



August 15, 2019 Annual Membership Meeting

Call to Order:

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2019
 Time: 9:10 A.M. PDT
 Place: Sun Meadow Resort, Worley ID

AANR President Kathy Watzel called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

President Kathy Watzel apologized for technical difficulties delaying the start time.

Special Assignments

- Photographer – Jim Reed
- Timekeeper – Patty Faber
- Parliamentarian – Bev Price

Roll Call – Kathy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer

Roll call

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Officers	Kathy Watzel	President	X	
	Patty Faber	Vice President	X	
	Kathy Smith	Secretary/Treasurer	X	
	Erich Schuttauf	Executive Director	X	
Trustees	Mark Huenison	Trustee from AANR Western Canada	X	
	Vacant	Club Trustee		
	Ronna Krozy	Club Trustee	X	
	Terry Meek	Trustee from AANR Midwest	X	
	Joan Harris	Club Trustee	X	
	Ralph Collinson	Trustee from AANR Florida	X	
	Walt Stephens	Trustee from AANR West	X	

Roll call

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Trustees	Bob Roche	Club Trustee	X	
	Ted Peck	Trustee from AANR Southwest	X	
	Beverly Price	Club Trustee	X	
	Karen Lahey	Trustee from AANR Northwest	X	
	Margie Cantlon	Club Trustee	X	
	Fred Van Nest	Trustee from AANR East		EXC
	Peg Lane	Club Trustee	X	

- Kathy Smith – All officers are present and 12 Trustees

National Anthems and Moment of Silence

Introductions of Dignitaries – President, Kathy Watzel

Past AANR Presidents

John Kinman

Beverly Price

Regional Presidents

Larry Deschênes

AANR-East

Absent

AANR-Midwest

David Smith

AANR-Northwest

Mitch London

AANR-Southwest

Gary Mussell

AANR-West

Bob Dixon

AANR-Western Canada

Absent

AANR-Florida

President Kathy Watzel reminded everyone that anyone who is an AANR member can vote as this is a Membership Meeting.

Consideration of Rules and Order of Business

Motion # 1

I move to adopt the *Rules and Order of Business* as distributed.

Maker: Dave Smith Second: George Mickelson
Purpose: As Stated
Fiscal Impact: None
Discussion: None
Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously

Ratify the Actions of the Board

Motion # 2

I move to Ratify the Actions of the Board taken since the August 2018 Annual Membership Meeting.

Maker: Leonard Summers III Second: Claudia J. Kellersch
Purpose: As Stated
Fiscal Impact: None
Discussion: Actions can be found in the minutes of the Outboard Trustee Meeting of August 9, 2018; Midwinter Board Meeting of February 8-9, 2019; and the Secretary/Treasurer Report in the Reports Package for the 2019 Annual Meeting. These are online in the Members Section of the AANR website under AANR Documents, Minutes and Committee Reports.
Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Motion # 3

I move to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2018 Annual Meeting as distributed.

Maker: Bob Van Limburgh Second: Theresa "T" Price
Purpose: As stated
Fiscal Impact: None
Discussion: None
Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously

Presentation of the Nominees for Man, Woman and Family of the Year Awards -

Kathy Watzel

- Man of the Year – No nominee
- Woman of the Year – No nominee
- Family – Nominee

Joan and Alan Harris, Nominated by Karen Lahey

I would like to nominate Joan and Alan Harris as Family of the Year. Joan has done exemplary work in both WINR and Planning Committees. And Alan stepping into Bob Campbell's Finance shoes can't be overestimated. Both of them have given over a big part of their last year to AANR and they should both be awarded Family of the Year, so congratulations.

Motion # 4

I move to elect Joan and Alan Harris as Family of the Year by acclamation.

Maker:	Karen Lahey	Second:	Kathy Smith
Purpose:	As stated		
Fiscal Impact:	None		
Discussion:	None		
Disposition:	Passed, unanimously by acclamation		

Host Welcome and Award– Kathy Watzel

- Margie Cantlon, co-owner of Sun Meadow states they are thrilled everyone came all the way to Idaho, which is not Ohio and it's not Iowa. Thank you for coming and we hope you enjoy this climate which we believe is, except for maybe San Diego, the finest climate in the whole country. I hope you enjoy yourselves, have a great time, and let me know if need anything.
- **Host Club Award** – Presented to Sun Meadow in commemoration of the 2019 AANR Convention in appreciation and thanks for all the effort putting on a great convention. The plaque reads: For the 2019 AANR Convention presented to Sun Meadow Resort with fond memories and gratitude from the American Association for Nude Recreation.

