

California
Gymkhana
Association

Policy Manual

(Maintained by the Board of Directors)

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Preface

What Every Board Member Should Know

The Board of Directors (BOD) is the primary governing body of the California Gymkhana Association (CGA). The BOD's governance responsibilities include defining and upholding the mission and purpose of the organization, designating parameters and policies within which the General Manager and the Board of Governors (BOG) can function, ensuring financial viability through oversight and future resource development, maintaining accountability, ensuring a healthy management function, and protecting the strength and continuity of the board through planning and activities.

Each Board of Director has three fundamental legal duties:

1. **Duty of Care:** Act in good faith consistent with what the board or individual board member truly believes is in the best interest of the organization.
2. **Duty of Loyalty:** Do what is in the best interest of the organization.
3. **Duty of Obedience:** Honor and act consistently with the requirements of applicable laws and the organization's mission, bylaws, policies, and other standards of appropriate behavior.

This document is intended to identify the CGA policies approved by the BOD. The Board of Directors meets at least 3 times yearly. Below is a list of entities within CGA, and how they relate to the BOD:

The Board of Governors (BOG) carries out the policies and directives approved by the BOD. The BOG handles the day to day financial activity decisions of the CGA, investigates formal member complaints for possible policy violations, and reports back to the BOD of all activities. The BOG meets at least 3 times yearly.

The Master Judge Advisory Committee (MAC) is a sub-committee made up of all Master Judges. The MAC's purpose is to interpret existing unclear show rules until they can be voted on by all carded judges at the annual membership meeting. The MAC meets at least 3 times yearly. The MAC Chairperson provides a report to the BOD of all activities.

District delegates are appointed by each district to represent their district at all BOD meetings. District delegates may vote on general membership issues and Board of Governors appointments to fill vacant BOG terms at BOD meetings. It is the responsibility of the delegates to take BOD meeting activities back to their districts.

The General Manager is the only paid position in CGA. The General Manager is a contract position and runs the day to day activities of State Office. The General Manager has the same voting rights in the BOD as the district delegates, may be a CGA member, and may hold no other position in CGA. The General Manager sets up all BOD and BOG meetings, attends each meeting and takes minutes for distribution back to the BOD.

The Rules Committee is made up of all carded judges, and meets annually to vote on rules changes. Rules may be interpreted by the MAC throughout the year, and then voted on at the annual Rules Committee meeting. The MAC cannot carry over rule interpretations following the Rules Committee meeting, and must start over with new rule interpretations as needed until the next Rules Committee meeting.

The By-Laws Committee meets at the annual membership meeting, but only if there is a request for a by-laws change. The By-Laws Committee consists of all general members of voting age (12 and over).

The General Membership meeting is held annually. The general membership votes on all approved Rules Committee and By-Laws Committee changes, as well as Information Manual changes. The general membership may also request BOD Policy Manual changes.

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Section 1 – Overview

1.1 Purpose of Board Policies

It is the intent of the CGA Board of Directors (BOD) to maintain a Manual of Policies. This document shall contain the current policies of the California Gymkhana Association and shall be the final authority as to those policies. This Manual shall serve as a resource for current members of the Board of Directors, the Board of Governors and the membership of CGA.

1.2 Adoption/Amendment of the CGA Policy Manual

New policies may be added and existing policies may be amended or deleted by a 2/3rd vote of the elected and appointed Board of Directors present. Any CGA member may submit a new policy or amendment to an existing policy for consideration by the Board of Directors. Such submission shall be in writing, and must be submitted at least 30 days before the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. These items will be placed on the published agenda, so that Board Members are familiar with the issue prior to the meeting, and so that CGA members will have an opportunity to address the issue in front of the Board of Directors.

1.3 Board of Directors Code of Ethics

The Board of Directors of CGA is committed to providing excellence in leadership that results in the highest quality of services to the CGA Membership. In order to provide these services, the following rules shall be observed:

- 1.3.1 *Respect* - The dignity, style and opinions of each Director and Member shall be respected. Directors should commit themselves to emphasizing the positive and avoiding hidden agendas. Directors should focus on issues and not personalities. While differing viewpoints are healthy, once the Board of Directors has taken action, Directors should commit to supporting that action.
- 1.3.2 *Organizational Needs* - The needs of CGA as an organization and its membership shall be the first priority in all decisions. Directors should function as part of a whole. Issues should be brought to the attention of the entire Board, not to individual members selectively.

