 6.4 **Qualifications for State Board of Trustees**
- 6.4.1 **Officers** A candidate for State President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer must be an Individual member for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to taking office and have served twelve (12) consecutive months on a Chapter Executive Committee.
- 6.4.2 **State Contestant Representative** A candidate for Contestant Representative must be an individual member of TGRA for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to taking office, must be an active rodeo contestant. In the event no-one runs for or is eligible for this office, the Board of Directors can eliminate this position for the election term.
- 6.4.3 **IGRA Trustee** A candidate for IGRA Trustee must be an individual member of TGRA for a period of at least twenty-four (24) consecutive months immediately prior to taking office and must have been a member of a Chapter Executive board or the State Board of Trustees.

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- 6.5 **Election of State Offices** President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, IGRA Trustee, as well as the State Contestant Representative, shall be elected by secret ballot vote of the members during the month of November. The election shall be conducted via a mail-in voting system or an online voting system. The following shall apply to the mail-in voting system.
- 6.5.1 As soon as all nominees are confirmed by the State Elections Chair, or no later than the third Friday of October, the State Elections chair shall forward an official election ballot to the TGRA Webmaster for posting to the State web site. The Webmaster shall post this ballot no later than the last Wednesday of the month. **notify the Board of Trustees of all nominees. In the event there is only one nominee for an election position(s) of the election year, the State Board of Trustees may vote via electronic means to appoint the nominee(s) by acclimation.**
- 6.5.2 **If there are more than one nomination for an election position, the State Elections Chair shall place an official ballot in the online voting system and have it emailed to the membership no later than the last Wednesday of the month of October.**
- 6.5.2 Each TGRA member shall be responsible for printing an official ballot from the TGRA web site or contact the State Elections chair to receive the official ballot in a different manner.
- 6.5.3 Each TGRA member shall mark their ballot by placing an “X” in each box that they wish to vote for a candidate. Each member can cast only one vote for each office.
- 6.5.4 Each TGRA member shall place their marked ballot in a business size envelope and seal the envelope. Each TGRA member shall place no identifying marks on the ballot or the envelope.
- 6.5.5 Each TGRA member shall place the sealed envelope along with a copy of a government-issued picture ID in a second envelope and mail to the address provided on the official ballot. The TGRA member may hand deliver their ballot along with the photo ID to the State Elections Chair, if they so desire. All information may be blackened out on the picture ID except the name and the _____ picture, if so desired. On the copy of the government-issued ID the address or email address of the voting member should be printed in the event a runoff election is necessary.

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- 6.5.6 When received by the State Elections Chair, the chair shall attach the picture to the sealed ballot envelope without opening the ballot envelope and mark the person on the picture ID off the official state roster as “ballot received.” If the person does not appear on the official roster, the State Elections Chair will contact the State Treasurer to verify that the person is not a member and if the person submitting the ballot is verified NOT to be a member, the ballot is placed in “invalid ballot” status and not kept with the valid ballots for counting when the election process is concluded. At this time the State Elections Chair will also determine if the person is eligible to vote for the State Contestant Representative and, if they are, will place a single “X” on the outside of the ballot envelope.
- 6.5.7 In the event that the State Elections Chair receives more than one ballot from the same person, all ballots for that person will be considered invalid and not counted as part of the election.
- 6.5.8 All ballots must be received by the State Elections Chair no later than the third Friday of November. Any ballots received after this date will be considered invalid.
- 6.5.9 After 12:01 a.m. the third Saturday of November and before 12:01 a.m. November 30th the State Elections Chair shall remove the picture ID from the official ballot envelope received and place all envelopes together. Picture IDs with the printed address (mail or email) should be retained until it is determined that a runoff election will not be necessary. Once all identifying markings are separated from the ballots the ballots should be opened and counted the time the ballot is opened the State Elections chair will verify if there is no “X” on the ballot envelope that the member did not vote for State Contestant Representative. If the member did vote for this office and was not eligible, then that portion of that ballot would be considered invalid and not counted toward the office of the State Contestant Representative.
- 6.5.3 Voting shall close no later than 12:01 a.m. the 2nd Saturday of November.**
- 6.6 Election to the State Board of Trustees shall be by a total of more than 50% (50% + 1) vote of the eligible votes cast, excluding abstentions and ballots determined to be invalid.
- 6.7 Runoff Elections In the event that there are three or more persons who receive votes for an office and no individual receives more than 50% (50% + 1) of the eligible votes cast, the State Elections Chair shall declare a runoff election between the two persons receiving the highest number of votes.

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- 6.7.1 The runoff election shall be held via mail in the same manner as stated in Section 6.5 with the following exceptions.
- 6.7.2 Each Individual Member and Commercial Member who voted in the original election shall have one vote in the runoff election.
- 6.7.3 When a runoff election is determined to be necessary, the State Elections Chair shall mail and/or email the runoff election ballot to each person that submitted a valid ballot in the official election. These ballots will be mailed no later than December 5th. **hold a runoff election via the same online voting system with voting ending no later than December 16th.**
- 6.7.4 The runoff ballots shall be returned to the State Elections Chair with the same ID requirements as stated in Section 6.5. All ballots must be received by the State Elections Chair no later than December 26th. After this date, the State Elections Chair will process the ballots in the same manner as stated in Section 6.5.
- 6.8 Election Records Following the completion of the election of the State Officers and State Contestant Representative, the State Election Committee shall immediately forward all records and ballots (valid and invalid) **a printed report from the online voting system** to the State Secretary to become permanent addition to the Corporation's records.