

#### AANR SUMMER 2024 MEETING

**Reports Package** 

July 22, 2024

#### AANR MEETING SCHEDULE

#### Convention 2024 – Shangri La Ranch

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> 4 P.M.: PRESENTATIONS

THURSDAY AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup> 9 A.M.: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> 9 A.M.: TRUSTEES MEETING

FRIDAY AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> 1 P.M.: INBOARD TRUSTEES MEETING

#### NOTE: ALL MEETINGS IN THE CLUBHOUSE

The Schedule and Times for Presentations and Meeting Agenda are subject to change.

#### All times are <u>Pacific</u> Time

#### Presentation Schedule

#### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14, 2024, 4 PM

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
4:00 PM	Call to Order	Pres. Mitch London
4:05 PM	Executive Directors Report	Ex Dir. Erich Schuttauf
4:15 PM	AANR and INF Presentation	Pres. Mitch London and
		Stéphane Deschêne
4:35 PM	AANR 100 <sup>th</sup> ANNRversary	Mitch London
5:00 PM	Break	

#### **Membership Meeting Agenda**

#### THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2024

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
9:00 AM	Call to Order	Pres. Mitch London
9:02 AM	Roll Call	Sec. David Levine
9:06 AM	National Anthems and Moment of Silence	
9:18 AM	Introduction of Dignitaries	Pres. Mitch London
9:20 AM	Consideration of Rules and Order of Business	
9:25 AM	Approval of Minutes of the Membership Meeting	
	of August 10, 2023	

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	Ratify the Actions taken by the Board since August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	
9:50 AM	Presentation of Nominees for Man, Woman and	Pres. Mitch London
	Family of the Year Award	
	Young Woman of the Year	
	Young Man of the Year	
10:05 AM	Host's Welcome	Pres. Mitch London
	Host Award	
10:10 AM	President's Comments	Pres. Mitch London
10:15 AM	Ex. Dir. Comments	Ex. Dir. Erich Schuttauf
10:20 AM	Membership Marketing Comments and Awards	Karen Lahey
	Membership Increase/Percentage Awards	
	Hal O'Neill Award	
	Rick Athern Award	Mitch London
	Erwin Koch Award	
	AANR Social Media Award	
	AANR Nudist Influencer Award	
10:25 AM	Public Relations Comments and Awards	Ronna Krozy
	Ilsley Boone Newsletter Awards	
	TV Presentation Award	
	Radio Presentation Award	Mitch London
	Newspaper Article Award	
	Newspaper Photograph	
	Magazine Article	
10:30 AM	Break	
10:40 AM	Other Committee Comments and Awards	
	Government Affairs Committee	Tim Mullins
	AANR Government Affairs Memorial Award	
	Hall of Fame	Ronna Krozy
	Hall of Fame Award	
	Best Original Article in a Club Newsletter	
	Serendipity Park Web Awards	
	Best Professional Club Website	
10:50 AM	President's Awards	Pres. Mitch London
	President's Meritorious Service Award	
	Jim Cossins Award	
	President's Award	
11:00 AM	Business Specifically Referred to this Meeting	
11:05 AM	New Business	
11:10 AM	Good of the Order/Announcements/Adjourn	

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### **Trustees Meeting Agenda**

## FRIDAY AUGUST 16, 2024

### All times are <u>Pacific</u> Time

9:00 AM	Call to Order	Pres. Mitch London
9:02 AM	Roll Call	Sec. David Levine
9:08 AM	Declaration of Quorum	Sec. David Levine
9:09 AM	Introduction of Dignitaries	Pres. Mitch London
9:10 AM	Report the Interim Motions since February 2024	
9:13 AM	Ratify actions taken by the board since August 2023 Membership meeting	
9:15 AM	Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting	
0.10 AT	of February 2-3, 2024	
9:17 AM	President's Comments to the Board	Pres. Mitch London
9:20 AM	Vice President's Comments to the Board	Vice Pres. Tim Mullins
9:22 AM	Secretary/Treasurer's Comments to the Board	Sec. David Levine
9:20 AM	Executive Director's Comments to the Board	Ex. Dir. Erich Schuttauf
9:52 AM	Committee Reports Internal Affairs Government Affairs Membership/Marketing Public Relations	Bob Dixon Tim Mullins Karen Lahey Ronna Krozy
10:30 AM	Break	
10:40 AM	Conventions and Facilities Legislation Glen Miller Planning Finance Research and Education AANR Youth Hall of Fame Nominations WINR	Ronna Krozy Jim Lahey Mike Parker BG Parkes Kathy Watzel Paul LeValley Susan Cappa/Rick Markel Terry Meek Andee Rodgers
11:00 AM		
	Regional Presidents' Council Report	
11:15 AM	Business Specifically Referred to this meeting Determine Location for 2026 Convention Determine location of the 2025 Midwinter	
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11:15 AM	Business Specifically Referred to this meeting Determine Location for 2026 Convention Determine location of the 2025 Midwinter	Pres. Mitch London

#### Inboard Trustees Meeting Agenda

## FRIDAY AUGUST 16, 2024

### All times are <u>Pacific</u> Time

1:00 PM	Call to Order	Pres. Linda Weber
1:02 PM	Installation of Officers	Outgoing Vice President Tim Mullins
1:08 PM	Roll Call	Sec. David Levine
1:09 PM	Declaration of a Quorum	Pres. Linda Weber
1:10 PM	Introduction of Dignitaries	Vice Pres. Patty Faber
1:15 PM	Consideration of Rules and Order of Business	
1:18 PM	Trustee 101 About the trustee positions	Patty Faber & Cyndi Tendick
2:15 PM	Committee Reports – Committee Chair Assignments Internal Administration Government Affairs Membership/Marketing Public Relations Conventions and Facilities Legislation Glen Miller Fund Planning Finance Research and Education AANR Youth Hall of Fame Nominations WINR Ad Hoc Committees Young Adult/Diversity Advisory Council Club Liaison Member Retention	
2:30 PM	Motion to Ratify Chairs	
2:33 PM	New Business	
2:35 PM	Good of the Order	
2:45 PM	Announcements / Adjourn	Pres. Linda Weber



