



To: AANR Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs, Regions, and Members
From: Erich Schuttauf, Esq. AANR Executive Director and General Counsel
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Re: AANR Convention Report

Thanks to Shangri La

We deeply appreciate Shangri La Resort in New River for hosting this year's convention and welcome all to Arizona. Convention at this club is especially fitting with Patty Faber as incoming AANR Vice President and Cyndi Tendick as President of the AANR West Region. They carry on the great work begun by parents / grandparents Horst and Gigi Kraus. We appreciate all that the Shangri La community does and know that all attending this convention are sure to have a great time!

Congratulations to those elected to AANR Leadership... Note bylaw changes too

Congratulations to the AANR Officers and Trustees who were elected and re-elected during the 2024 AANR election. Participation for the election reached to 3225 ballots cast, which is 12.1% of eligible voters. Those who will be seated to take office include:

President - Linda Weber;

Vice President - Patty Faber;

Secretary / Treasurer - David Levine;

AANR East Trustee - Sandra Cordell;

AANR Florida Trustee - Ralph Collinson;

AANR Midwest Trustee - Richard Quigley;

AANR Northwest Trustee - Margie Cantlon;

AANR West Trustee - Kathy Watzel;

AANR Western Canada Trustee - Bob Dixon;

Bylaw Amendment 1 regarding Presidential Qualifications for Office passed with 92.0% approval;

Bylaw Amendment 2 regarding Secretary / Treasurer's Term of Office passed with 86.8% approval;

Bylaw Amendment 3 regarding Qualifications for Trustee passed with 85.9% approval.

AANR Membership System

AANR is preparing to release a revised membership system with various refinements. It will combine many of the features that clubs and staff appreciate within the current system as well as better functionality that dovetails with the accounting structure of the Association. Notably, the ability to confirm membership status and basic data for those with approved access to the system will be a key element of this program.

AANR, many mourn loss of Morley Schloss

July 2024 brought devastating news as the nudist community learned of the passing of Morley Schloss. While those in recent years knew Morley best for his leadership role at Sunsport Gardens club in Florida, he was instrumental in much more. For decades Morley led nudist groups in New York and the Northeast and helped to organize participants for annual cleanup projects on the nude beaches of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Morley was also a leader within the Naturist Action Committee and a dear friend to many. He will be greatly missed.

Nude Recreation in the News

Throughout the late spring and summer of 2024, AANR's Public Relations volunteers, staff, clubs, regions, and members helped to facilitate some incredible media coverage to introduce the public to nude recreation, as well as to mainstream what we love and enjoy. Highlights include:

- CNN revitalized a story on nudist etiquette featuring AANR PR Chair Ronna Krozy - This first aired one year ago but was re-released earlier this summer with additional promotions online including *front-page* coverage. This story included basic do's and don'ts when visiting a nudist park or beach.
- *Car and Driver* Magazine - The writer visited and reported on the classic car show held at Valley View Recreation Club in Wisconsin. The article ran in the August 2024 issue of the publication.
- Shangri-La Radio Interview - Station KFNX interviewed AANR West Region President and club owner Cyndi Tendick in a half hour segment. Watch this Celebration of Nude Recreation week, explanation of the family-friendly life at the Ranch, discussion of AANR, International Skinny Dip Day, and much more <https://youtu.be/NchqPiLZrls?si=BSi0ZHknz3KiH07r>
- Mary Jane Blog Piece(s) - Mary Jane Kolassa successfully obtained placement of a series of articles made available online.

- Jeff Baldasarre of the AANR staff conducted an hour long podcast with the site *We do this for fun* in which he explained the appeal of nude recreation. From Nude Recreation Week to Skinny Dip day a wealth of related topics were explored. You may access it here: <https://www.wedothisforfun.com/episodes/the-joy-of-nude-recreation-jeff-baldasarre>
- The PR team is currently organizing a clothing drive... an event on September 30, 2024 that helps people in local communities while also promoting nudist altruism. For more details, see <https://www.aanr.com/nudists-give-clothing/>

Government Affairs and Legal

2024 National Conference of State Legislatures – Louisville, Kentucky - As we prepare for the AANR Convention we also prepare for the annual National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit. AANR has attended and staffed a booth each year where the Association educates lawmakers and staff from throughout the US, Canada, Puerto Rico and beyond. As in many years, volunteers will join me in distributing commemorative pins that celebrate the host city. In 2024 the pin celebrates the Kentucky Derby with a racehorse bearing the AANR logo and the aanr.com web address. Thanks to AANR West Trustee and past president Kathy Watzel, AANR Secretary - Treasurer David Levine, AANR Florida President Joe Rives, and my son Max for assisting me in the booth this year.