1.3.3 *Purpose* - The primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is the formulation and evaluation of Policy. Routine matters concerning the operational aspects of CGA are delegated to the Board of Governors and the General Manager. If a Director is approached by a member with a problem, in most cases the Director should advise the member to submit their concerns in a letter format to the CGA State office.

1.4 Board of Directors Compensation

Membership on the Board of Directors of CGA is a volunteer position and no direct compensation is provided. However, once an individual becomes an elected or appointed Board Member, their individual or family membership in CGA will be paid by the organization for as long as they are a Board Member.

Section 2 – Ruling and Administrative Bodies

2.1 Definition

The Ruling Body of the California Gymkhana Association consists of the Board of Directors. It has the ultimate authority over the organization. Members of the Ruling Body include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors at Large (elected and appointed), Regional Vice Presidents, Rules Chairman, members of the Board of Governors, Immediate Past President, and Parliamentarian (non-voting).

District Delegates and the General Manager are not a member of the Ruling Body. However, they may vote on general membership issues at the Board of Directors meetings and vacant Board of Governors positions.

The Administrative Body of the California Gymkhana Association consists of the Board of Governors, who are elected by the Board of Directors, District Delegates, and the General Manager. The General Manager is recommended by the Board of Governors and approved for contract by the Board of Directors.

2.2 General Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish CGA Policy, and it is the responsibility of the Board of Governors and the General Manager to implement that policy. The Board of Governors and the General Manager maintain a Procedure Manual that defines how to implement the items identified in this Policy Manual.

2.3 Members of the Board of Directors and Duties

2.3.1 President - The President is a member of the Board of Governors. The President presides at general meetings of CGA members and the Board of Directors, aids in the affairs of the association, makes an annual report to the members, and makes all necessary appointments (including Royalty Liaison). The number of appointments made by the President shall not exceed the number of elected Directors at Large. Normally this consists of the three Regional Vice Presidents (Northern, Central, and Southern), four appointed Directors at Large, and a nonvoting Parliamentarian. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, shall approve all Presidential appointments.

2.3.2 Vice President - The Vice President shall conduct the affairs of the President upon the absence of the President and shall serve as an assistant to the President.

2.3.3 *Secretary* - The Secretary shall give notice of all Board of Directors meetings and shall keep the minutes of all meetings, assist the General Manager and Parliamentarian in ensuring all policy changes are properly entered into the official documents of the organization, prepare agendas with the President, and keep a current roster of members of the Board of Directors and their contact information.

2.3.4 *Treasurer* - The Treasurer shall report in detail to the Board of Directors and Board of Governors all sums received and expended, all outstanding obligations, financial concerns (if any), and such other matters as may be deemed proper at each Board of Directors meeting and prior to each Board of Governors meeting. The Treasurer shall require and receive full statements of projects financial status (including profit & loss statements) from the General Manager, oversee all the financial records of CGA, be responsible for the accuracy thereof, and assist the General Manager in maintaining a list with the location of CGA assets. The treasurer shall receive a complete itemized check register showing all check numbers, income/expense account documents with the amount of deposits or expenses, as well as copies of all bank statements. The Treasurer shall serve as a check and balance for the finances of the organization.

2.3.5 *Director at Large* (8 elected, 4 appointed) - Directors at Large shall assist as required to meet the objectives of the CGA. They assist in the identification of potential CGA problems and present recommendations for their resolution. They provide encouragement to project chairpersons and participate in the development and staffing of committees with competent personnel. They approve all presidential appointments. They shall serve as a check and balance function for the organization, approve all policy changes, serve as the final step in conflict resolution, and shall act as the hearing body for appeals to disciplinary proceedings.

