

Agenda Items for National Meeting-2009

(These are verbatim from the emails with exception of California. I have removed the names of the specific person who placed the agenda item. These items are to be from the representation through the State Director.)

NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Review of Bylaws and amendments to all necessary.
2. Budget Report and discussion.
3. Discuss RGA goals for the next few years.

NEVADA

1. The biggest issue I would have asked to be addressed would be several revisions to the by laws. I have sent some notes previously with a few suggestions, but there are many areas to look at. One of them that I think is important is a question of liability and signing of contracts. If an event wants RGA participation or RGA wants to participate and a signed contract is required who signs the contract for RGA? If the state director signs are they committing RGA national or RGA state for liability in event of a default?

Should there be a standard “boiler plate” contract to be used by RGA state directors?

2. I would also recommend that by laws contain some guidance on handling of funds by state RGA's and what funds can be used for. Miss use of funds by a state organization could cost RGA its non profit status. Should states have their own bank accounts as RGA ?

These issues may already be addressed, but thought I would mention.

There are some other areas, but I just don't currently have the time right now to go through them. However, I'm sure the other directors will have their own suggestions.

Regards
Charlie Siringo

KANSAS

WHEREAS there are now 16 states making up RGA; and

WHEREAS the Texas Secretary of State does not require certain officers to be from Texas; and

WHEREAS the technology for holding meetings and running an organization have surpassed the need for all officers to be based in one state; Therefore I propose the following changes be made to the RGA By-Laws:

Article V: Section 1: The Reenactment Guild of America's home office will be based in Texas. All finances and accountings will remain in the Texas home office. The ~~Director and~~ Treasurer for RGA will be required to be *a* Texas members in good standing. The reason for this is to keep the home office from moving from state to state.

Article V: Section 2: The Director of RGA ~~must~~ *will* be a member ~~from Texas~~ in good standing and *may reside in any state*. *The Director* will sit on the board of RGA and direct all meetings. He/she will have the authority to form special committees as needed for RGA. The Director will oversee the finances and make suggestions to the board as they are needed. The Director will take his direction from the board and follow through on any vote passed by the Board. The Director will advise the board on issues that members feel are needed and handle all correspondence between the board and its member. The Director will ONLY vote on the board in case of a tie. The Director will oversee all committees and officers of RGA and make sure the Guild operates as the members and board deem appropriate. This board member will be elected by members of RGA and shall serve a term of three years.

Article V: Section 4: The Treasurer of RGA must be a member from Texas in good standing. The Treasurer will oversee all finances of RGA and make quarterly reports to the board and its members. The Treasurer will have full access to and be responsible for making sure expenses are paid and membership is up to date. The Treasurer will serve a three-year term in office. This board member will be elected by members of RGA and will NOT have a vote in board meetings. *The Treasurer will serve as RGA's Resident Agent.*

Article V: Section 6: The Sergeant of Arms (S.A.) ~~must~~ *will* be a member ~~from Texas~~ in good standing and *may reside in any state*. *The S.A.* will be responsible for ensuring all meetings are conducted in an orderly fashion. The S.A. will be responsible to make sure all Roberts Rules of Order are followed. The S.A. will keep the board in adherence to the agenda and remove anyone who disrupts the meeting when asked to desist. This board member will be elected by members of RGA. The S.A. will serve a three-year term and will NOT have a vote in board meetings.

Article V: Section 7: The Safety Director will be a member of RGA in good standing. The Safety Director will be under the direction of the Director and Associate Director of RGA. The Safety Director will direct all State Safety officers and make sure all safety guidelines are followed in every state. It will be the Safety Director's duty to make as many competitions as possible each year as his/her job if funds are available to travel to the event. It will be the duty to make suggestions for any safety rule changes to the Director and the Board. The Safety Director will support all board decisions and always be a positive representative of RGA to the members. The Safety Director will not be and elected office and will not be subject to popular vote. The RGA board members will choose the Safety Director and ~~must~~ *may* be a resident of ~~Texas~~ *any state*. The Safety Director's decisions should not be influenced by need to be re-elected. The Safety Director may be replaced only for just cause, i.e. dereliction of duties, failure to follow board decisions or by bringing disgrace on the office by his/her actions. It will take a two-thirds vote by the board to remove a Safety Director. This position will NOT have a vote in board meetings.

Items submitted by Matt Woerhle under the direction of Linda Sayre

TEXAS

May State board meeting comments;

The Texas State Board met in Ft Worth to discuss issues related to RGA. The following items came up and are being forwarded to the National Board for consideration at a future point (all agenda items have the unanimous support of the voting Texas board members):

Number 1-Request that we set a single National Board meeting for the First of the year such as Jan or Feb. this requires a change to by laws.