AANR Government Affairs Chair Tim Mullins and the GAT volunteers have prepared a detailed convention report which is also available.

Canada – This summer the annual Pride parade took place in Toronto, Ontario. As in years past, some nudist groups attended the event and some marchers appeared in the nude. This year an adversarial group took literature from a parade-sidewalk booth of a non-landed nudist club and made a major issue of the fact that the group admitted minors to events... some as young as 14 without their parents. However, those so admitted had been going to events for many years. Online protests, even threats, targeted the club and spread as far as Bare Oaks landed club in Ontario when the press called for interviews demanding to know why minors are allowed at nudist gatherings. Owner Stephane Deschenes of Bare Oaks, who is also President of International Naturist Federation, did a thorough job of responding to the press in his area with many interviews. Regrettably, the non-landed club in Toronto faced calls to cancel their nude bowling and swimming venues.

Florida – Significantly, the Florida state legislature took steps to recognize and exempt AANR clubs from nudity restrictions where licensed massage is offered. HB 197 was enacted and went into effect in early summer 2024.

Hawaii – For a few recent years state park officials had tried to severely curtail nude usage of several state beaches that are traditionally nude including Little Beach on Maui. There were persons who received citations and fines. Until 2024, it primarily stemmed from a park agency enforcement position. But this year lawmakers introduced bills (e.g. H. 1927) which would greatly increase the penalty for indecent exposure if any minor was present, as well as altering the legal standard from intent to arouse or offend others to simple intentional nudity itself. With the aid of a lobbyist whom Bob Morton was instrumental in helping AANR obtain, the bill was stopped in 11th hour committee proceedings. At the National Conference of State Legislatures, members of the GAT team are working to recruit as many Hawaii state lawmakers as we can (with a name or business card) willing to help our cause, vote against future bills, and/ or contact park officials to object to recent practices.

Puerto Rico – We were very appreciative to have AANR Florida President Joe Rives on the team in the booth to specifically address lawmakers from that jurisdiction. This year a lawmaker introduced a bill to limit exposure in businesses and on beaches. It was triggered by a parent who complained after she and two of her minor children found themselves on a traditionally nude beach.

Deemed Project of the House 1821, this bill would add a new Article 137, Article 137A, Article 137B, Article 137C and Article 137D of Law No. 146 of July 30, 2012, in order to create the crime of obscene exposure to minors.

Washington State – In the Seattle area Denny Blaine Beach has traditionally been a nude beach. When an area resident proposed to donate the money to build a children’s playground immediately adjacent to the beach their intent was not benevolent (AANR naturally supports families on our beaches). Instead, it was a calculated move to create conflict between “regular” visitors vs. gay and nudist populations.

Moreover, as the proposal would not have made provision for lifeguards, it posed a great danger of child drownings. AANR Trustee Karen Lahey and her husband Jim did much to explain this in public communications. Result was that the measure was voted down and new steps to formalize the nude beach are being taken.

Wisconsin – World Naked Bike Ride events in Milwaukee and Madison drew the ire of some state lawmakers, largely due to their presence among the general public and because at least one minor participated while nude. This led to bills (AB 504 and SB 477) which, if passed, would have prohibited parents from bringing their minor child to events where nudity is present, restricted photography with respect to minors, and prohibited intentional nudity during public events. The bills were narrowly defeated with votes on partisan lines. AANR and AANR Midwest spent considerable effort and money to stop the bills, with financial support from other regions also. Significantly, Wisconsin also implemented new rules restricting nudity on state lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources (along with a very large number of other uses such as fireworks, presence of dogs, etc.). AANR protested these rule proposals during online comment sessions organized by the state.