2.3.6 *Regional Vice President* (3 appointed) - The Regional Vice Presidents shall assist the President as required to meet CGA objectives and serve as Co-Manager of any CGA State sponsored event that occurs in their assigned region.

2.3.7 *Rules Chairman* (1 elected by MAC) - The Rules Chairman is a non-partisan, voting position and is the spokesperson for the MAC. They shall report all decisions of the MAC. The Rules Chairman shall keep the president apprised of MAC activities and recommendations.

2.3.8 *Member of the Board of Governors* (four are elected, the President serves as the 5th member of the Board of Governors) - The Board of Governors has the routine day to day control and management responsibility of the organization.

They may recommend to the Board of Directors the hiring of an employee and/or contract services as required to accomplish the daily operation of the organization. They monitor CGA office operations to ensure that CGA policies are being properly implemented. The Board of Governors shall publish minutes summarizing all of their actions and recommendations to the general membership within thirty (30) days following each Board of Governors meeting.

2.3.9 *Immediate Past President* - The Immediate Past President shall serve as an advisor to the President and Board of Directors.

2.3.10 *Parliamentarian* - The Parliamentarian shall serve as an advisor to the President and Board of Directors in reference to these Policies, the CGA Bylaws, and Roberts Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for ensuring that the following documents are updated by the General Manager: CGA By-Laws, BOD Policy Manual, CGA Rule Book, and Information & Regulations Manual. Updates shall be completed at least (30) days prior to the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting. All changes must be sent to the General Manager to be posted on the internet as a separate document. No changes will be made to the posted documents until the next major printing. The Parliamentarian is a nonvoting position.

2.4 Eligibility and Terms of Office for Members of the Board of Directors

2.4.1 *President* - To be eligible to hold the office of President, the candidate must be a CGA member in good standing for a minimum of two years, be at least twenty-one years of age, and a previous member of the Board of Directors for at least one full term (typically 2 years). The candidate shall have demonstrated in one or more capacities his/her capability to get along with people and to be proficient in achieving CGA objectives. The President shall be elected for a 2-year term.

2.4.2 *Vice President* - To be eligible for the office of Vice President, the candidate must be a CGA member in good standing for a minimum of two years, be at least twenty-one years of age, and a previous member of the Board of Directors for at least one full term (typically 2 years). The candidate shall have demonstrated in one or more capacities his/her capability to get along with people and to be proficient in achieving CGA objectives. The Vice President shall be elected for a 2-year term.

2.4.3 *Secretary* - To be eligible for the office of Secretary, the candidate must be a CGA member in good standing, and be at least eighteen years of age. The Secretary shall be elected for a 2-year term.

2.4.4 *Treasurer* - To be eligible for the office of Treasurer, the candidate must be a CGA member in good standing, and be at least eighteen years of age. The Treasurer shall be elected for a 2-year term.

2.4.5 *Director at Large* - To be eligible for the office of Director at Large, the candidate must be a CGA member in good standing, and be at least eighteen years of age. Each year, four Directors at Large are elected for staggered 2-year terms.

2.4.6 *Regional Vice President* - To be eligible for the office of Regional Vice President, the candidate must be a CGA member in good standing, be at least twenty-one years of age, shall have served as a member of the Board of Directors for at least one full term (typically 2 years). The Regional Vice President's term of office shall be at the pleasure of the President, and shall expire in any case at the end of the President's term of office. An elected board member may serve concurrently as a Regional Vice President, but their vote will only count for the elected office and not as one of the (8) presidential appointments.

2.4.7 *Rules Chairman* - To be eligible for the office of Rules Chairman, the candidate must be an active Master Judge in good standing. The candidate is elected by the Master Judge Advisory Committee (MAC) to be their spokesperson. The MAC election must be held prior to the first Board of Directors meeting at each Convention. The Rules Chairman shall be elected for a 1-year term.

2.4.8 - *Member of the Board of Governors* - To be eligible for the office of Member of the Board of Governors, the candidate must be a CGA member in good standing for a minimum of two years, be at least twenty-one years of age, and a previous member of the Board of Directors for at least one full term (typically 2 years). The candidate shall have demonstrated in one or more capacities his/her capability to get along with people and to be proficient in achieving CGA objectives.