#### AANR SUMMER 2024

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS/MEMBERSHIP MARKETING

#### JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

July 19, 2024

The Membership Marketing Committee (M&M) and the Public Relations Committee (PR) have been meeting jointly and effectively for four years. The leadership and structure of both committees will be changing after the 2024 Summer Convention. Both Karen and I wish them success in educating the world about the value and benefits of social nudism and greatly expanding the membership of AANR. Below are the members and invited participants of this joint committee:

#### Public Relations (PR)

Ronna Krozy, Chr	Evan Nix	Lee Vaughn	Stephanie Brown
Al Gilewicz	Jay Summers	Mark Amyotte	Timothy Sargent
Bob Dixon	Jenny Agee	Maryanne Rettig	
David Berry	Karen Lahey	Rick Turrentine	
Membership Marketing (M	&M)		
Karen Lahey, Chr	Gary Mussell	Margie Cantlon	Walt Stephens
Andee Rogers	George Oberle	Richard Dewey	
Arlette Lowery	Gloria Waryas	Ronna Krozy	
Charlie Bliss	Linda Weber	Ted Peck	
Officers, Staff, Guests			
Al Gilewicz	Jeff Baldasarre	Mark Huenison	Sandy Cordell
Amy Rollins Bob Roche	Joan Harris	Mitch London	Tim Mullins
Cyndi Tendick			
Donna Jennings	Kathy Watzel	Ralph Collinson	
Erich Schuttauf	Lucy Heide	Richard Quigley	

Here are the recent achievements of the Public Relations/Membership Marketing Committees:

- 1. The AANR Social Media Award and the AANR Nudist Influencer Award proposals were both passed and a new Podcast Award has been submitted for consideration
- 2. The Visible Altruism Subcommittee, based on the concept of **Promoting Nudism through Social Good:** A Visible Altruism PR Strategy for AANR, is rolling out its first nation-wide clothing drive campaign to demonstrate that nudists care about others, especially those less fortunate. This is entitled Nudists Give Clothing and will be collecting clothes and other need goods for individuals and families living in shelters. The committee has its own website (<u>https://www.aanr.com/nudists-give-clothing/</u> which allows people to see the instructions and reporting form. For any questions, participants can use our email address: (<u>nudistsgiveclothing@aanr.com</u>). Evan will be monitoring the email and the donation responses

and requesting committee member assistance as necessary. A Bulletin article has been

submitted for the September, 2024 edition. Updated reports, articles and future endeavors will be shared via the AANR Bulletin and web and various social media.

- 3. Timothy continues sending monthly reminders to regions to report significant events to the main AANR social media accounts. He includes the format that was developed to help with reporting: <u>Submission</u> <u>Guide / Form</u>
- 4. The SMS continues to work on assembling managers of small accounts to bring club leaders together. They are looking to share information, via Facebook, and to be the facilitators or a contact point. Lee has set up the account, created the Facebook group and sent out invitations. A few people have been added to the group. However, participation has been low and a number of invitations to join the group have not been accepted. He will continue reaching out to increase involvement and activity.
- 5. The SMS is also investigating establishing contacts with vetted charitable and social organizations to apprise them that AANR acknowledges their causes through an events calendar.

#### AANR or regional activity

- 1. Erich continues to report to us the status of bills that have real or potential impact on nudism and the work of GAT and AANR in defeating these.
- 2. AANR NW: Andee Rodgers and husband, Tom have successfully traveled to both nudist and textile clubs in KOA association to showcase/advocate for WINR and AEF, with flags, calendars and workshops. This "WINR on Wheels" endeavor received financial support as well as much enthusiasm from AANR-NW have offered both a women's and men's forum. This endeavor has not only been well received, but is viewed as a model that would benefit clubs in all of AANR's regions.
- 3. Jenny has had a very positive response to the regional wide, AANR campout event in the Alvora desert event in Oregon, which provides value to all members, both direct and club.
- 4. The 2024 photo contest is in progress and over 300 submissions have been received.
- 5. AANR SW has held 3 of its scheduled 5K race series which attracts many non-nudist participants, resulting in better informed individuals and potential members. See <u>https://aanr-sw.org/about-nrs/</u>
- 6. Several AANR officials continue to be interviewed for podcasts or videos, provide testimony or make professional presentations to promote Nudism advocacy and education.

#### **AANR Online Meet & Greets**

- 1. Currently approximately 3000 people have signed up to get notifications for our bi-weekly Meet & Greets. Typically, each online meeting has around 120 attendees who are located within and beyond the US.
- 2. Our gatherings are maturing and over 30 vetted participants have volunteered to help moderate the discussion rooms. Moderators meet when issues or questions arise and problems are solved collaboratively. This process gives us better solutions and helps us build community.
- 3. The moderator's guide continues to be updated and is available at <u>https://www.aanronline.com</u>.
- 4. Developed a guide for running a meeting to be available on a need only basis because it includes credentials for accessing the zoom account.
- 5. To remind participants of the importance of advocacy, especially in today's climate, Erich continues to offer a 5-minute overview of AANR's work in advocacy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month to all participants at the beginning of the meeting. We really want everyone to appreciate how much AANR is doing for their privilege to be nude whether it is a beach, club or one's backyard. One of the most popular rooms is the Nudist Advocacy room and we appreciate Erich's participation. in that room each session. Erich's presentations are available on the AANR Online Website, as well as the "Defense of Rights" columns that highlight Erich's work.

