



Minutes of the 2024 Midwinter meeting

Call to Order:

Date: Friday February 2, 2024

Time: 10:13 AM EST

Location: Lake Como

Online visitors:

Mitch London
Bob Justice
Donna Jennings
Mark Huenison
Chuck Fowler
Art Vernon
Linda Weber
Joan Harris
Andee Rogers
Judy Mason
Steve Bebell
Arlette Lowery
Carlos Orosco
Jeffrey Baldasarre

Wreaths Across America – No report

Budget Committee – Kath Watzel

Budget done in early December, sent to trustees a week later. No comments until 3 days before the meeting. Request to separate the PR and Membership numbers. This was completed for the 2024 budget. Comment about the raise in budgeted amounts. Budget needs to anticipate rising costs.

Question about budget for building repairs. AANR owns the building and generates income from renters. Have had problems getting quotes. Possible improvements:

Seal the exterior rocks

Upgrade phone system
New gutter
Possibly upgrade cameras
Outside doors due to flooding
Updated computer equipment

- We are a service provider, and most of the labor and insurance costs are in service organizations.
- We moved some of the Ruben James money into high earning CDs at 5.5%.
- From 2014 to 2019 we have pulled from the investments to pay bills. For the last 4 years we have not pulled any money.
- Staffing is at bare bones currently. Over the past 2 years 2 positions left and were not filled. There are also 2 part-time employees.
- Conetics costs \$4500 per year, Impexium costs \$28,238 per year. Our 3-year contract ends at the end of the fiscal year. There have been many complaints about Impexium. Impexium is a complex system and we've had problems finding a rep that understands our unique system. Conetics was kept because among other problems:
 - Impexium can't print a batch of membership cards, Conetics can.
 - Impexium can't do a membership count or report, Conetics can.
 - Impexium sometimes sent membership information to the wrong accounts.
 - When Impexium updates its software AANR configurations are lost and must be entered again.
 - Our rep at Impexium left and no one there knew our system.
- AANR is reverting to Conetics because it is now web based.
- In 1995 we spent \$90,000 and got nothing. In 2011 we spent \$30,000 and got nothing. We have gotten something out of Impexium.
- New Conetics will look like Impexium. Initial development will be \$22,000 to \$39,000. Yearly costs for Conetics are \$4,000 and Impexium is \$28,238 this year for an annual savings of about \$25,000.
- Conetics years cost of \$4500 will not increase. Impexium will increase next year.
- Joan – Conetics had problems which is why we switch to Impexium. Have those problems been fixed.
- Kathy – Problem was Conetics was not web based. They are now.
- Joan – Will there be training.
- Kathy - Hopefully there will be little change.
- Joan – timeline?
- Kathy – hope to have it in 3 months.
- Karen – problem with Conetics was not that it wasn't web based but the back end was old and not SQL based and was not enough power to operate. There was only 1 person in the company.
- Kathy – Conetics has moved on and has a larger staff.
- Karen – Budget has an increase in new members. How did that number arrive at because we lost 1,040 members last year.
- Judy – will have to look up where the number came from.
- Karen – concerns about 2024 budget.

- Mitch – asked the office to determine the number of new members because that is indicative of our growth.
- Karen – we need to look where we advertise for members.
- Bob – The board has a fiduciary responsibility to our members. The organization has management and staff, and it is the responsibility of the board to provide the governance to those staff. Not micromanage but at a high level. We as a board don't know what is happening at the staff level. He sent the questions 3 days ago and an email to the budget committee on November 29 asking the same questions and still hasn't gotten an answer.
- Kathy – answers went out to the board yesterday and your name was on the address list.
- Bob – what is the staff cost as a portion of the total in the last five years?
- Kathy – we'll get you that information, but she thinks is flat.
- Bob – wondered what process the budget committee used for the personal numbers.
- Bob – asked who made the decision to switch to Conetics and as it's so big why wasn't the board informed.
- Kathy – several board members were involved; Mitch and Tim and we are informing you now that we are making that change.
- Karen – Didn't ask for the original requirements document from Impexium at a starting point.
- Someone – The switch is operations, and that is handled by the office. People get renewed in one system and not the other or people who did not renew are renewed.
- Kathy – in AANR everyone is a single membership, but some clubs have a couples memberships.
- Bob – why is our budget done by a committee and not by management.
- Kathy – Judy and Eric prepare the budget and the committee reviews it.
- Bob R – Thought we were a family organization, but AANR is individual which is a reason we're losing members.
- Joan – Single vs family membership is very important.