Each year, one member of the Board of Governors is elected for staggered 4-year terms by the Board of Directors and District Delegates. The Board of Governors shall elect a Chairperson among them at their first meeting following the installation of the new Governor. The spokesperson of the BOG may not be the CGA President.

2.4.9 *Parliamentarian* - To be eligible for the office of Parliamentarian, the candidate must be a CGA member in good standing, and be at least eighteen years of age, and have a good working knowledge of the CGA Policies, Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian's term of office shall be at the pleasure of the President, and shall expire in any case at the end of the President's term of office.

2.4.10 – No member shall be qualified to run for the Board of Governors, Board of Directors, or be in a President's appointed position if they have had disciplinary action resulting in suspension by any one of the three committees: Board of Governors, Board of Directors or Master Judges Advisory Committee, or have resigned without legitimate excuse in the five years previous to the election date of any given year.

2.4.11 – *Elections* - Elections will be held annually as prescribed in the CGA Procedure Manual which is maintained by the Board of Governors. Changes shall not be made to the election process unless approved by the Board of Directors.

2.5 Vacancies on the Board of Directors

Vacancies of the elected Directors at Large or the position of any office, with the exception of that of the President, shall be filled by appointment by the President. All appointments must be voted on by the Board of Directors and become final with a majority approval. The appointee is to serve for the duration of the term of the individual whose position he or she was appointed to fill. If the vacancy is of the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the office for the duration of the term of President and shall appoint from either the elected Board of Directors (preferred) or CGA Membership a qualified successor to fulfill his term as Vice President. If the vacancy is of the Board of Governors, it shall be filled at the next Board of Directors meeting following the vacancy.

The Board of Directors shall declare vacant the office of any Officer, Director at Large, or member of the Board of Governors who misses two (2) consecutive meetings without an excused absence. An excused absence is one in which the member notifies the President or chairperson of their inability to make the meeting due to an illness, incapacitation, family emergency, financial inability, or other valid reason.

2.6 Removal of Officers, Directors or Governors

2.6.1 *Reason for Removal* - Any Officer, Director or Governor may be removed from office because of failure to fulfill the duties of said office, having an unexcused absence from two consecutive meetings, or if they have performed any actions or conduct that may be deemed to be detrimental to the best interests of the organization. Removal from office shall be in accordance with the Procedure Manual.

2.7 Viewpoints

All Board of Directors and Board of Governors shall respect and encourage diversity and varying viewpoints on issues of concern to promote healthy discussions and assist in the making of informed decisions. There shall be no retribution for opposing viewpoints.

Section 3 – CGA Membership

3.1 Active Members

Active Members are those who join as an individual or family member and those who pay dues and are currently in good standing. There shall be an initial membership fee for memberships. Thereafter, upon the anniversary date following acceptance into the association, the dues shall be payable for memberships. Memberships shall be considered delinquent if unpaid by the anniversary date. All membership privileges cease when an invalid check is received by the CGA office and may be restored only upon receipt of funds to cover the invalid check.

3.2 Honorary Members

Honorary Members are persons who have rendered distinguished, long term service to this organization for at least 20 years total. Such persons may be elected honorary members by an affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. An Honorary Member will have a lifetime membership with all the privileges of an active member.

Section 4 – Finance and Operations

4.1 Incursion of Debt

No CGA member, shall contract for, incur any debt, enter into any agreement, or otherwise obligate this organization except by authorization of the Board of Governors.

4.2 Revenue Distribution

All money received by this organization from dues or any other source shall be deposited in a bank.

4.3 Withdrawals of Funds

All withdrawals will be made via check duly signed by an authorized CGA representative. No withdrawals shall be made except for the organization's debts.

4.4 Budget Process and Controls

4.4.1 *Debt* - No indebtedness shall be created and no obligation shall be incurred which shall in any fiscal year exceed the sum appropriated in the budget for that year unless authorized by the Board of Governors. All chairpersons of proposed projects shall submit recommended budgets for approval by the Board of Governors Chairperson.