President's Comments – Kathy Watzel

I want to welcome you all to the convention. I just have a few highlights of some of the things that we've done this year. A lot of things I'm going to talk about I'm just going to touch on lightly. A lot of this you'll hear more in-depth from other people and other reports throughout the year.

As I said earlier, we have increased membership in the last six months. I did a little math and I want to tell you what it is. The membership increase since January 1 is 562 members. What you need to understand is that is the actual number. We could have lost 1,000, but then we gained 1,562. So this is an actual gain. I talked to some members earlier who said that their club does

not report the numbers on time, the batch doesn't go in on time, so their membership is defunct for 2 or 3 months and then they join, and they said so my number is in that count. No, it's not, because your number was in the count earlier and then it got added back in, so you zeroed yourself out. So that 562 are actual new increase numbers. In December of 2018 we were at 30,089 members and in June of 2019 we were at 30,651 members. So that straight across the board increase was 562. And so, then in December of 2017 we were at 30,639 and in June of 2018 we were at 30,399. So that was a negative 240 for that year, so you can see we have increase. If you compare the two together for the full increase year to year, is actually 492. Again, when you get that report, it's a little different because of what they're comparing.

I did an extensive look, and many of you have heard this, after our last meeting on the Bulletin costs because Peter brought it to our attention (Peter from Cypress Cove) that that was where we could cut money. We heard strongly from people in the membership and on the committees that they didn't want to get rid of the Bulletin. We are not getting rid of the printed Bulletin. You have the option to opt in, you just need to let us know. So please let your members know if they aren't getting their Bulletin, and usually that's how the office hears. "I didn't get my Bulletin" well, just give us your email and you will receive it or if you still want it mailed, we will mail it to you.

It was very interesting on the costs, I mentioned it a little bit at the meeting the other day, that if you are a Canadian member and you are an individual, we are actually losing about \$6 a year for you being a member because of the postage and the printing costs and that. So that is something we need to address and look at.

I did mention earlier, too, that I had a meeting with the office staff on cost saving ways, what they could brainstorm and come up with how we could save money. So, we are all very aware and we are trying to do a very good job at saving the dollars for AANR.

One of our biggest programs that we are instituting this year is Impexium. That's the new computer system going in at the office. And we had multiple meetings with them by phone to talk about the program before we signed the contract. Erich and I talked to them on the phone. We had a wonderful conversation with the president of the company that was, in my opinion, semi-humorously after it occurred because he kept telling me "no", he wasn't going to do the things I was asking him to do in the contract language. Some of you know I negotiated contracts for over 30 years for teachers. And so, after the phone call was done with him, we brainstormed, and we took our position on where we were going to stand with the company. We got an email back within a week and he gave us everything we had asked for. That doesn't happen in teacher negotiations. I was blown away. So that was just simple contract language changes that Erich took care of. That is going very well at the office. We hope that they will both be going side by side, the old system and the new, in October. And then we hope it will be very smooth and we won't have any bumps or nicks. Erich's going to talk about Impexium a lot more later on.

One of the other things that many of you are not aware of, and I will have these at the back table for you later some of you when I came to your regions I showed you and talked about it, is this brochure that Karen Lahey, Erich, myself and people in the office put together. And this was for the World Naked Bike Ride. This is something we are offering to all regions or all clubs. We will do the print and the artwork for you for a public pamphlet to hand out at some organization. Then we will send it digitally to you and you can print it and use it. It's a very professional looking piece. This was done for the Northwest. If you have a naked bike ride in the West or the East, we will take the page that talks about all the clubs in your region and change it. The rest of the information can stay the same. We can do it for any event. Volleyball, swimming meets, topless

events, whatever. One thing that we are trying to gear these to is events where people want to be nude. Your success is going to be so much greater. I have a great story that came out of the Northwest when I was there and I don't remember the gentleman or his club, but it was after the World Naked Bike Ride and he reported out that they had gotten six new visitors since the event of the World Naked Bike Ride that had occurred two weeks earlier. And I said, if you got six people from an event that occurred two weeks ago that you handed these out at, that is 100% success. And he was very surprised. We had two billboards up at MAR for two years and not one person put down they saw the billboard as they were driving down the highway.