We remain grateful to the volunteers who have helped make the Meet & Greets so successful and the participants who have enthusiastically joined us. We now have volunteer moderators and younger members in line for future leadership. We have encouraged membership renewal or joining, received information and excellent suggestions for advancing the organization and for many, we have provided a sense of community and appreciation for AANR's work.

Some examples of suggestion from M&G participants:

1. Every club and event should emphasize the connection between AANR advocacy and attendees' rights to enjoy these activities.

2. Emphasize nudists' role in speaking out for their constitutional rights of free expression and protection.

3. Clubs should improve marketing events and charge for event fees rather than just day fees.

4. Mentioned earlier...creation of group creating possible solutions to closing clubs and converting to co-ops.

5.. AANR should publish infographics on the health benefits of nudism.

6. Conduct research studies such as quantitative blood work study on the Vitamin D levels of nudists and non-nudists or sunblock effect on Vitamin D absorption

7. Publish more testimonies/stories of health improvements of nudism. Suggested reading: *Running Around Naked: A Memoir* by Jalaine Lombardi.

8. Continue publicizing benefits of sleeping nude.

#### **New Membership System**

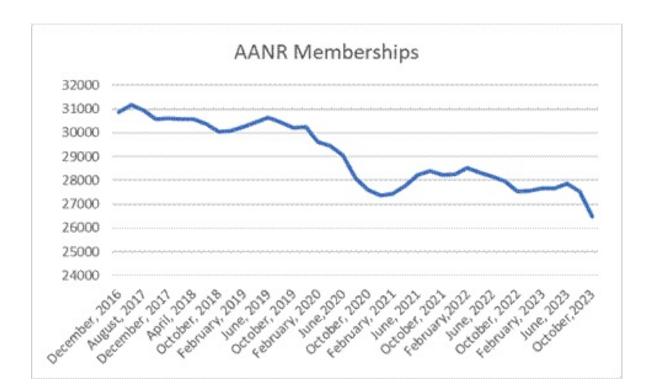
A decision has been made by the AANR administration to revert back to the Conetics Membership Management System from Impexium. They report their effort to blend the best and most desired features of the two systems to facilitate, for example, auto renewals and other functions.

#### **Club closures and conversions**

As a result of our Meet and Greets and Reddit r/nudism, among many other media efforts, a group has been formed to address club closures and converting clubs from private to member-owned. In particular, members from Olive Dell in CA have been meeting to develop and promote best practices aimed at this serious issue. Cindy Tendick is working in conjunction with Oesten Nelson and other volunteers to gather bylaws and other documents to create a guide to creation, conversion and management of a nudist venue. One member of the group is a lawyer specializing in converting private properties to co-ops. *Oesten has asked that this group request official sanction to be recognized as a formal AANR subcommittee*.

#### **Membership status**

Membership numbers continue to decline and as can be seen by the below graph. We have the lowest number of AANR members since the beginning of 1987, 37 years ago. This remains a high priority for the organization. This should be a clarion call for the organization, the clubs and every nudist or naturist to be advocates promoting the value of social nudism and the necessity of joining AANR for a strong voice.



As we know, nudism is more and more under attack since nudists constitute an unprotected class and an easy target. As the foremost advocate for nudist rights, we need to better leverage that fact in our marketing and use our advocacy as a way to encourage people to join AANR AANR is now heeding public comments and advice along with this joint committee's recommendations Broadcasting Erich's legal works along with the important work of GAT must be broadly disseminated, showing that we defend the right to be nude, we fight for more nudist-friendly spaces and we protect those nudists who are unjustly punished as a result of being open as a nudist. Educating the many nudists who do not know all of the benefits and actions of AANR may provide the reason to join us. With our increased visibility into our advocacy efforts, we hope that this becomes a magnet that draws many more people into AANR.

#### Reports from Mary Jane Kolassa, AANR PR Consultant

Mary Jane continues to pitch to many diverse news sources relative to the events and activities of AANR. She has also published a number of articles in a travel organization's news. Below are the links to her reports starting after the Midwinter Trustees meeting:

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Finally, we wish to list many of the recommendations to be considered and accomplishments we've achieved as we exit from our respective chair positions:

#### PR/M&M Recommendations and Accomplishments

Recent communication within our Membership Marketing/PR joint committee has suggested that inaction by the committee and board has contributed to our loss of members and inadequate recruitment.

During the past **six** years, the Membership Marketing/PR committee has suggested several recommendations, some of which still need to be addressed and some recently acted upon:

- 1. Increase awareness of AANR advocacy of social nudism through the website and social media. This has begun to be ramped up within the last 6
- 2. Create a way to partner with various naturist podcasts, i.e., create new type of relationship with AANR; host them on our website. This has begun to be implemented within the last several months.
- 3. Create and host marketing videos.
- 4. Create reels and post to TikTok.
- 5. Respond to moderators' request on nudism subreddit on <u>reddit.com</u> and have an official presence on that platform with over 100K registered followers.
- 6. Provide data to Gary Mussel to analyze membership data for every region and provide a picture on what is happening with our membership. He analyzed the data for AANR-W, but was never given the required data for the rest of the regions that he requested.
- 7. Reach out to a professional marketing firm for advice.
- 8. Use a professional survey firm to glean substantive recruitment data to direct our resources (i.e., time, finances and manpower).
- 9. Align ourselves with bona fide charitable causes that address helping those with conditions impacting body image.
- 10. Align ourselves with vetted nudist organizations or groups nationally and internationally to form a coalition that would provide a much larger support base when fighting for our rights.
- 11. Consider eliminating the term "Basic Member," which Club Members are considered, given that our Direct Members constitute nearly half of our membership. Unfortunately, with the gradual closing of nudist clubs and resorts throughout all of our regions, the number of Direct Members is likely to expand.