4.4.2 *Accounting* - All fiscal reports must have a full itemization of the financial transactions of the organization. The report shall be distributed to the Board of Directors at least one week prior to each Board of Directors meeting. The Treasurer, in concert with the General Manager, shall review and discuss the current Actual versus Budget report at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

4.4.3 *Budget Creation* - The Board of Governors and the Treasurer shall present a budget for the current fiscal year to the Board of Directors no later than the first Board of Director's meeting of that year.

4.5 Assessments Against Members

No special assessments shall be levied against any member.

4.6 Sale of Assets

Any member, district or club that accepts an item for sale or resale on behalf of CGA shall be responsible for the selling price of the item. Any item not sold must be returned to CGA within thirty (30) days of request.

4.7 Employees

The Board of Governors may recommend an employee and/or contract services as required to accomplish the daily operations of the organization. The contract value and duration, rates of salary, salary schedules and payroll periods will be recommended by the Board of Governors and approved by the Board of Directors.

All employees/subcontractors shall be directly responsible to the Board of Governors.

4.8 Presidential Spending Authority

The President's spending power shall be up to \$200.00 within any given month without Board of Directors' or Board of Governors' approval.

4.9 CGA Benefits

CGA provides complimentary entries and other benefits for specific key worker positions at State Show. An itemized list of benefits and amounts with worker positions will be identified as part of the State Show update to the Board of Directors.

CGA provides rooms and other benefits for Board of Governors' hearings and other meetings. An itemized list of exact benefits and amounts spent will be identified as part of the Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors.

Section 5 – Rules of Conduct, Penalties and Violations

5.1 Member Responsibility

No member, district or club shall refuse any reasonable request to assist the association, its officers, committees, judges, or show management in the proper conduct of the shows or affairs of the association. Such request will not be deemed reasonable if a medical or physical condition or ailment, or other engagement or family responsibility prohibits the member from carrying out the request.

5.2 Violations

Any CGA member may be disciplined, fined, suspended or expelled from the association and any CGA member may be denied any or all of the privileges of the association whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence to the Board of Governors that such CGA member performed any one or more of the violations described in the following listing of violations. Failure to understand these violations shall not be accepted as an excuse.

5.2.1 Abuse - Abusing a horse at any CGA function. Willfully or intentionally doing harm to another competitor's horse.

5.2.2 Intoxication - Being intoxicated or under the influence of illegal drugs or illegally consuming alcohol at any CGA function.

5.2.3 Coercion - Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe or influence the judge, horse show management, or timing secretaries at any CGA function.

5.2.4 Fraud - Falsifying or withholding any times or records of any CGA function. Sending in fraudulent insurance claims. Use of electronic or remote controlled devices to create a false reading on an electronic timer.

5.2.5 Causing a Disturbance - Willfully causing trouble inside or outside the ranks of the CGA by constant and on-going complaining; willfully causing disturbances or unnecessarily aggravating CGA directors, judges, horse show managers, secretaries, or members; accusing or making derogatory statements relative to the performance of judges, secretaries, or officers that is detrimental to the CGA or the person involved.

5.2.6 *Stealing* - Taking of any property belonging to the association or any member without authority.

5.2.7 *Fighting* - Physically disturbing or fighting at any CGA function.

5.2.8 *Horse Doping* - The use of drugs to alter the performance of a horse other than drugs permitted by the California Drug Advisory Board.

5.2.9 *Disloyalty* - Disloyal acts like giving CGA proprietary information to other organizations such as membership lists, administrative data, or other information, which could decrease the competitive advantages of the CGA.

5.2.10 *Illegal Acts* - CGA has the right if deemed warranted, to request any Board Member or other person acting in an official capacity to provide background information of any criminal history. Such history may be sufficient grounds to refuse or suspend membership in CGA if the criminal history resulted in any conviction detrimental to the integrity of the member's position and is reasonably determined to be harmful to furthering the mission of the organization.

5.2.11 *Other Conduct* - Any conduct deemed detrimental to the best interests of the organization by a majority of the Board of Governors or a majority of the Board of Directors.