Another thing we are doing is "you have been patronized by a nudist." We're going to put that on the website so you can go in, pull it off, you've got it ready to go, you can put something on the back and print it off. So, these are services we're trying to offer to everybody over the last year. Another thing we talked about, and I know the regions have talked about it a little, is a passport system. Two of the regions already have it and we're looking for everyone. That has a lot more glitches and nicks on how to do it and how to do it all on the computer and have it work successfully. But these are just a few of the things we have been discussing over the last year to make the Association better and work for you.

Another piece that you may have seen in the Bulletin is the column that Erich is now doing telling you what's occurring in every region every month. Many of you, and I know I wasn't aware of this, don't know they handle two to three calls a day on issues with nudity. It's probably a quiet week when you only have two phone calls. And Carolyn keeps a log on all of those on what's going on. Unfortunately, because of legal reasons, they are unable to let you know specifics on a lot of that. And Erich hopes that in the future, as some of those cases quiet down, he can get more specific and inform you on what's going on.

I hope that gives you a little insight into what we've been doing this year. Please let us know if you have any ideas on how we can do a better job for your regions or for you personally. Thank you.

Executive Director's Comments – Erich Schuttauf

I want to begin by again thanking Sun Meadow for an absolutely incredible job of putting on the Convention that we have here. Can we thank them again [applause]? As already announced, it happens because of a little help, a lot of help, from their friends. A lot of people who have been staying up late to vacuum floors, getting our breakfast, and sometimes when some of us don't show up for meals, we mess things up as well. So, the patience that is shown by the volunteers that are here is so deeply appreciated.

If you were here last night for the musical presentation that was done by McLeod9, an absolutely incredible performance, and I wanted to start by talking about it because the most incredibly magical thing happened if you were there for that performance because there's a crowd around and they're playing this music and they're playing the violin and other instruments, mandolins and everything. And you've seen, I'm sure, this little 18-month old girl that is with her folks here, Julia. And so, the violin is playing softly, and this girl walks up to the stage and she is just swaying to the music, swaying as they are playing it. And then, other people get up to dance. And I don't single them out, but Jan and Stan Ricks get up and it is this most romantic moment, frankly. And in back there is this sign that says, "nude family fun in the Northwest". And I said that is why I love my job, frankly. That's why I love you

being here. That is why you love AANR for moments like this, whether you're 18 months old or eighty, there's a place for you in nude recreation.

Now the sad news is a bit of what Kathy touched on, is that regrettably it isn't always happy moments because there are families that are having the custody of their children questioned. Last week I had to talk to Arkansas state lawmakers about this law that's been on the books for years, but I also had to tell them about a situation where a couple in Arkansas was denied adoption. They were told by the adoption agency "you're nudists, you're AANR members, and you can't adopt". Now we are working our way through the agency. The folks involved did not want to bring a lawsuit, they wanted us to inform lawmakers of this problem and they're pursuing some other avenues. But we get those calls, as Kathy said, on a regular basis and we do keep a log of each and every family, each and every person who has lost a job because they enjoy nude recreation, everyone who has been cited for being in their backyard and if I could give you a short message on Government Affairs it would be this. The battle has shifted from the United States Congress and the states. You have done your job well with the National Conference of State Legislators. We do have issues that happen occasionally, but that isn't where we're seeing the battle anymore. The battle is in your backyard. Because even if you have a fenced backyard, there are neighbors who like to call the police knowing that you're out there and knowing they might get a leg up on the naked person next door. And you would say "how can they make an issue out of somebody behind a six-foot fence in their backyard". Folks, I had four cases this year. Four different cases, including one that's going to a Court of Appeals in Virginia. Because the neighbor knew they were outside naked and if they called the police and they responded, they would find a naked person in the backyard and then they could make something of it. Did these battles always start with nudity? They might not. They might be over the way that somebody keeps a dog in the backyard that barks and starts a dispute. It might be a custody dispute that spirals into nudism, but they try to use it against you. And I have to be honest, I wouldn't be straight if I didn't tell you that families call us that have their custody in question. And so this is what AANR is doing day in, day out and the Government Affairs Team that meets each month to discuss what is happening in areas where they're cracking down on nudity or seem to be telegraphing they are and then we put the fire out, as happened in Utah. So, please keep on keeping on. If you can take any message back to folks, take this that AANR is still on the vanguard, along with its regions, of protecting your right to enjoy nude recreation.