The various committees (including WINR) and regions have moved forward with volunteer-initiated and volunteer-run endeavors. The following list should validate the time, energy and commitment of our committee members that have gone into these achievements:

1. The Meet and Greets, now almost two years old, have about 3000 people who have signed on. These sessions and chatrooms have consistently provided a positive benefit for our members, are seen as a valuable method for outreach from AANR to the nudist community and have gleaned a number of new AANR members and leaders. Included are new AANR committee members, moderators and a young committee co-chair. Additionally, some of the participants have greatly increased their involvement with their regions and clubs as well as political activism.

- 2. Multiple new brochures (Body Acceptance Brochure, Visitor's Brochure, Women's Safety Brochure).
- 3. The WOW Campaign
- 4. The WOW Calendar
- 5. The ImPerfect Tour
- 6. Visible Altruism...to change the narrative about nudists and naturists to caring, good citizens.
- 7. The AANR-NW Campout
- 8. The AANR-SW Nude Racing Series
- 9. Sponsorship of WNBR where possible
- 10. Development of a Moderators Guide required for any person wanting to moderate a chatroom.
- 11. Development of a guide for running a meeting available on a need only basis credentials for accessing the zoom account
- 12. Development of a Social Media Guide to ensure that all communications originating from an identifiable AANR representative are respectful and appropriate.
- 13. Developed new awards to recognize nudist influencers from within and outside AANR.
- 14. Renamed Associate Member to Direct Member to demonstrate equality and appreciation for all members.
- 15. Development of a Facebook page to bring club owners together to share issues and successes.
- 16. Participation and support of a Succession Planning Committee to address converting proprietary clubs to cooperatives.

In summary, we look forward to seeing AANR achieve the goals that will enable them to successfully celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> AANRversary which will be upon them in the not too distant future!

Respectfully submitted:

Ronna Krozy, Chair, Public Relations Committee

Karen Lahey, Chair, Membership Marketing Committee

### July 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

### **TO: AANR Officers, Trustees, Chairs, Clubs and Members**

### FROM: Tim Mullins, AANR Government Affairs Chair

### SUBJECT: 2024 GAT Activity Annual Meeting Report

Thank you for your continued support of the Government Affairs Team. Without the strong support of the membership and dedicated efforts of all the volunteers who make up the regional and international teams, we could not be as successful as we were this year.

One subject I'd like to address is the misunderstanding of the effort in Florida that resulted in AANR designated clubs being allowed to have nude massage sessions. The bill was originally part of an effort to block child sex trafficking and exploitation, an effort that we all agree is commendable. The problem here and so often with this type of legislation, is the writers stray from their intent. This is simply sloppy lawmaking. We focus our efforts on stopping these kinds of laws from being enacted by asking lawmakers to focus on their intent of the law. When this fails to move some, we have to reestablish our position.

This effort was not an attempt to carveout a spot for AANR, as has been misrepresented by some authors on social media. I personally, and many of the regional GAT Chairs, hate the idea of carveouts, this brings attention to nudism as something other than normal healthy activity. We strive to exempt nudist activity from being criminalized, not AANR nudist activities. This was a bill that AANR and its lobbyist did not seek or support. Once it became clear there was going to be a bill addressing this issue the compromise was adding the exemption. It is callous and counterproductive to supporting nudists rights to suggest this was ever an AANR supported bill.

Another area where we had success was our Hawaii efforts successfully closed out all bills except HB1927. This quietly died in the Senate committee sessions. Our lobbyist was successful in pointing out our concerns. Based on this year's actions we anticipate in the next session the Senate being favorable to passing something out. The lobbyist continues meeting with attorneys from both House and Senate to address state of mind requirements and taking out strict liability. This is an ongoing issue.

Following are the regional reports and updates.

### AANR F-GAT - Chair John Hunter

No new updates for this report

## AANR-Southwest Report - Chair Bob Morton

GENERAL COMMENTS

### 2024: a lighter legislative session for AANR-SW

Regular legislative sessions were held in three states of the AANR-SW region. The Texas legislature did not meet in regular session during 2024. Oklahoma and Arkansas have completed their sessions. Louisiana is still in session.

### We had an opportunity. We made a smart bet. And WE WON !!

In January 2024, the AANR-SW Government Affairs Committee presented the AANR-SW board of directors with an opportunity to do a very smart thing by coloring outside regional lines just a bit. Members of the Republican legislative majority in the state of Wisconsin had introduced TWO PAIRS of legislative bills that held disastrous prospects for nude recreation. Each bill existed in identical versions for the Wisconsin Senate and the state Assembly (Wisconsin's name for its lower house).

The FIRST bill pair (Senate Bill 477 / Assembly Bill 504) sought to forbid children from attendance at public events with groups of nude adults. It had 18 co-sponsors, across the Senate and Assembly. Although this legislation was originally aimed at the World Naked Bike Ride, it's easy to see its greater threat.

The SECOND bill pair (Senate Bill 478 / Assembly Bill 503) sought to modify the existing law that criminalizes INDECENT EXPOSURE. Of course, not all exposure is indecent. So,

the new bill attempted to criminalize ANY exposure that's merely <u>INTENTIONAL</u>. Most exposure laws include conditions regarding the intent of the person doing the exposing. For instance, was it your intent to shock, provoke, alarm, arouse? In criminal law, mens rea is the mental state of a defendant who is accused of committing a crime. Actus reus is the guilty act, itself. Typically, most crimes require proof both of mens rea and actus reus before the defendant can be found guilty. Of course, most lawyers speak Latin to one another, all day long.