Wisconsin Legislation Update - Eric

- Reviewed the history of the Wisconsin proposed laws.
- Hired a lobbyist.
- The Senate has passed the bills but not yet in the assembly.
- Cruse raffle raised over \$13,000 for GAT.

WINR – Andee

- 15 stops on WINR I'm Perfect tour and adding more.
- Tom also speaking with the men so both genders are included.

Break for lunch

Friday Afternoon session

Nominating Committee – Richard

- March 15, 2024, last date to submit nominations.

Membership/Marketing – Karen

- Between 105 and 120 people attend the Meet and Greets.
- Survey results in the marketing report.
- Report by Cyndi on approach to clubs closing.
- Creating a guide to assist clubs that are closing to club’s switch to co-op.
- David - asked why the Meet and Greet is not advertised in the Bulletin or Undressed Press.
- Karen – She asked but she didn’t know.
- Chuck F. - suggested AANR purchase clubs and lease them out. Create a NNAR credit union.
- AANR lost over 1,000 members last year.
- Trustees need to figure out how to reverse this trend.
- David – Notices 4 fund raising initiatives.
 - Andee’s WINR tour
 - Foundation’s Naked Bike Ride.
 - Foundation’s Nide model project.
 - AANR’s Meet and Greet.
- Only 1 of these is an AANR initiative, the Meet and Greet.
- Others are initiatives of others, why doesn’t AANR itself do more marketing?
- Reddit post. Offer to help at the Philly Naked Bike Ride. No response received. Foundation’s sponsorship of the Buffalo bike ride has been successful.
- Wondered why AANR itself got more involved?
- Carolyn mentioned she didn’t remember anything from Philly.
- David – Reddit posts often complain about Reddit.
- Ralph - asked if AANR has looked at other non-profits to see how they raise money.
- Rhonna – we need to be more active in the public.
- Karen – support podcasts.
- Heather? – AANR is missing out on non-member nudists. Be active at clubs.
- Mitch – more bang for buck targeting nudists instead of non-nudists.
- ?? – Florida I95.
- Rhonna – need to market to everyone, nudist and pre-nudists.
- Chuck – PR important. Get members out in the public. Speakers’ bureau, or classes. Grass root efforts.
- Mitch – get regions involved in marketing.

Break

Reconvene at 3:02 PM EST.

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Officers	Mitch London	President	Online	
	Tim Mullins	Vice President	X	

	David Levine	Secretary/Treasurer	X	
	Erich Schuttauf	Executive Director	X	
Trustees	Sandra Cordell	East Trustee	X	
	Joan Harris	Florida Trustee	X	
	Richard Quigly	Midwest Trustee	X	
	Karen Lahey	Northwest Trustee	X	
	Hearth Chaney	Southwest Trustee	X	
	Kathy Watzel	West Trustee	X	
	Bob Dixon	Western Canada Trustee	X	

Four officers and 7 Trustees present.

Mitch London – Declaration of a Quorum

Agenda

Bob – asked if the questions on the Executive Director evaluation were on the agenda. A committee will be formed to do this.

Consideration of Rules and Order

Motion 1

I move to accept the rules of order for the 2024 Mid-Winter meeting.

Maker: Kathy Watzel Second: Heather Chaney

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: Passed unanimously without objection

Report of Interim motions

Interim Motion 1

That the by-law changes proposed are not frivolous or dilatory

Maker: Mitch London Second:

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: Passed 5 yes, 2 no votes

Motion 2

I move to accept the minutes of the November 4th, 2023, interim meeting as presented.

Maker: Joan Harris Second: Karen Lahey

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: Passed unanimously without objection

Motion 3

I move to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2023, Trustees meeting as distributed.

Maker: Sandra Cordell Second: Richard Quigly

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: Passed unanimously without objection

Motion 4

I move to go Executive session to discuss personal issues.

Maker: Bob Dixon Second: Kathy Watzel

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: Passed unanimously without objection

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Time: 11:13 AM EST

Location: Lake Como

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

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Mitch London – Declaration of a Quorum

Motion 5

I move to to accept the report of the report from the executive session.