And that's number one on that mission statement that Joan talked about yesterday so well. So, we protect. But then we also promote. And I'm in a difficult position because of I don't want to steal thunder from awards that are going to go out on media in just a few minutes. But we may interject from time to time about what the value is of getting the message out to the public about nude recreation that these various news articles you're going to hear about, these various television programs, are getting the word out about nude recreation, what they're worth in promotion. As soon as I saw the list that Joan had prepared, "Protect, Promote, Provide, Preserve", the first thing that occurred to me was that you can't spell any of those words without "pr" in the front. You've got to have PR. Even in Government Affairs we have to support those efforts. We get good press, we talk to lawmakers; we get bad press, we apologize to lawmakers. They go hand in hand. You can't do those two things without PR. And providing what's a part of what's being provided here. Hopefully over the course, you will learn some things. Shirley yesterday and Tim were excellent about talking about how you can help Government Affairs without a \$50,000 check.

Tomorrow we will have things on social media, and I think you will want to be present to learn how to enter the Twitterverse and Facebook. Kathy will tell you firsthand that we went to these various social

media companies on your behalf and said “Look. You are really pressing our clubs because they can’t get a simple message out about walking nude down the beach or visiting them for a music festival if they show any skin and you shut them down and put them in Facebook Jail. I can’t tell you we’ve turned that overnight. But tomorrow we will share some of the things that their head of government relations told us to do or not do so we can keep communications channels open. Your dues made it possible for us to have a face-to-face meeting with Facebook and the President of your association about social media.

There’s a club on the east coast that was turned down for a merchant account because they’re a nudist club. They were turned down by a well-known bank, Wells Fargo. And at that National Conference of State Legislators we were able to meet face-to-face with the senior vice president of government relations for Wells Fargo. Both myself and Larry Deschênes, who’s in the back who’ll tell you his own personal story face-to-face, Kathy felt it would triple-team them if she also went over, but the point is that on the corporate level it’s a miscommunication that needs to be worked out. We couldn’t reach the right levels on the east coast, but perhaps somebody working out of the Arizona office in senior government affairs can help us. So, we try some different things and your dues make it possible to have a one-on-one meeting with the President of your association and a high-ranking representative of Wells Fargo and Facebook.

I hope you take back those examples of how we are protecting, how we are promoting. We are providing the experience through Sun Meadow and the help from their friends, and preserving it. Because I tell you one day that little girl is going to be applying for a scholarship. We heard last night about a young lady who got a college scholarship, several of them, and now her folks are helping to organize a fundraiser for the Education Foundation. That’s preserving what people are going to enjoy in the future.

My son is now serving his country in the United States Army and one of his first experiences and friendships he made was over nude recreation. I told this story in a few places and I’m going to close with this. He’s in basic training and studying to be a soldier and what do they do? They carry firearms and shoot at the range, they throw hand grenades, all of these things. The soldiers aren’t afraid of those things or a ten-mile rucksack, with the things on their back. They are, however, afraid of stripping off and going into the shower at the barracks. That’s what these young men were afraid of. So, my son throws his towel over his shoulder and walks right on into the shower. They said “Man, you aren’t bashful, are you.” He said, “I grew up as a nudist.” And out pipes, in this small group of 25 soldiers in this squad, one who said, “My grandfather had a place at something called Cypress Cove in Florida and I used to go visit him a lot”. And they became barracks buddies or battle buddies through the course of basic training. What were the odds the 25 soldiers would have two nude recreationists among them? But that’s a true story. That is worth preserving, what you gave to my family. And what AANR gives back to you and to your extended family, your friends.

We’ll give you specifics on Impexium a little later in a segment, and we’ll have a little bit of a handout for you and take some questions on Impexium.

Membership Marketing Awards – Patty Faber

The **Membership Increase** awards go to the clubs with the greatest increase by percentage and by number based on the year-end membership count.

- **Membership Increase in Numbers Award** – Lake O’The Woods, 44 new members
- **Membership Increase in Percentage Award** – White Tail Resort, 26%

- **Schofield Trophy** – Patty Faber

This award goes to the non-landed club that accumulates and documents the most mileage per member* on visits to landed clubs on the North American continent.