The second Wisconsin bill pair sought to remove the intent clause, so that ANY exposure would be illegal. That made it what's called a "strict liability" law. Ask me why we should be concerned about indecent exposure as a "strict liability law".

AANR retained a professional legislative lobbyist to assist in defeating these bills. The opportunity for AANR-Southwest to make a difference came in helping to pay for the lobbyist. We knew that if the Wisconsin bills were to succeed, we would likely be seeing the same legislation here. We also knew that <u>we should choose to</u> <u>fight this battle on Wisconsin turf, rather than waiting for it to come to us</u>.

The minutes of the 2024 midwinter board meeting are unfortunately unclear on the mechanism for funding the lobbyist. The AANR-SW board approved a one-time contribution to AANR, from the AANR-SW Gov't Affairs (Legal) fund, in the amount of \$3,000, for the professional Wisconsin lobbyist.

The funding did not show up as a motion. It appeared only as a line item in the approved

AANR-Southwest budget.

Other AANR regions participated, as well

AANR-SW\$3,000 AANR-NW\$2,000 AANR-W \$1,500 AANR- \$531

The hired professional Wisconsin lobbyist, partially funded by AANR-SW, performed exceptionally well.

We managed to DEFEAT BOTH BILL PAIRS!

Despite having been supported unanimously by the Republican majority that controls both

the Wisconsin Senate and the Assembly, skilled political work by AANR and its lobbyist left the two pairs of bills unable to meet the interim deadlines that all legislation faces on its way to passage.

And the 2024 installment of WNBR-Madison took place on June 15, 2024, without a hitch. The event happened after the deadline for this report, and that's one of the reasons this report was delayed a bit. Estimates of the numbers of participants vary, but most agree that there were 160-200 bike riders in Madison this year. WNBR organizers were quite pleased. State Representative Cyndi Duchow (R-Delafield) has promised to re-introduce her failed legislation in the 2025 Wisconsin session.

Meanwhile, the professional lobbyist continues to work on behalf of nudists. The lessons that AANR-Southwest must draw from all this are important:

• Potent governmental and political opposition to organized social nudism does exists.

• We know how to access professionals to work for us, when we have to do so.

• Sometimes, a political party that many of our members may find agreeable, can become quite disagreeable on the topic of social nudity. We must be unafraid to act.

• Defending ourselves, even from just a couple of legislative bills, is <u>expensive</u>.

### U.S. Fifth Circuit court of appeals ruling

libraries can't remove books for disagreeable viewpoints.

The U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld an injunction against a Texas public library that had removed a number of books, after receiving complaints from a patron and a county judge. This case, filed by the court on June 6, 2024, was one of the last-minute issues that caused us to hold this report beyond the date that had been published as a deadline for turning it in.

<u>THE CASE</u> The case, which originated in Llano, Texas, is <u>Little, et al. v. Llano</u> <u>County</u>.

Reports citing the American Library Association say that in 2022, governmental entities in Texas made 93 attempts to ban more than 2,200 books from Texas libraries.

Although the ruling did not specifically rule for or against material containing nudity, the facts of the

35-page U.S. Circuit Court ruling in the Llano case include a narrative in which County Judge Ron Cunningham directed Llano County Library System Director Amber Milum to immediately pull all books from the shelves that "depict any type of sexual activity or questionable nudity."

What resulted from the Fifth Circuit ruling was a partial restoration of the banned books. Of the eighteen book titles that had been removed from the library shelves, seven were ordered to be made available to library users once again.

<u>FIRST AMENDMENT ISSUES</u> The right to Freedom of Speech is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and is mirrored by various sections, clauses, and amendments in state documents across the U.S. Included among standard 1st Amendment rights is the right to RECEIVE speech. When library material is systematically weeded, winnowed, or otherwise censored, based on content, it becomes an issue involving the abrogation of Free Speech.

<u>SIGNIFICANCE FOR NUDISTS AND NATURISTS</u> The Fifth Circuit ruling was neither a clear win nor a clear loss for AANR-Southwest nudists. However, because its epicenter was in Texas, we MUST pay attention. The significance of the federal ruling is obvious, against the background of persistent legislative and administrative attempts to control the availability of information, online

and through more traditional channels, like libraries.

The continued existence of social nudism for members of AANR-Southwest and others absolutely depends on the availability of uncensored information. We should be wary of anything, any plan, any policy, or any individual who would choke, filter, or otherwise impede the exchange of information and viewpoints. Even if some find them to be disagreeable.

Louisiana lege mandates classroom display of Ten Commandments

This is one of the several issues that have contributed to making this report timely. <u>And late for its printing deadline</u>.

The Louisiana legislature passed House Bill 71, providing for the mandatory display of the Ten Commandments in state school classrooms. Display of the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, and the Northwest Ordinance is optional. Louisiana's Republican Governor Jeff Landry, who signed HB 71 on June 19, 2024, says he "can't wait to be sued" for doing so.

Similar measures in four other states, including Texas, failed during this legislative biennium [See Note1]

Just like support, opposition is where you find it

As is true for discussions of religion, the topic of partisan politics is a sensitive one, especially among members of an assocation like AANR-Southwest. We're essentially a social club, with a focus on social nudism. Among our members are Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, Green Party members, liberals, conservatives, with afew others, and a generous sprinkling of political agnostics.

By its very nature, the AANR-Southwest Government Affairs Committee must be aware of, attuned to, and skilled at dealing with politics. Simply put, politics and government, while not the same animal, are inextricably intertwined.

To use a pertinent example, the anti-nudity legislation that was defeated earlier this year in Wisconsin was an issue that broke exactly along party lines. Every Republican in the legislature voted FOR the anti-nudity legislation there. Every Democrat voted AGAINST it. Counting votes - and recognizing party affiliations - became nothing less than an essential part of defending social nudism.