AANR Summer FUN-raiser Helps Achieve Thousands for Government Affairs Efforts

Thanks to donations from various clubs and leaders, the AANR held an online event whereby people could buy chances to win trips and prizes. These ranged from stays at nudist clubs, to artwork (a print donated by AANR Florida Trustee Joan Harris), an antique ornamental turquoise bracelet donated by AANR President Mitch London, and a special commemorative AANR pin assortment prepared by AANR West Trustee Kathy Watzel. In all, approximately \$4,000 was netted! These proceeds will help fund such efforts as government affairs representation on projects where nude recreation is at stake and fund legislative education work such as the NCSL work described above.

We thank the following for their participation in this valuable help to AANR:

Bare Mountain Retreat

Lake Como Club

Joan Harris

Kathy Watzel

Mitch London

Sandy Lane Club

Sunny Rest Lodge

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Sunny Rest Resort

AANR Legal Matters - Helping Members, Helping Nudists

AANR regularly provides information and assistance to clubs and members with various legal situations, difficulties, and issues. The following list describes the types of issues and court battles AANR has dealt with this year. The information below is redacted to preserve privacy and attorney-client privilege.

Winter 2024

January - In-person meetings and telephone conversations with concerned members about the pending Wisconsin legislation and their critical role in helping to stop it. Telephone conversations with lobbyist engaged to represent AANR and AANR Midwest on strategy and messaging. Ensure the Association remained registered with a position against the anti-nudity bills with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission as provided by law.

January - provided guidance to a father and son after an ex-spouse challenged custody over their travel to both a legal Florida nude beach and a club. Provided information on obtaining qualified local counsel familiar with the issue of nudism.

January - prepare for and attend meeting with local lawmaker and candidate for office in Florida to explain nude recreation and address questions.

January - Providing guidance to AANR nudists living within a community organization concerning options, rights, and responsibilities as tenants living within a community not affiliated with AANR.

January - Discussed creating charitable organization(s) that help nudists and naturists.

January - Addressed questions related to filings of not-for-profit organizations.

January - Assisted with communications to counsel representing nudist grandparents living within a club who also wished to affirm visitations with their grandchildren at the club in wake of allegations that this is improper. To date their right to such visits *continues to be respected*.

January - Assisted a nudist in Ontario, Canada cited after being observed on his own property in a state of nudity. Discussed options for obtaining legal representation through a program at the individual's workplace... these strategies proved effective at ultimately getting counsel. Charges have already been reduced from serious criminal level.

January - Assisted a person in the Northwest cited for indecency when participating in an early morning run within a city where the practice is not necessarily unlawful. Helped explain process for obtaining court-appointed counsel and AANR's role in equipping that counsel. The caller eventually obtained counsel and has qualified for pre-trial diversion to avoid a criminal record.

January / February- Assisting an AANR member in the West charged after being seen sunbathing nude in his back yard.

January - Reviewed possible contract for PR and promotional services of nudist organization.

January - Discussed aspects of age restrictions on club events and activities with a club's leadership.

February - Attended AANR Midwinter meeting of the Board of Trustees, providing guidance during meeting.

February - Conference calls, preparation, and travel to state capitol along with Max in furtherance of HB 197's exemption for nude recreation to state massage bill.

February - Telephone conferences with AANR GAT regarding bills such as H. 1927 which were pending in Hawaii. Also initiated communications with the ACLU of Hawaii requesting watchful eyes and assistance on the bills.

February - Additional conference calls on strategies for defeating Wisconsin House and Senate anti-nudity bills. Calling to AANR members in Wisconsin urging them to contact key lawmakers as suggested by lobbyist.

February - Attended Bare Necessities cruise; multiple conversations with persons about legal issues ranging from professional licensing when nudist participation is made an issue as well as nude sunbathing cases.

Spring 2024

March – Assisted a club alleged to have infringed upon copyright by using a nude image from a public event on its website.