**Mileage per member = total club miles divided by the number of club members as of Dec 31*

- **Hidden Springs** from AANR Northwest
Miles per member – 984.56

- **Hal O’Neill Award** – Patty Faber

The Hal O’Neill Outstanding Public Relations Award is awarded to a club that joins in a community effort that results in the improvement of the club’s image as well as the image of nudism in general.

- **Suwanee Valley** for their Veterans’ Day Celebration

Public Relations Comments and Awards

Public relations – Non-nudist media awards – Kathy Watzel

These awards are given to encourage an increase in the number and quality of articles, programs and photographs published in the non-nudist media.

- **Non-Nudist Newspaper Article**

- **“What Nudism is Really Like”**, Charles Houston/The Daily
- **“Wear Sunscreen ‘Bare Buns on the Run’”**, August 2018, The Inlander, Spokane WA
- **“Toplessness and Public Nudity in Canada ‘Is it Legal?’”** May 15, 2019, Kerri Breen/Global News
- **“And the Bride Wore, Um Nothing (the Groom, Too),** February 24, 2019, Hilary Sheinbaum/New York Times

➤ **Best Original Article in a Club Newsletter Award** – Kathy Watzel

This award goes to the club whose newsletter has the most original article on any subject.

- **“Peter Goes to Saline Warm Springs”** – *SCNA Newsletter*

➤ **Ilisley Boone Best Club Newsletter Awards** – Kathy Watzel

These awards go to the best club newsletter in each of four categories, based on the year-end membership count. Since newsletter editors are the key to achieving this award, the club and the editor share the award. This year only 2 of the 4 categories had entries.

- **Group A** -10 to 50 Members – **SNCA Newsletter**, Editor - Gary Mussell, Southern California Naturist Association
- **Group B** - 51 to 200 Members – no submission
- **Group C** – 250 to 500 Members – no submission
- **Group D** – over 500 Members – no submission

➤ **Non-Nudist TV Media Award** – Kathy Watzel

- **Cypress Cove Nude Resort Marketing Department** – **RTL German Television**
- **Washington State Senator Saldana** addressed the **Washington Senate on Social Nudism**

➤ **Non-Nudist Radio Media Award** – Kathy Watzel

- **Sun Meadow Resort, Idaho Matters**

➤ **Non-Nudist Magazine Article Award** – Kathy Watzel

- **Natural Awakenings, Shed Old Attitudes with Your Clothes, May 2019**, by Nancy Greenhouse and Ronna Krozy
- **Essence Magazine, Black Naturist Association**
- **Cypress Cove Nudist Resort, Marketing Department, RSW Living Magazine** found on **Jet Blue Flights**

➤ **Non-Nudist Magazine Photograph Award** – Kathy Watzel

- **Susan Palmer, owner Rockhaven Lodge, Nashville Scenes**

➤ **Serendipity Park Amateur Website Award** – Patty Faber

This award recognizes websites that portray nude recreation in a positive way, providing education or information about nude recreation and, of course, showing an affiliation with AANR.

- **Hangin' Loose** – www.hanginloose.com

➤ **Erwin Koch Award** – Patty Faber

This award is given to the club whose friendliness and cleanliness have been described in writing. Each regional president selects a winner from their region and the AANR President selects the award winner from among the regional winners.

- **Serendipity Park**

➤ **Glen Eden Award** – Patty Faber

This award is given to the AANR club that holds the most outstanding publicity event during the year.

- **Cypress Cove Nudist Resort for Nudapalooza**

➤ **Art Schumann Award** – Patty Faber

This award is given for best nudist reporting by a non-nudist reporter in a non-nudist publication.

“**Mountain Air Ranch**”, Allyson Reddy/Denver Post

➤ **Rick Athern Photography Award** – Patty Faber

This award is to recognize photographers whose photographs best display the beauty and enjoyment of family and social nudism and have been published in *The Bulletin*.

- “Collecting Donations for the Food Pantry is a Tradition at Wildwood Nudist Resort”, December 2018 Bulletin, Connie Taylor

Break at 10:00

Return at 10:16

Young Man and Young Woman of the Year Awards

These awards, along with a check for \$100, go to the best essays written by AANR Youth under the age of 18 that detail what benefits the author has derived from being a nudist.

