



Minutes for Annual Membership Meeting, 2023

## Call to Order:

Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023

Time: 9:9:06 AM EDT

Location: Solair Recreation League

AANR President Mitch London called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. EDT.

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Officers	Mitch London	Present	X	
	Tim Mullins	Vice President	Zoom	
	David Levine	Secretary/Treasurer	X	
	Erich Schuttauf	Executive Director	X	
Trustees	Sandra Cordell	East Trustee	Zoom	
	BG Parkes	Florida Trustee		X
	Richard Quigly	Midwest Trustee	X	
	Karen Lahey	Northwest Trustee	X	
	Heather Chaney	Southwest Trustee	X	
	Kathy Watzel	West Trustee	X	
	Bob Dixon	Western Canada Trustee	Zoom	

All officers and 6 trustees were present. BG Parkes is absent.

Mitch London – Declaration of Quorum

National Anthems were sung, Canada was first.

Mitch asked for a moment of silence for those we lost over the year.

## ***Introduction of Dignitaries – Mitch London***

Kathy Watzel Past President

Ted Peck Past Trustee

Max Schuttauf Technical Geru

Ralph Collinson Florida Region President

Cyndi Tendick West Region President  
Donna Jennings Northwest Region President  
Andy Walden West Region Secretary  
Mark Huenison Western Canada Region President

## Consideration of Rules and Order of Business

### **Motion 1**

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

Maker: Kathy Watzel Second Richard Quigly

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal impact: None

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

### **Motion 2**

I move to ratify the Actions of the Board taken since the August 2022 Annual Membership meeting.

Maker: Kathy Watzel Second: Ralph Collinson

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

### **Motion 3**

I move to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2022, Annual Meeting as distributed.

Maker: Ronna Krozy Second: Karen Lahey

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

## Family of the year

Kathy Watzel read the nomination.

### **Motion 4**

I move to elect Linda and Stan Weber Family of the Year.

Maker: Ronna Krozy Second: Karen Lahey

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

## Woman of the Year

Cindi Tendick read the nomination.

### Motion 5

I move to elect Andee Rodgers Woman of the Year.

Maker: Kathy Watzel Second: Ted Peck

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

## Host Welcome

Ronna Krozy gave the hosts welcome.

Mitch presented the host award to Ronna. On behalf of Solair Recreation League.

## President's Comments

Mitch London gave a welcome to everyone and to Solair.

## Executive Director's Comments

Erich Schuttauf welcomed everyone and introduced AANR office staff that were in attendance.

Max Schuttauf

Carolyn Hawkins

Showed CNN video with Ronna Krozy

## Membership awards

- Membership Increase Award by Percentage – Sandy Lane Club 84.62% increase.
- Membership Increase Award by number - Suwannee Valley Resort
  - 183 new members,
- Rick Athern Photography Award – Cedar Trails Retreat Midwest youth camp for September 2022 issue of Bulletin.
- Erwin Koch Award - Cyprus Cove Resort

## Public Relations awards

- Ilsley Boone Best Newsletter Award – Southern California Naturist
- TV Presentation Award – Serenity Mountain Retreat
- Radio Media Award – Lori Crofford – 101.9
- Art Schumann Award – Cypress Cove Resort
- Glen Eden Award – Suwannee Valley Resort

- Public Relations Non-Nudist Newspaper Article Award – Travelites
- Public Relations Non-Nudist Photograph Award – Laurence Ellis
- Public Relations Non-Nudist Newspaper Award – Catherine Pearson at New York Times
- Serendipity Park Web Award Professional – Southern California Nudist
- Serendipity Park Web Award Amateur – Willamettans Family Nudist Resort

## Government Affairs awards

- AANR Government Affairs Memorial Award – Bob Morton

## Hall of Fame awards

- Hall of Fame Award – Mike Parker
- Hall of Fame Award – Karen Lahey
- The nomination is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

## President's award

- Presidential Meritorious Award – Kathy Watzel
- Jim Cossins Award – Kathy Smith
- Young Woman of the Year – Noelani S.
- Young Man of the Year – Harper S.
- It was erroneously mentioned that these two youth were from the AANR Midwest KidsKamp however they are from the AANR East Region Kids Camp.

## Business Specifically Referred to this Meeting

Ronna Krozy read a letter from the MARNA travel club which is included as an appendix to these minutes.

## New Business

None

## Good of the Order

- Eric Schuttauf announced the latest club to earn its charter status, Southwest Nude Runners Travel Club presented to Ted Peck.
- Ted Peck offered to share his bottle of \$80 scotch he received as a birthday present with anyone who would donate at least \$10 to GAT.
- Mike Parker mentioned that he didn't like the Wreaths Across America as a disabled veteran. He also mentioned that he had friends who were non-Christians wouldn't have anything to do this program.
- Paul LeValley states that the Nudist Research Library will be closing for a few days to remodel to provide 200 feet more shelf space.
- Karen Lahey challenged the people in the room to take on a club to assist in finding new members. From June 2022 to June 2023, we've lost 280 members.