March – Assisted a club with question about improper guest conduct with other guests in financial dealings.

March – Assisted a club dealing with incendiary postings about the club on website(s), including allegations about events from many years ago.

March – Assisted a licensed professional when their credentials were questioned due to lawful participation in nude recreation and presence on lawful websites. Conversations with their counsel and written communications in support of same. Later in the month this included preparing an attorney's letter on behalf of this professional.

March - Discussed options with club leadership about obtaining more affordable insurance coverage.

March - Provided analysis of the legal operation of bill to severely punish sexual offenders which included physical alteration of those convicted.

March - Assisted a non-landed club with interpretation of laws related to nudity where alcohol is served. Discussed options and solutions to present to proprietors of businesses with alcohol licenses.

March - Working with Hawaii lobbyist and GAT team to respond to anti-nudity bills. Multiple discussions and strategy weighing strengths and weaknesses of various approaches.

March - Helped facilitate wording on a Planned Gift to AANR by a member.

March - Discussions with region official about a club's legal responsibilities to the region and AANR.

March - Fielded questions about basics of power of attorney forms and their operation.

March - Discussions with a GAT team leader about clearing the record of an AANR member who entered a plea years ago agreeing to a charge of guilt relating to nudism when the legal standard for charge and conviction were not present.

April - Addressed questions related to use of cameras in certain locations to protect property and security.

April - Assisted with preparations for academic conference where nudism law and history were subject matters covered in the conference. Included providing some legal and scientific research.

April - Prepared analysis of state law on the subject of nudity in preparation for a beach group's request to create a clothing optional area on public lands.

April - Discussions with member relating to club and AANR principles and standards with some legal questions as well.

April - Assisted club with securing insurance coverage, in part by explaining that the club is credentialed with AANR.

April - Assisted person encountering difficulties with his landlord / apartment complex after he was observed working out nude in an exercise room very, very early in the morning, which had not been a problem in the past.

April - Assisted AANR members / nudists as grandparents in custody matter where nudism was raised.

April - Reviewed / held conference calls on status of Florida HB 197.

April - Status and strategy call with a member who had custody of his son challenged after visit to nude beach and club; learned that case against him had been dismissed.

April - In a case different from others occurring in this month, AANR member sought help educating Guardian Ad Litem in a custody matter about nudism.

April - Provided consult on a matter of guest comfort and security as well as operation of laws on equal public access.

May - Provided guidance to two separate clubs in matters related to guest health, comfort, and security.

May - Provided guidance on club photo policies and their application.

May - Provided guidance in a new custody matter where nudity was at issue.

May - Addressed questions related to use of body prosthetics on club grounds.

May - Status and strategy discussions with nudist parents in ongoing guardianship matter.

May - Review of Puerto Rico legislation. Strategy sessions on addressing same presently and at NCSL.

May - Follow up consultations with member cited in previous year after a delivery person saw him naked at his own home and made a report to police.

May - Assisted government affairs professionals in preparations for meetings with law enforcement and county leadership that are integral to obtaining future location(s) for nudity on public lands.

May - Provided basic guidance on application of state nudity law(s) to prospective nudist club proprietor.

June - Provided guidance to attorney representing a nudist cited for sunbathing on his own property.

June - Provided guidance to club dealing with a significant landlord / tenant dispute.

June - Continue working with club increasingly being encroached upon by neighboring development, endangering future nude usage.

Summer 2024

Late June - July - Monitoring and responding to legal and public complications following World Naked Bike Ride events within the US and Canada.

July - Review detailed holdings by the US Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit concerning "objectionable" books removed from local libraries for numerous reasons, some of which merely depicted nude illustrations.

July - Provided guidance and fact sheets to member encountering strong legal challenges to custody after alleged visits to nudist events with her minor child.

July - Review papers issued along with citations for exposure during a "philosophical" nudist exercise.

July - Assisting club with landlord / tenant and questions about access to club(s).

August - Attending National Conference of State Legislatures to educate lawmakers, staff, and business leaders about social family nudism.

August - Provide guidance on letter and application of state nudity laws to non-landed club looking to educate a travel provider / vendor.