- **Young Man of the Year - Gabriel Pulver**, age 17, White Tail Resort
- **Young Woman of the Year – Kyla Munden**, age 15, White Tail Resort

Special GAT Award – Erich Schuttauf

Actually, Madam President, with your indulgence, we have two matters. Delighted to be doing this. One of our regions has requested an opportunity to just recognize a person in their region who has made some outstanding efforts in preserving beaches in Florida this year. And by doing this we get it in the record. I understand it's not in the official award nominations, but at the same time it is very much deserving of a place in the record. I'm going to ask Ralph Collinson to come forward if he'd be willing to. The region that Ralph is in, AANR Florida, has asked that we recognize their Government Affairs professional, Ramon Maury, who has been working for the Blind Creek Beach among other efforts. Ramon is there in Tallahassee each year for visits but is also working on preserving Blind Creek Beach which has been there in St. Lucie County for the last two or three years. In particular there have been some issues. I'm going to get the plaque ready, if you want to say a few words or anything else you want on the record.

[Ralph Collinson] Maybe give you a little background. There's been some misinformation sent out by certain individuals about what's going on in Florida. Blind Creek Beach did have a threat of sorts. There are some wealthy people in that county that are horse people who were eyeing the nude beach. They actually got permission a year or two ago to build some horse trails in that area and they really wanted the beach. But they were very disorganized. And the big thing was the nudists were organized and we've proven to the county that we bring a lot of money into that county with vacations and such. Recently Ramon and Erich wrote language that we provided to the county that they can use to designate this a nudist beach. That was Phase I.

Phase II, we're now trying to get a nudist beach on the west coast of Florida in a state park. Historically in Florida there were about ten nudist beaches on state park property back in the 60s and 70s and they're all gone because the state parks passed a rule in the 80s to ban nude swimming. Working to get around this regulation, Ramon is going to be the person doing that. And we've had a lot of good cooperation. TNS has donated for the Blind Creek effort. South Florida Free Beaches are donating for the Phase II effort and we now have a user group that's called "Tampa Bay Free Beaches". We had a user group there for a long time who were AANR members, but they were pretty ineffective. They did get petition through and we had 14,000 signatures on the petition which is sufficient to bring it to the state's attention. They did at least that part. This new group seems to have their act together maybe a little bit better. They're now an AANR club and have donated to AANR. And we have, also, a new landed club, "Eden RV", which is in that same area. Seems to be some momentum now to get a beach in the Tampa/St Pete area. So, Ramon's going to be working on that also and he does a lot of other things, too, throughout the year.

[Erich] We have tried to prepare a fitting memento or token to thank him for the work he's doing and know that at a future AANR Florida meeting it can be presented as well but appreciate the chance to put that on the record.

[Ralph] If you were on the cruise this year, you might have met Ramon. He got a free cruise from the cruise company. He's probably one of the few lobbyists in the United States that is a nudist.

➤ **Non-Nudist Newspaper Article – addendum, Erich Schuttauf**

You may have heard, when they handed a small piece of walnut out that there was an award for an article in the New York Times. The name of that article was “And the Bride Wore, Um, Nothing (the Groom, Too)” and it was about nude weddings that took place in several clubs across the United States. The small piece of walnut you saw is going to the writer to thank the writer for a great article. We have a little bit something special prepared for the clubs that were involved in this article because they come from three different regions. That does not usually happen when we have press it's typically one place or the reporter might visit a couple of clubs in, say Palm Springs. But it is rare that we get something that reports on so many clubs in different places.

I want to talk to you about the value of PR, because we're going to show you in 3-D form just how large this article was within the New York Times. This particular article, we shopped the rate card and said if you were going to get an article of this size, with color, all contiguous where it doesn't go from one page to the next page, what would it cost to get that placed. And on any day in the New York Times it's at least six figures. You're talking at least \$100,000 and on the right day and section, it can approach a half a million for this much ink in the New York Times. That's what we celebrate. That's why you're here, too, to celebrate the success that your association makes possible to get the word out. We have a plaque prepared for each of the clubs and I want you take a look at this. This is exactly how it was prepared...continuous ink in the New York Times, this is color photography on Sunday, February 24, 2019. And again, we're talking depending on what your frequency advertising is, anywhere from a hundred thousand to a quarter of a million dollars to get that much ink in the New York Times.

This was worthy of celebrating, so we took a few liberties to mention, to prepare a custom little plaque for each of the three clubs that were named in this article. So, you have Green Valley, from the Midwest (Ohio); we had Cypress Cove, from Florida; and we had Wildwood from Texas (Southwest). We didn't bring all of these out here because they are glass and break easily, but we had them made for each of the clubs. We hope the clubs will put them on the wall in a major place to show what we're celebrating, but also that it came from your Association. That was Kathy's suggestion that we point out it is recognition from AANR.