Maker: Bob Dixon Second: Kathy Watzel

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: Passed unanimously without objection

President's Comments - Mitch

- Thanks to the entire GAT team
- Thank Ramin Murry
- Thank Tim Mullins
- Thank Erich Schuttauf and Max Schuttauf
- Update to website
- Thank every member

Executive Director comments - Erich Schuttauf

- Thank Lake Como
- Introduce office staff
 - Carolyn Hawkins
 - Max Schuttauf

- Judy Mason
- Jeff Baldasare
- Passed out a copy of a massage bill from Florida that forbids nudity at massage parlor that mentions that if they are chartered with AANR doesn't apply.
- Thanked Bare Necessities Travel for donating the cruise cabin for GAT.
- Harry Hadberry traveled to Asia and signed 7 B&Bs in Thailand as a participating business of AANR.

Committee reports

WINR – Andee Rodgers

- WOW campaign starts May 1st
- Calendar will follow at end of the year.

Internal Affairs – Bob Dixon

- Thank Ted Peck and Sharon McCloud for their work on the IA committee.
- Government Affairs – Tim Mullins
- Wanted to thank The Wallamettans, Lake Como, Cypress Cove the Nude Boart for the GAT challenge that raised money that has been going on for years.

Membership Marketing – Karen Lahey

- Thank the office for all the work they do contacting members that don't renew. Carylon stated that they make 2,000 to 3,000 calls. Most common reason is that they renewed and didn't get the invoice. No negatives from those they called.
- Add requirement that when renewing online renew to a club.

Public Relations – Ronna Krozy

- Visible Altruistic Committee – Description included at the end of these minutes. Will do a clothing drive this year.
- Build a collation of nudist groups.

Facilities and Conventions – Ronna Krozy

Stand of report but will talk about first draft of the new convention contract.

Legislation – Jim Lahey

No report.

Glen Miller – Mike Parker

Stand on written report.

Planning – BG Parks

Stand on written report.

Finance – Kathy Watzel

Stand on written report.

Research and Education – Paul LeValley

Stand on report.

AANR Youth - Susan Cappa and Rick Markel

Stand on report.

Hall of Fame – Terry Meek

No report.

Nominations – Richard Quigley

- Have nominations for
- President – Tim Mullins
- Vice President – Patty Faber
- Secretary/Treasurer – David Levine
- Trustee – East – Sander Coredell
- Trustee West – Kathy Watzel
- Trustee Florida – no nominations
- Trustee Midwest – Richard Quigley
- Trustee Southwest – no nominations
- Trustee Northwest – no nominations
- Trustee western Canada – no nominations

Deadline for to office by March 10, 2024. Packaged by March 15, 2024.

Convention Contract/Application – Ronna Krozy

- Contract is in the reports package page 43 but still open to changes.
- Highlights
- Be sure to understand the contract before applying.
- Reformatted.
- Public telephone removed.
- May add charging stations.
- Added AED's.
- Application is in the reports. Still open to changes.
- Suggest reduced rates start further before and after so more people can attend.
- Removed registration fees.
- Waive grounds fees on the convention days.
- Send comments to Ronna Krozy.
- Karen, Kathy, and Mitch suggested the contract and application be combined into a single document.
- Paul asked about moving the day to Saturday so people who work can attend.

Regional Presidents Report – Ralph Collinson

West, East and Florida presidents attended and for the Midwest the trustee, Richard Quigley and in the northwest the trustee represented.

- Membership situation is the most important item. Don't know why we're losing members.
- Auto renewal important.
- West – clubs had credit card issues. Assume clubs are adult organizations.
- Northwest to sponsor a campout this summer, email providers targeting emails that mention nudity routing those to spam folders.
- The message as to when meetings are happening or when they start isn't reaching out to the members.
- Several regions have problems with not being able to contact members.

New Business

Approval 2024 budget

Motion 6

I move that the proposed 2024 budget be accepted.

Maker: Kathy Watzel Second: Non needed

Purpose: to create a financial framework for the 2024 operations

Fiscal Impact: Projected operating income

Discussion: Below

Disposition: Failed

For Kathy Watzel

Against Sandra Cordel, Joan Harris, Richard Quigly, Karen Laley, Bob Dixon

Absent Hearth Chaney

Kathy mentioned that this is a framework to work within and is not written in stone and things will change through the year.