Occasionally, we find ourselves at the pointed end of a political party's spear. Now, it's the Republican Party of Texas that has spears pointed at us. <u>We must be aware</u> and unafraid of making a response to protect ourselves.

Meeting in San Antonio in late May at the Convention of the Republican Party of Texas (RPoT), GOP delegates concocted a list of legislative priorities. Ordinarily, such a list would come and go without any comment here. But a couple of sharp spears are pointed directly at us.

Here's the 2024-2025 prioritized list of the Republican Party of Texas:

- 1. Border Enforcement
- 2. Secure Texas Elections
- 3. Stop Sexualizing Texas' Kids
- 4. No Democrat Chairs
- 5. Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying

6. Secure the Electric Grid

7. Texas is Not for Sale

8. End Federal Overreach

Drawing your attention to item 3:

item 3. <u>"Stop 'sexualizing' Texas' Kids."</u> It's not surprising that politicians would be saying, "Think of the children!" It's a mantra that has been used for years in attempts to marginalize and criminalize naturism and social nudism.

Among the RPoT details for Priority number 3 are:

"Repealing affirmative defenses in Texas Penal Code (43.24, 43.25) and redefining 'harmful materials' to remove loopholes provided by the modified Miller Test."

While it may seem more than a bit tedious, it's IMPORTANT to understand existing Texas state law, and what would be intentionally discarded by the Republican priority list.

## EXISTING TEXAS STATE LAW

Texas Penal Code - PENAL § 43.24. Sale, Distribution, or Display of Harmful Material to Minor

(a) For purposes of this section:

- (1) "Minor" means an individual younger than 18 years.
- (2) "Harmful material" means material whose dominant theme taken as a whole:
- (A) appeals to the prurient interest of a minor, in sex, nudity, or excretion;

(B) is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for minors; and

(C) is utterly without redeeming social value for minors.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the sale, distribution, or exhibition was by a person having scientific, educational, <u>government</u>al, or other similar justification.

These qualifications are known collectively as the "Miller criteria," or the "Miller Test," from the SCOTUS case, Miller v. California, 413 U.S. 15 (1973). The Republican priorities list for Texas aim to strip out and discard the Miller criteria and remove the associated affirmative defense.

Now, before you're tempted to observe that Miller is settled law and has been legal precedent for

more than half a century, and can't be changed, I have some bewildered and angry women who would like to have a word with you about stare decisis and <u>Roe v.</u> <u>Wade</u>.

#### SUMMARIES OF SELECTED ISSUES

For the state-by-state portion of this report, I'm including excerpts from my personal notes and comments.

Oklahoma Legislature

The second session of the 2023-2024 Oklahoma legislature convened on Monday, February

5, 2024. It adjourned on May 31.

In January, we featured a couple of "OKLAHOMA BILLS TO WATCH." Here's an update.

OK 2024 SB 1268 child porn becomes 'child sexual abuse material' Dave Rader (R-Tulsa). FAILED ON ADJOURNMENT.

OK 2024 SB 1563 Parents Bill of Rights. Dana Prieto (R-Tulsa). FAILED ON ADJOURNMENT.

Other Oklahoma legislation developed that was worth watching. In fact, the AANR-SW Gov't Affairs Committee identified and tracked 44 such bills.

Here are a few:

OK 2023 HB 2746 guardianship - nudity as a symptom of mental illness. intr 01/19/23

by Nicole Miller (R-Edmond), the daughter of a schoolteacher mother and an itinerant Nazarene pastor father. However, in her official legislative photo, one can tell that she's not Nazarene; she's wearing lip gloss. She calls herself "a qualified, committed, and conservative Republican."

This bill includes (as NEW language) the requirements for an evaluation that includes, in part: ... "whether there is a history of public nudity or inadvertent exhibitionism which has been

observed and documented and is due to a mental illness," and ... "the existence of physical evidence of exposure to the environment due to mental illness symptoms which prevent the

ward from wearing adequate clothing." Because, don't you know, if a person isn't wearing clothes,

it must be because he or she is mentally ill. That's a well know fact.

<u>IMPORTANCE TO NUDISTS AND NATURISTS</u>. This is not a flaming sword, but it's an indicator of lawmaker bias and frame of mind. We ignore it at our peril.

FAILED ON ADJOURNMENT.

OK 2024 HB 3097 commercial entities liable for publishing or distributing obscene material on the Internet. intr 02/05/24 by Toni Hasenbeck (R-Elgin), a 52-year old educator, who describes herself as "a conservative Christian, who supports traditional values."

That's what you need to be elected in Oklahoma, though she did forget to profess her love for the 2nd Amendment and her disdain for self-determination of a woman's own body. This bill establishes civil liability for commercial entities that publish or distribute obscene material on the Internet.

What is "obscene material?" Well, Toni and her handlers defer to section 21.1024 of the OK Code. From 21.1024: 1. "Obscene material" means and includes any representation, performance, depiction or description of sexual conduct, whether in any form or on any medium including still photographs, undeveloped photographs, motion pictures, undeveloped film, videotape, optical, magnetic or solid-state storage, CD or DVD, or a purely photographic

product or a reproduction of such product in any book, pamphlet, magazine, or other publication

or electronic or photo-optical format, if said items contain the following elements:

a. depictions or descriptions of sexual conduct which are patently offensive as found by the average person applying contemporary community standards,

b. taken as a whole, have as the dominant theme an appeal to prurient interest in sex as found by the average person applying contemporary community standards, and

c. a reasonable person would find the material or performance taken as a whole lacks serious

literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific purposes or value."