There's a fourth one of these plaques that was prepared, and I want to say why. Because instrumental in getting this article into the New York Times and instrumental in conducting numerous weddings and nuptials for persons of both straight, lesbian/gay couples, folks from all faiths, Carolyn Hawkins has been there to provide wedding services to people, interfacing with those folks and I had a number of people whisper in my ear “don't you hand out a piece of walnut if you don't give one to Carolyn Hawkins of your staff who did so much to make this happen”. One has been made and will be going to her.

Government Affairs – Tim Mullins

➤ **Alonzo Stephens Jr. Memorial Government Affairs Award**

This award goes to an individual or club for outstanding contributions to the Government Affairs program.

- **Bob Morton** of the Southwest is this year's winner.

Hall of Fame Committee – Larry Deschênes

This award, and an Honorary Life Membership in AANR, is given for services to family social nudism that are of considerable magnitude and truly of national importance. If the recipient is a Life Member, this award upgrades that membership to Elite Life.

➤ **Bob Campbell**

Sharon McLeod spoke to the nomination. His award will be displayed in the AANR Office

➤ **Paul LeValley**

Larry Deschênes spoke to the nomination.

There are people who were nominated but did not win this year. They are still eligible for next year. I encourage all of you to seriously consider someone deserving to put in for next year.

Corrections to Program – Bev Price

Some award winners were not listed on page 12 of the program.

Jim Cossins Award – those not listed were

- Pamela Pelc – 2013
- Richard and Shirley Mason - 2014

President's Awards - Kathy Watzel

- **President's Award** - This award is issued at the discretion of the AANR President and is presented to a person, couple or group deemed by the President to have performed meritorious service to AANR.

- **Ralph Collinson** - for all the work he has done over the years

➤ **Jim Cossins Award** – This award, and an Honorary Life Membership in AANR, is issued at the discretion of the AANR President to an individual or couple who, in the President’s opinion, has performed distinguished and meritorious services to AANR and who exemplifies the qualities of mature judgment, faithful dedication to high ideals and continuous services to AANR for which we wish to memorialize Jim Cossins.

- **Alan and Joan Harris** - For everything they have done to help over the year. Alan stepped in earlier with the finance and then said yes to commit to another two years. Joan has been instrumental with a lot of things with WINR and the Planning Committee. Thank you for all you’ve done for the organization not only during my term, but before.

➤ **President’s Meritorious Service Awards**

The AANR President presents this award to up to ten people deemed by the President to have performed meritorious service to AANR.

- **Karen Lahey** – She has done so much on the Membership Marketing Committee.
- **Tim Mullins** – For all he’s done on GAT.
Both Karen and Tim have navigated the logistics of conference calls across time zones and schedules. It’s quite a job.
- **Beverly Price** – Bev has done lots of little things behind the scenes. She does her Planned Giving. She keeps the historical information of the Bulletin in order, names of people and what they did and when. She was in the office a week updating, coordinating the list of clubs, the directory, the website and pamphlets we hand out, making sure all the dots are in the right place.
- **Kathy Smith** – Thank you for keeping me in order and what’s going on. You wouldn’t believe the times we have gone back and forth. But the biggest one was going to the Canadian convention which was sort of interesting, we learned. The message we got from Bob (Dixon) was “don’t forget your passport”. We sent a representative to every convention, every region this year and Kathy was the closest to the Canadian Convention and Dave was going to go, but well, they won’t take the dogs at the club. So, Kathy was going to go by herself. Then Dave was going to go again, but the rv also couldn’t make it up the road to the club, so then they had to find some place to stay and nobody knew what was around that area. Then they had to rent a car because the rv can’t get up the road. So, they made it, and did it with smiles on their faces, and thank you very, very much.

Business Specifically Referred to This Meeting:

None

New Business:

None

Good of the Order

- **John Kinman** – Very quickly, as a Past President, I've been trying to do my best impression of Jack DePree sitting in the back of the room and critiquing everything. The only thing I'm not going to do that Jack did when I sat up there is tell which things were wrong that we did.