Bob asked if this budget includes both capital and operating sections.

Kathy said it includes everything included in the packet provided.

Karen asked if the packet is the revised one.

Kathy answered she believed that it was.

Karen questioned the membership growth numbers. We lost 1,052 people last year from October 2022 to October 2023.

Judy answers that we kept it the same as 2023 in the hope we would get membership back up.

Bob stated that a budget based on hope is not the way to run a business. He sees the membership falling and doesn't see a plan to increase membership.

Kathy said that we have not overspending the budget and in the last 4 years we have not taken any funds from the investments.

Eric mentioned that there are times when income exceeds the budgeted amount, and there was a boost in income over the last couple of months.

Karen asked what boost.

Eric answered the raffle for GAT.

Mitch said that we need to have some hope that we will get the membership numbers up.

The budget has numbers thru October 31, 2024. Someone asked when we would get the December 31, 2024, member revenue numbers.

Judy answered that they are coming, and the office is getting ready for the audit. They might be available in a month or so but usually they like to be given out after the audit, which is in April.

It was stated that we need more recent numbers. Judy said that the numbers are what they are forecasting.

Questioning why we're 2 ½ months behind in reporting numbers Judy was asked what financial software us used to get the numbers. They use Conetics and Excel to generate the numbers.

Kathy stated that she would look into Google. Google is very expensive and when a member leaves the board their email account disappears along with all the email data. When Terry Meeks let the board his email account disappear and AANR lost a lot legislation work that had to be re-done.

Max explained one way we use Google is to send the meeting recordings out and have a cloud backup.

Karen recommends using Google for some things but changing email provider because Google email address cost 90.00 per account. The Northwest region hosts several sites for about 50.00 per month.

Eric said there was possibility of using MailChimp but it was bought by Intuit and the email accounts raised in price. Also commented that changing often just for price can cause other costs, business cards for example.

Kathy said that it should be up to the office to decide what provider they want to use.

Chuck online suggested that the solution could be that officers and others with Google emails use their title as the email address so that the email could be transferred to a new person when a change is made. This would address the lost data problem.

Judy also stated that we use Google API for the club locator function.

Richard mentioned that the payroll is the biggest part of the budget, 12 full time staff and 2 part time staff and membership is dropping, and he doesn't know where the money is being allocated. There need to be cuts somewhere.

Tim stated that chat comments say there are cheaper email accounts, Gmail is only 20.00 per month so there is a possible opportunity to save some money and recommended someone look into an alternate solution. Suggested that Eric assign someone to investigate options.

Richard that the Midwest region pays almost nothing for email.

Mitch brought up the question of security.

Richard said that the Midwest has never had a problem.

Karen mentioned that there was a 30,000-capital expenditure for Conetics that is not in the budget.

Kathy stated that she was hoping to get out of the Impexium contract early and use those funds for the Conetics upgrade and if we can't get out early, we have the money elsewhere so we would not be negative spending.

End of motion discussion

Bob suggests that the budget committee take the feedback given and spend a couple of weeks reviewing the budget. Suggest a zoom meeting in a month to discuss the revised budget.

Richard agreed.

Mitch asked what the percentage threshold for cutting the budget was.

Sandra mentioned the membership numbers are skewed. Budget is dependent on the income.

David mentioned since we didn't make the numbers estimated last year so it's doubtful, we'll make those numbers this year.

Karen asked to know what plans there are to increase members.

Sandra said that a budget is a projection but the numbers on the budget need to be reasonable.

Mitch suggests using October to October.

Tim summarized that what we want is a budget based on better numbers.

Motion 7

I move to make the following change to Section 6.0101.2 of the Governance Manual.

From:

If after two (2) full years of provisional group status, a group has been unable to register twenty-five (25) adult basic members for landed clubs or fifteen (15) adult basic members for non-landed clubs, it may be deemed unsuccessful and the provisional group status may be terminated.

To: After two (2) full years of provisional group status there will be a yearly charge of \$100.00 for a destination club or a fee of \$50.00 for a travel club until they are able to register twenty-five (25) adult basic members for a destination club or fifteen (15) adult basic members for travel clubs. Upon reaching their membership minimums, the fee will no longer be charged.