5.3 Disciplinary Procedures

The Board of Governors shall hear the complaint and take action according to the Board of Governors' Procedure Manual.

Section 6 – District Affiliation

6.1 District Relationship to CGA

CGA districts are independent entities, however they are governed by CGA during CGA sanctioned district business. The district must operate according to CGA Rules and Regulations, Board of Directors Policy and the Board of Governors Procedure Manual.

6.2 District Responsibilities

CGA districts sign an annual contract agreeing to certain rules and payment schedules when they are sanctioned by CGA. Among other responsibilities, the district agrees to report show results and submit payment of fees within a specific period of time.

6.3 Violations of Agreement

Any CGA district may have its sanction to run CGA shows revoked, and may be denied any or all of the privileges of the association whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence to the Board of Governors that the district performed any one or more of the violations described in the following listing of violations. Failure to understand these violations shall not be accepted as an excuse.

6.3.1 *Failure to Report Shows* - Failing to remit payment and show results within the time period specified in the district contract.

6.3.2 *Failure to Obey CGA Rules* - Failing to obey and enforce the rules and regulations of the association when running CGA shows.

6.3.3 *Fraud* - Falsifying or withholding any times or records of any CGA show. Sending in fraudulent insurance claims.

6.3.4 *Disloyalty* - Disloyal acts like giving CGA proprietary information to other organizations such as membership lists, administrative data, software, or other information, which could decrease the competitive advantages of the CGA.

6.3.5 *Failure to Agree* - Refusing to renew the district contract with CGA.

6.3.6 *Other Conduct* - Any conduct deemed detrimental to the best interests of the organization by a majority of the Board of Governors.

6.4 District Closures

A district will be officially “closed” and CGA affiliation subject to removal when:

1. Written notice of district closure is submitted by the recognized district President or Vice President and upon receipt by CGA State Office, or
2. A written notice is sent by CGA State Office to the district President and Secretary requesting confirmation of status, and the district fails to provide a written status within 30 days of the notice, or
3. The district fails to schedule and hold a CGA sanctioned show for 8 months, or
4. The district fails to renew and/or honor the annual district contract within 30 days following a written reminder from CGA State Office, or
5. The Board of Governors recommends district closure as a penalty, subject to the Board of Directors approval.

Upon a CGA district’s closure, all equipment used in the running of a CGA show that is owned by the district, i.e, not privately owned equipment, must be provided to CGA State Office within 90 days of written request. If the equipment was on loan from CGA and the district closes, then all equipment on loan must be returned, regardless if there is an affiliated club. If the equipment is privately owned by an individual or group of persons, then proof of individual ownership will be required in the form of receipts, district meeting minutes, and treasurer reports. The equipment will include all timers, event equipment, and assets used by the district in the running of the 13 CGA events. Such equipment will be stored by the CGA State organization. If the district does not restart and hold a CGA sanctioned show within 1 year from their last CGA show, then the district equipment is subject to sale to a new or existing district by the state organization. Funds from such a sale revert to the state organization.

6.5 Penalties

Penalties assessed against districts by the Board of Governors will be in accordance with the Procedure Manual. The district may appeal the Board of Governors decision in the same manner as an individual per the Board of Governors Procedure Manual.

Section 7 – Organizational Program and Rule Changes

7.1 Subcommittees

There are three subcommittees. They are:

1. Rules Issues - The CGA Rules Committee, which consists of all CGA carded judges in good standing. This Committee is overseen by the Master Judge Advisory Committee, which consists of all active Master Judges. While this meeting is open to all CGA members, only carded CGA Judges may vote. This is because they are most knowledgeable about CGA Rules and can assess the impact of rule changes to avoid undesirable and unforeseen results. The Rules Chairperson and the President preside at these meetings.
2. Rider Programs and Awards - The CGA President presides over this committee, which is open to all CGA Members. This committee approves verbiage changes to the Riders Manual and the Information and Regulations Manual.
3. Bylaws - The CGA President presides over this committee, which is open to all CGA Members.