That (GASP!) is the Miller Test. OKAY, SO ARE NUDISTS AND NATURISTS SAFE? Despite what's written in the law, this is By-Gawd OKLAHOMA. What do YOU think?

FAILED ON ADJOURNMENT.

Oklahoma legislation that was defeated or failed under its own weight in the 2023-2024 biennium DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY CARRY OVER TO 2025.

### <u>Arkansas Legislature</u>

This year's session of the Arkansas legislature was the fiscal session. Fiscal bills do not generate much excitement, but we look at them and parse them all carefully,

anyway. The Arkansas lege convened on April 10, 2024, and it adjourned on May 9, 2024

Since 2010, Arkansas state lawmakers meet every year, instead of every other year. That allows each session to have an intentional focus, and 2024 was designated to be a year for considering fiscal issues. General legislative matters are considered in odd-numbered years. Bills from 2024 do not carry over to next year's session.

## Louisiana Legislature

The Louisiana legislature was called to order on March 11, 2024. It adjourned on June 3,

2024. Legislation from 2024 does not carry over to the 2025 session.

An important bill that was passed by the Louisiana legislature was the mandate for displaying the Ten Commandments in all state-sanctioned school classrooms. [See the discussion elsewhere in this report.]

### Texas Legislature

The Texas legislature did not meet in regular session in 2024, but it will meet in regular session in 2025. It's not too early to start looking for a place to hide.

### <u>special issues</u>

• <u>Children</u>

Our adversaries continue to attack us, both directly and indirectly, on the generally supposed negative effects of nudity on children and on the matter of our including our children in our family-friendly nudist activities. Some attacks have come from within our own ranks. Ignorance is a key stumbling block that we ignore at our peril. Without addressing the cause

of adverse legislation, regulation and policy, we will find ourselves responding to increasingly restrictive situations.

NOTE 1. Other bills requiring display of the Ten Commandments in classrooms:

GA 2023 SB 501 Foundations of Law Act failed on adjournment WV 2024 HB 5302 Display of the Ten Commandments in Public Schools failed on adjournment TX 2023 SB 20 Display of the Ten Commandments in Public School failed on adjournment

SC 2023 (spcl) HB 4485 Classroom display of the Ten Commandments failed on adjournment failed

## <u> AANR-Florida – Chair Jonathan Duffield</u>

Florida's Legislative Session, 2024, convened on January 9<sup>th</sup>, and adjourned on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Between those dates, a total of 1,781 bills were introduced in the House

of Representatives and the Senate. Of that number, the Legislature passed only 325, or 18.2 percent. 294 bills were "laid on the table" (a polite term signaling that the chamber prefers not to take any further action on the measure). And the remaining 1,162 died in various actions such as being withdrawn, stalled in committee or in "messages" (the process of reconciling differing language contained in companion bills passed by the House and Senate), or the Session simply ran out of time.

Among those that died a merciful death, thankfully, were Senate Bill 1238 and House Bill 1135 -- "Lewd or Lascivious Grooming" -- followed closely by your Government Affairs Team because of the measures' purpose of creating the entirely new felony-level crime of "grooming" children. (Defined as "...the process of preparing or encouraging a child to engage in sexual activity through overtly sexually themed communication with the child, or in conduct with or observed by the child without permission from the child's parent or legal guardian...")

We reasoned -- without stretching our imaginations too far -- that simple activities which are considered normal and natural in the context of any familyoriented nudist venue could be misinterpreted as grooming. While this might not be of much concern to parents or guardians, the threat of indictment could have a plainly chilling effect on other nude adults present in that setting. These bills were clearly anti-nudist.

However, we are proud to report that HB 197 and SB 896 -- "Massage Establishments" -- fared *much* better. Both were passed by their respective chambers, "engrossed" (reconciled through "messages" to conform their language), and "enrolled" (sent to the Governor for his signature).

With neither flourish nor fanfare, Mr. DeSantis signed HB 197 into law on May 6th at 6:56 PM. (We had been hoping for a little press coverage, at least, but alas, no.) It took effect on July 1st.

As reported previously, the significance of this legislation lies not so much in that it exempts from an onerous and unnecessary regulation those massage practitioners operating on, or under the auspices of, AANR-Florida chartered clubs. No, indeed, the success of this initiative represents the first time in history that the name of our organization has ever appeared in statutory law. This fact alone confers recognition, acceptance, credibility, and standing upon the American Association for Nude Recreation.

Erich Schuttauf, Ramon Maury, and Carolyn Hawkins, et al, are to be commended for their indefatigable pursuit of this achievement over the course of two full years. It will return legal and political dividends far into the future -- and not only in our Florida Region, but all across North America and wherever the AANR name is known.

#### AANR-Midwest - Chair Fred Roessler/ Gary Birk

No items to add at this time

## <u> AANR-Northwest – Chair Steve Nolen</u>

The AANR-NW Government Affairs Team was formed after last summer's Convention. The team meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. Pacific time. Typically, 6-8 people have attended the Zoom meeting. They and several other AANR members have assisted with GAT activities during the year. They are our eyes, ears and connection to their communities and our other members.

We urge each club to designate a person to attend the Zoom sessions and communicate with their members about government affairs concerns. Please let me or Karen Lahey know if you wish to be added to the list of participants.

## **Roundup of major Issues**

**Denny Blaine Nude Beach** – In November, we scrambled a team in Seattle and worked with AANR staff to try to dissuade the City of Seattle Parks Department from building a children's play area at Denny Blaine Park, a small traditionally clothing-optional beach on Lake Washington. Our project team formed to include myself, Karen and Jim Lahey, Donna Jennings, Mark Story, Kathy Blanchard, Tim Mullins, Eric Schuttauf, and Carolyn Hawkins from AANR. That group quickly formulated and executed an information campaign to target Seattle and Northwest AANR members with requests to oppose the project by writing emails, signing a petition and attending a public meeting for the event. Jim Lahey, among other AANR members, attended and testified at the standing-room meeting. As a result of heavy opposition, the City promptly canceled the project.