Maker: Mitch London Second: Joan Harris Legislation chair: Jim Lahey

Purpose: To offer the incentive of saving money to provisional clubs by reaching their membership goal as quickly as possible.

Fiscal Impact: Various depending on the number of provisional clubs we have.

Discussion: Below

Disposition: Passed

Voting yes: Richard Quigly, Joan Harris, Kathy Watzel, Sandra Cordell

Voting no: Bob Dixon, Karen Lahey

Absent: Heather Chaney

Discussion

- Mitch said that currently a provincial club gets the full benefits of a club so there is no incentive to get new members.
- Kathy commented that currently clubs who don't meet the numbers come to the board to be dropped. This motion gives clubs the chance to say a club. Also save the office of making phone calls or sending letters telling the clubs they don't have enough members.
- Karen said she had a travel club in her region surrounded by 3 other clubs. This club is very active and has about 25 members, but they are just not basic members. If we charge the club will most likely disband. Suggest that the requirement is that they be AANR members but not basic.
- A new category for this club was suggested.
- Joan said that a couple of years ago we reduced the number of categories and doesn't want to go back to adding more.
- Carolyn stated that there are more travel clubs in this situation.
- Ralph mentioned there are 2 kinds of these clubs. Those that stay provincial and those that meet the minimum number but now don't because of lost members. These should be treated differently. Perhaps taking away some benefits.
- David said he's a member of 3 clubs but is a direct member. How would this case be handled?
- Eric described how participating businesses affiliate with us.

End of discussion

Jim asked about a start date.

Mitch said it will start January 1, 2025.

Ralph said this is for provisional clubs. What about club's provisional clubs that no longer have the required number of members.

Mitch said this applies only to provisional clubs, but a motion could submit one if needed.

Peter online wondered why with no budget can we proceed and why can't someone in the office provide the membership numbers from October 2022 to October 2023 so they could be discussed now.

David recommended we don't get the new numbers because with the number of line items we would be here all night to get the budget. Suggest we get the budget committee together as originally planned.

Peter online still thinks we should redo the budget.

Kathy reported that Judy was in her car and couldn't get the numbers.

Motion 8

I move to donate \$100.00 to co-sponsor Buffalo World Naked Bike Ride.

Maker: Joan Harris Second: Richard Quigly

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: \$100.00

Discussion: Below

Disposition: Passed

For - Sandra Cordel, Joan Harris, Richard Quigly, Karen Laley, Bob Dixon

Against - none

Abstain – Kathy Watzel

Absent Hearth Chaney

Discussion

- David explained this was from the Education Foundation and would be one of 5 organizations sponsoring the ride. The purpose would be to promote AANR and the Foundation in a group where there will be several nude individuals.
- Bob thought it was a great idea but was wondering if we would be asked to support other rides in the future.
- Karen said the Northwest region would not take their money.
- Mitch asked if we do this will other rides start asking for money and second question as we don't have a budget, we don't have the money to do this.
- Peter online thought we wouldn't have a long line asking for money. Portland had a booth and gave away things.
- Sandra brought up how much money do we take in from 8 memberships vs \$100.00.

End of discussion

Motion 9

I move to provide two (2) 1 year adult memberships to be awarded to the winners of the Education Foundation's nude figure drawing competition for adult students.

Maker: Richard Quigly Second: Karen Lahey

Purpose: To introduce non-nudists to nudism.

Fiscal Impact: \$120.00

Discussion: Below

Disposition: Passed

For - Sandra Cordel, Joan Harris, Richard Quigly, Karen Laley, Bob Dixon, Kathy Watzel

Against - none

Abstain – none

Absent Hearth Chaney

Discussion

- David explained that the Foundation is sponsoring nude models for the University of Buffalo drawing classes to increase awareness. There will be a competition between the students in the day and night classes.
- Kathy mentioned that if this passed the winners would have to pay if they wanted a printed copy of the bulletin.
- David said that wouldn't be a problem.

End of discussion

Sandra asked why Buffalo.

David answered that these were initiated by AL Gilewicz, the Foundation president and he lives in Buffalo.

Karen mentioned there will be a guide out together to be used as directions for replicating both this and the Bike Rides.