- KathyWatzel mentioned that from June 2022 to June 2023 we also gained 320 new members. She also asked for the names and numbers of club members who are not AANR members so they can be contacted.
- Ronna Kozey mentioned that along with getting existing club members to join AANR we need to look at ways to bring a new population of people. We need younger folks and better public acceptance.
- Mitch London mentioned that if anyone hears of any possible outlets contact the office.
- Ralph Collinson mentioned that Laurence Ellis approached AANR because he had an arrangement with the magazine to write a series of articles about disenfranchised groups. Some of the clubs were not receptive to the photo shoot.
- Max Schuttauf announced a new Passport program for club visits. Scan a QR code and your visit will be recorded on your AANR profile. The receipt lists this as a purchase but that is because that is the way the site must do it. There is no charge.
- David Levine mentioned the AANR Education Foundation's art raffle for 4 original art works. The raffle will run until December. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. This is more important now because Amazon ended the Smile program which was one of our major income sources.
- Shangrila Ranch held a fund raiser by raffling off shirts on Skinny Dip Day. Cyndi Tendick presented the Foundation with a check for \$200.

## Announcements

- Announcements were made concerning activities for the rest of the convention.
- Kathy Watzel explained about NCSL and why AANR attends.
- Mike asked online about the Bisbee Scholarship what was not awarded. Karen Lahey mentioned that there was only 1 applicant, and he couldn't make it so it was not awarded. The scholarship money is still there so the AEF is working with Bill Bisbee to work on something else.

Adjourned at 11:15

Hall of Fame Nomination for Karen Lahey.

Karen Lahey's AANR Hall of Fame Award

(Sung to: Davy Crockett)

This person's been a member since 2001  
Interesting, brilliant and lots of fun  
And now to be honored in our Hall of Fame  
Where no one will ever forget her name

Karen, Karen Lahey  
The AANR Nudist Queen

There isn't a role she's not filled yet  
Trustee, VP and President  
Jim Cossins Award & Woman of the Year  
Meritorious Awards to this great volunteer

Karen, Karen Lahey  
The tireless volunteer

Her commitment to nudism is of great renown  
She advocates for AANR wherever she's found  
Computers, programs and websites too  
She's helped many people know what to do  
She tested 60 systems, each one by one  
Til AANR chose Impexium  
There's hardly a naturist to fill her shoes  
On the AEF board, and edits Nude News

Karen, Karen Lahey  
The nudist life guru  
Karen, Karen Lahey  
The Techie nudist sage

She runs AANR online, a smashing hit  
Over 2000 people signed up for it  
And Membership Marketing she is the chair  
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I was on a roll with this song and there's so much more I could have said (or sung) about Karen. But I was afraid the hook would come out!

So to my very dear friend, a knight with no need for shining armor, you are to be congratulated for earning this well-deserved, prestigious place in the AANR Hall of fame.

*Song composed by:*

Ronna E Krozy

AANR PR Chair

AANR Convention & Facilities Chair

July 18, 2023

## MARNA travel club statement

The following statement, sent by a representative of the MARNA travel club was read by Ronna Krozy, AANR PR Chair. The intent of this statement was an appeal for “good citizenship” among individuals when talking about other nudist clubs. The statement was edited for clarity.

“Maryland Area Naturist Association, now a robust Travel Club of AANR EAST is in their 29th year of operation holding swims and Nude Yoga at rented indoor and outdoor locations across Maryland and South-Central Pennsylvania. We are thrilled and honored to have won the Falconer award for club growth FOUR times since 2013. The Club was conceived first in 1980 when 18-year-old Maryland native Walter Green III enlisted in the U.S. Army and having been stationed in Germany discovered Nudism and brought the concept home to his Community.

By 1995 the MARNA website was born and events were held soon after. The secret, how we outlasted every single non-landed [club] in the Mid-Atlantic states who hosted such swims, [is that] We are truly a community of friends and extended family. And we have assembled a membership group largely of the age bracket of 20's to mid-fifties, though of course ALL ARE WELCOME as space allows.

On that note, we are aware that some other clubs [~~who~~] are evolving in an era when many post COVID are struggling internally with management, finances or in some cases, exiting AANR or ceasing to function as Nudist. [This has created some attempts to unjustly disparage clubs to recruit new members into other clubs. However] we want to encourage ALL clubs to be positive and instruct all members to speak positively of all other clubs. This is not difficult to accomplish if we all try.

We have always strived to be a family friendly and even-gendered group and [once] attended come as guests and leave their first event as friends and always return. Yes, some may find travel clubs breaking such new ground and in some cases holding more events monthly than a few [landed clubs] surprising. We do not; and [we] are always striving to try new things.

We wish all attendees the very best this week and safe travels.

We would encourage any and all AANR members to follow up with us and join the bi-weekly zoom calls and meet our members and our young adult leaders in person!”

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