Announcements

- **Shirley Gauthier** – There is a silent auction tomorrow with the money going to GAT. My home club, which I joined in 1972, is the Willamettans. Our president this year added a ton of value to our contribution. You'll see here it says, "No expiration date and no date exclusions". There is also an almost famous mud shirt hand-dyed in an undisclosed location from the Willamettans mud soil by our own president, Alan. So please come to the silent auction tomorrow and raise lots of money for Government Affairs.
- **Patty Faber** – As an aside, if we raise \$5,000 between SMS and the silent auction, Tim Mullins has agreed to shave. From the nose down. I have a brand new Schick Quatro Razor, a can of shaving cream, and a tube of shaving gel. Somebody else has volunteered his clippers to get through some of the thicker hair.
- **Karen Lahey** – There's also going to be fund raisers for the AANR Education Foundation earmarked for scholarships. There's going to be three fundraisers. One is going to happen during the SMS and that's going to be a Fascinator (hat) workshop. The second is a wine and paint party. The last is going to be a poker run. In the lobby you can see this wagon with all the great stuff in it. That's the prize. Pay your money in the office to register, then you go to various stations, play a simple game, and get your card. Whoever gets the best poker hand wins the wagon. There's also a second prize.
 - **Walt Stevens** – there's actually four. There's a donation jar for the mudslides and margaritas.

The way to fill in your Trivia Contest is to talk to people from the Northwest, because we're the people who know the answers.

- **Cynthia Knox** – What is SMS?
 - **Kathy Watzel** - Single Malt Scotch – You walk into the room with a bottle of single malt scotch and to get out of the room you pay \$100. You do get to drink while you're in the room. That's how it's a fund raiser.
- **T Price** – At 4pm when SMS and other things are occurring, there will be a Friends of Bill, and we're adding Lois, meeting over in the park model across from the lodge. If you don't know what that means, you can either see me after the meeting and ask or it doesn't pertain to you anyway.
- **Margie Cantlon** – I just want to remind people of two things. One, the Blood Drive is on Saturday. We just had a blood drive one month ago and we can't give blood so we're counting on all of you.

The other thing is, please don't leave thinking we have your credit card number, because we don't. You need to give us your credit card on the way out.
- **Bev Price** – Just a quick reminder that at 4:30 on Friday there'll be a Planned Giving reception on patio. There's going to be some competition, or maybe togetherness,

because that's where the silent auction will be. You can come nosh with us then go over and bid on the silent auction. The Planned Giving reception is all about how you can be a member of the Planned Giving Program. Everyone is invited. There'll be wine and snacks. You get a special gift if you fill out a card and get it to us by the end of the reception. You'll also see the same thing in the Bulletin for those who are not here. But they won't get the wine or the snacks, but they'll get an opportunity to get a gift.

- **Peg Lane** – I just want to add on to what Karen was saying about the Education Foundation. I am the treasurer, so if there's anybody here who also like to give a check, I would be glad to accept that. And also, what we have added on the Education Foundation webpage, you can now donate by PayPal.
- **Mitch London** – I'm doing the program Saturday on Photography. It was scheduled to be in here, but since someone cancelled in the library, it will be in the library. I have a door prize of a little tripod.

Secondly, I donated a Nudeopoly game to the auction. It's the second time I've made one. I bought a Monopoly game and modified it for nudists. The properties are clubs. Each region has three properties. All the Chance and Community Chest cards have been modified to be nudist related. And if you haven't ever been there, on the AANR website there are some great little cartoons/characters you can use. I downloaded them and used them in the game.

- **Margie Cantlon** – So since we're talking about the silent auction, if you haven't already, get your donation to the office asap so we can get bid sheets made.
- **Ralph Collinson** – AANR-Florida also has a scholarship program, but we seldom get scholarship applications. We give college scholarships and we also give camp scholarships. If the foundation or any of the regions have people who are eligible, but you don't have the funds. Please send me the application and we will consider it from our fund. We've done that before. We sent an AANR-East kid two years in a row to camp at Sunsport. We're glad to share the wealth if need be.
- **Jim Lahey** – The fee for the balloon workshop will be donated to the Education Foundation for scholarships.
- **Kathy Watzel** – Please take your things with you as we will be rearranging the room.
There's a trustee meeting here at 12:30 this afternoon. So, if you're planning to join us, please join us at 12:30.

Meeting adjourned

At 11:15 A.M. PDT

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Smith

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Secretary/Treasurer