7.2 Change Process

Under normal circumstances, the process for changing bylaws, rider programs and rules is as follows:

Submit all voting items in writing to the General Manager or Secretary at least (30) days prior to the meeting for placement on the agenda. Items not submitted at least (30) days prior may be discussed but not voted on.

The item is discussed and voted on by the appropriate subcommittee. If the item is approved by the committee, it is forwarded to the General Membership Meeting (at Convention) or the next Board of Directors meeting, whichever occurs first, for a final vote.

If the item is not approved by the committee, it is not forwarded, and the issue ends.

The item is voted on by the General Membership (at Convention) or the Board of Directors. While minor modifications may be made for clarification, the original intent of the item may not be modified such that it has a different meaning than intended.

7.3 Disagreement on Subcommittee Decisions

It can occur, especially with the Rules Committee, that members may disagree on the subcommittee's decision to not forward an issue to the General Membership or the Board of Directors. In that case, members may submit a petition signed by 5% of the current active CGA membership (the actual number will be provided by the General Manager) to have the request presented to the General Membership or Board of Directors in spite of the subcommittee's decision.

The petition will be submitted to the General Manager, who will validate that there are sufficient valid signatures on the petition. The petition will also state whether the request should be submitted to the Board of Directors, the General Membership meeting, or placed on the ballot for the annual election. Only one of the above options is allowed.

If there are sufficient valid signatures on the petition, the request will be submitted as requested and voted on. The proponents and opponents of the issue will be provided an opportunity to make their case, either at one of the meetings, or by a position statement on the ballot. The resulting vote is final and the issue may not be revisited for a period of 2 years, except in the case of an emergency.

Appendix I:

CGA Manuals and Voting Chart

(This document is for reference only and cannot be directly changed.)

THE CGA MANUALS

	Bylaws	Policy Manual	Procedure Manual	Rule Book	Information Book
What goes in here?	The most basic rules for how the meetings and the organization is run.	WHAT we want to do on an organizational level.	HOW we implement the policy.	Rules for running the shows, event setup, proper attire & behavior, etc.	Everything else – State court, awards, MAC, etc.
Which meeting should this go to?	Bylaws meeting <u>or</u> BoD	Board of Directors (BoD)	Board of Governors (BoG)	Rules & Judges (R&J)	General Membership (GM)
Who can submit an agenda item?	Any member in good standing	Any member in good standing	Member of the BoG	Any member in good standing	Any member in good standing
How do I submit an agenda item?*	Written or email submittal to State Office or Secretary	Written or email submittal to State Office or Secretary	Talk to a member of the BoG	Written or email submittal to State Office or Secretary	Written or email submittal to State Office or Secretary
Who can vote?	Any member in good standing ≥12 years old <u>or</u> any BoD and delegate (at BoD mtg)	Members of BoD	Members of BoG	Carded judges (If it passes, it moves on to GM)	Any member in good standing ≥12 years old
How many votes are required?	2/3 of GM <u>or</u> unanimous BoD	2/3 of BoD	Majority of BoG	Majority of judges, then majority of GM	Majority of GM
Additional notes	This is intentionally difficult to change, as it is the skeleton of the entire organization. We should avoid changing the Bylaws unless absolutely necessary.	This is typically reserved for more official business. The fun activities and extra items we choose to do will usually be placed in the Information Book.	BoG meetings are not usually open to the general membership.	Since the Rules & Judges meeting is only held once a year, the MAC was created to interpret the rules the rest of the year, until they can be voted on at the next R&J meeting. MAC decisions all become void after the R&J meeting each year.	← The Rule Book can be changed by the BoD for emergency situations only

* All agenda items must be submitted in writing at least 30 days in advance in order to be up for a vote. However, you are welcome to bring up any items as part of the 'New Business' portion of a meeting for discussion only, with or without prior notice. If voting is required, it will be automatically forwarded to the next meeting.

When are the meetings held? Bylaws, Rules & Judges, and General Membership meetings (1x/year) = Saturday of Convention (November)
Board of Directors (3x/year) = Saturday in February, Saturday of State Show (August), Sunday of Convention (November)