Number 2- Allow all STATE safety officers voting privileges with regards to board issues and decisions.

Number 3- Allow each state to have an elected state secretary recognized as a board member (voting privileges to be discussed).

Number 4- No RGA board member may hold both a national and a state office simultaneously. Also questioned was when the actors page would be up and running and when would the movie rules be posted.

Tom, RGA TEXAS Director

CALIFORNIA

- 1. Clarify that falling with a sharp knife rule, if it is to be secured or not secured. Bringing knife into play is known that it will be checked but a sheathed knife leaves a lot of room for doubt.**
- 2. Allow the State Safety Officer to vote on all items.**
- 3. Standardize all comp sets as to placement of buildings. Such as Saloon in the center and jails to the left, bank to the right etc. *This has been requested by a large portion of the California membership.***
4. Do away with closed RGA Sanctioned competitions. We have found if groups have proof of insurance and play by RGA Rules, they usually after the comp want to sign up with RGA. If we had turned them away it only creates hard feelings. Leave the closed comps to the National Competition only if you want to enter that you have to belong to RGA.
5. Come up with a way that individual states can have a slush fund of their own and still stay within the non-profit status.
- 6. Black Powder Guns, clarify if the gun is loaded if the caps are removed or if the cylinder also should be cleared, there has been much confusion as to this, at different locations. *This is a safety item that should be addressed.***

7. If a State RGA Event Committee books vendors for an RGA Event, to help another state who receives the vendor fees collected? As the state event committee has done all the mailings, bookings placement etc. (I believe this is something that should be worked out before hand with the sponsors or coordinators of the event that the committee is helping) ***I don't know if at this time this is something that needs to be placed on the agenda.***
8. **Add to safety demonstrations a warning to mothers about infant's ears developing and the danger of hearing loss. Also make standard earplugs or muffs for the people giving the demo. Safety Item that should be addressed**
9. **Allow other states to run for National Board Positions.**
10. Require all Dummy Loads to be Primer Free or Dimpled (fired) and visible.
11. Reduce the minimum time for competitions to 5 minutes. The judges should care only about quality, not quantity. Have additional reasoning if you want it from the team. (mb)
12. **Move that rule #9 be amended from "No uncocked, loaded weapon should ever be pointed at another performer within 5' to "No cocked, loaded weapon should ever be pointed at another performer within 5'.**
13. **That a RGA Badge be made available for RGA Member such as the badges SASS have that would have their number on it and State and also places to attach additional status bars if the member is a judge, officer etc. I have the example if you would like to see it. We have found badges that are available for \$15.00 dollars. This would not be an expense for RGA but they would be available for purchase. So that individuals would be noticed for their affiliation at different events. I don't know if this is an agenda item or something that could be place for sale like the t-shirts and decals.**

*Submitted by Shirley Horn California RGA State Director
August 10, 2009*

ARKANSAS

1. I propose that each state be limited to one State Director and one Board member. This would prevent states with large memberships from controlling RGA rules and regulations and as we can see as of now, the Board members DO NOT represent 50 members in geographical areas. If RGA continues with the 50 member representation, each new board member should be assigned a geographical area and assigned 50 members to represent which will never happen. City, State and National representatives are assigned wards, districts...etc to represent and RGA should do the same. Also, as RGA grows, the number of board members could reach phenomenal proportions and cause logistical nightmares with issues we are seeing now. The 50 member representation was a good idea it seemed, but this organization cannot function under that guideline as we see know. Without the membership representation, that would open the door for safety officers to be able to vote as they represent no members under current guidelines.

Bylaws, Budget and Goals will be the first orders of business. Review of the Bylaws will be a lengthy task but is the most important for the organization. Some state agenda items may be a part of this review.

Time permitting, we will then address the states' items in the fairest way possible. Each state which submitted agenda items will be drawn a number from a hat. The Board will discuss the first item on that state's agenda list. We will then discuss the state that was drawn as #2 and review their first agenda item and so on. Time permitting, we will then in the same order begin the discussion of the second item of each of those states. There are only 5 states that submitted agenda items. This seems to be the most equitable method for everyone.

Any item not listed on the above listed agenda will not be discussed at this time. They can be handled through our concurrent forum and chat action meeting during the year. This issue caused a lot of down time and disruption in the first National Meeting.

Thanks,
Barbara
RGA National Secretary

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