Motion 10

I move to modify the governance manual to allow the office to provide to send the regional presidents an electronic list of region members.

Maker: Sandra Cordel Second: Richard Quigly
Purpose: To allow regional presidents to contact their members as needed.
Fiscal Impact: Minimal
Discussion: Questions about confidentiality of the data and the fact that governance changes need to be approved by the Legislation Chair.
Disposition: Motion referred to the Legislation Chair.

Motion 11

Move to suspend section 3.01.03 and hold the AANR Midwinter Board Meeting beginning on January 31, 2025.

Maker: Kathy Watzel Second: Sandra Cordell
Purpose: To allow regional presidents to contact their members as needed.
Fiscal Impact: None.
Discussion: If this motion fails, we go to February 21, 2025, and if that fails go to February 28, 2025.
Disposition: Passed

For - Sandra Cordel, Joan Harris, Richard Quigly, Karen Laley, Bob Dixon, Kathy Watzel
Against - none
Abstain – none
Absent Hearth Chaney

Mitch formed a committee to redo the Executive Directors performance evaluation to simplify and bring into line with AANR policies.

Committee members:

- Bob Dixon
- Sandra Cordell
- Tim Mullins
- Mitch London

Good of the Order

Karen reported that Margie sent in her nomination months ago.

Ralph, Cyprus Cove is about to launch a nudist TV. Didn't know a lot about it but should keep an eye on it.

Announcements

Shangri La have made reservations for convention this summer for Trustees.

American Nudist Research Library is having it's 45 anniversary and will preview the 1975 version of the movie Barely Proper. First public showing in 49 years at the Naturist Midwinter Festival at Sunsport Gardens on February 18, and March 1st at 7:30 at Cyprus Cove.

Mitch showed a picture of a green dumpster behind the office where the bottom fell out as the truck was going to empty it. Office has a new dumpster.

Max said that it was a nudist dumpster because it tends to lose its bottoms.

International Women's Day Celebration Festival is being held at Cyprus Cove March 1st and 2nd.

Max will send out the chat and video in a couple of days.

Mitch presented goodie bags to the board and thanked everyone.

The office passed out a cell phone holder.

Mitch mentioned this is election year.

Motion to adjourn from Joan Harris, seconded by Sandra Cordell. Motion passes.

AANR Midwinter Meeting Addendum to Public Relations Report

February 5, 2024

Ronna E Krozy, PR Chair

Visible Altruism Committee Update

The Mission statement of this committee: The Visible Altruism Committee aims to help the Public Relations Committee implement strategies to improve public perception of social nudism by showcasing charitable and community work done by nudists and naturists.

We are in the process of developing a public announcement that provides the rationale for this endeavor and the goals we hope to meet. In particular, we are aiming to change the narrative about nudists to one that associates nudists with being altruistic, civic-minded, good citizens and caring individuals. We intend to create a slogan that will resonate with the public, capturing the spirit of charitable acts.

The committee has decided to create a region-wide clothing drive dedicated to recipients such as those living without homes and in shelters; disaster relief; Dress for Success; missions; charity- or cause-based thrift stores; recycling/upcycling programs; etc. Recipients of clothing donations will need to be bona fide groups, especially charities that will need to be vetted and top-rated by Charity Navigator. Additionally, we are proposing that AANR create an official policy for approving the charities that may be publicly associated with AANR.

A perfect example of visible altruism is the support by Thomas Francine, the founder of the Skinny Dip Day fundraiser for the Fistula Foundation, an organization that deals with a serious condition significantly impacting on a woman's self and body image. As a result of his successful fundraising, the Foundation wrote a wonderful tribute to Thomas, fully and factually describing the skinny dipping done for charity.

See attached.

We would like an official policy statement from AANR stating the criteria that would allow us to work with similar groups, for example, the Ostomy or Neurofibromatosis Associations.

Establish a coalition of nudist and naturist groups to strengthen our efforts and support against unreasonable restrictions to our personal freedoms of expression and control of our bodies.

This suggestion has been made several times by attendees of the Meet & Greets. It is congruent with one of the original goals of the Public Relations Committee and deserves to be revisited. We might consider the acronym **ICAN**...International Coalition of Associations of Nudists/Naturists.