The parks department recently proposed making Denny Blaine Park an official nude beach. To my knowledge, it will be the first public park in Washington officially designated for nudity. Along with the designation the City promised better enforcement of park behavior rules and firm boundaries for the nude use. **Proposed Supplemental Use Guidelines for Denny Blaine Park**.

## 2024 Legislative Highlights

The 2024 legislative season produced few bills, in comparison with 2023. In even numbered years, many legislatures have abbreviated sessions. Montana convenes only in odd numbered years.

### The Good

Repeal of Washington's ban on consideration of nudity in reviewing liquor licenses was included in **SB 6105**, which was adopted by the Washington Legislature. This may have opened the way for more businesses to allow nude entertainers and

participants on site, without jeopardizing their liquor licenses. It also may open the way for landed clubs to obtain liquor licenses.

Mike Parker monitored and submitted comments in support of **Oregon SB 1576**, which was adopted to restore "recreational immunity" to many public lands. The new law was widely supported by public agencies and others who provide land for trails and recreation in the state. This law was needed to respond to a court decision that increased the risk for agencies for allowing recreational access.

## The Bad

The most significant negative bill adopted is **Idaho House Bill 710** (2024), which is a reworked version of a 2023 bill restricting minors' access to materials considered "harmful to minors" in libraries and schools. It creates a cause of action if libraries fail to remove challenged materials deemed prohibited under the act. It was adopted as an emergency and is scheduled to go into effect July 1, 2024.

AANR-NW Directors have allocated \$2,000 to AANR-GAT from its legal fund for professional lobbying to oppose anti-nudity legislation in Wisconsin and Hawaii.

## Involvement

1) Contact me or the AANR-NW President if

- you hear of a bill or issue of concern
- you want to join the monthly GAT meetings or lobby legislators in your state

For issues that raise significant concerns, we will coordinate as needed with the GAT legal counsel, develop responses, and provide consistent, coordinated information that supports AANR positions.

StateNet Tracked Bills Summaries, Current as of June 15, 2024

AK H 254	Publishing Pornography Liability	Vance (R)	Relates to liability for publishing or distributing pornography to minors on the internet.	Failed, adjourned
AK H 265	Child Sexual Abuse Material	Vance (R)	Changes the term child pornography to child sexual abuse material.	Failed, adjourned

ID H 710	Minors	Adopted	Amends and adds to existing law to prohibit certain materials from being promoted, given, or made available to a minor by a school or public library; provides a cause of action; provides for damages; provides for injunctive relief.	Enacted, signed by Governor Became law July 1, 2024
ID H 448	Publishers and Distributors Liability	House State Affairs Committe e	Adds to existing law to establish provisions to protect minors from harmful material on the internet.	Failed, adjourned
ID H 498	Internet Publishers and Distributors Liability	House State Affairs Committe e	Provides legislative findings and intent, to define terms, to prohibit the intentional publication or distribution of material harmful to minors on the internet, to provide for a private cause of action, to provide affirmative defenses, to provide for venue for civil actions, to provide for the exclusivity of private civil enforcement, to provide for certain immunity and limits on state court jurisdiction.	Enacted, Signed by GOVERNOR.
WA H 1999	Fabricated Intimate or Sexually Explicit Images	Leavitt ( D)	Makes illegal fabricated intimate or sexually explicit images and depictions of minors.	Enacted; Signed by Governor

WA S		•	identifiable minor" and "fabricated depiction" mean any visual or printed matter that depicts a minor who is identifiable that was created or altered by digitization to depict the minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct in which the minor did not actually engage. (8) "Digitization" means creating or altering any visual or printed matter to depict an identifiable minor in a realistic manner utilizing images of another person or computer- generated images; includes, but is not limited to artificial intelligence."	Enacted, signed
6105	Entertainment Establishments	D)	entertainment establishment to provide training to its employees to minimize occurrences of unprofessional behavior and enable employees to support entertainers in times of conflict; provides that the training content must be developed and provided by a third-	by GOVERNOR.

	party qualified professional with experience and expertise; provides that training topics must include, but are not limited to, preventing sexual harassment, discrimination, and assault in the workplace. Repleals WAC consideration of nudity in reviewing liquor license applications.	
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## <u> AANR-East – Chair Elijah Dlubak</u>

Elijah has just joined the team and will be providing updates in the future

## <u> AANR-West – Chair Steven Schubert</u>

No bills impacting nudist rights were passed in the AANR-West states during the most recent legislative sessions.

Following the start of the 2024 legislative sessions in the 8 Western regions, and using a variety of search terms<sup>1</sup>, I reviewed over 70 pieces of proposed legislation (a majority from Arizona), approximately 40 were flagged for further review and monitoring. The following is a brief summary of events for each of the 8 states:

### Arizona:

Of the legislation reviewed, only 1 warranted referral to Erich (Arizona HB 2889).<sup>2</sup> Although the bill relates to pornography it contained language potentially problematic. Specifically, a portion contained the following definition of "intimate visual depiction":

had already acted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> E.g., nude, nudity, naked, genitals, indecent exposure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This excludes legislation in Hawaii, which was already on ANNR's radar and for which ANNR

10. "INTIMATE VISUAL DEPICTION" MEANS ANY VISUAL DEPICTION THAT MEETS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

(a) IS OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS REASONABLY IDENTIFIABLE FROM THE VISUAL DEPICTION ITSELF OR INFORMATION DISPLAYED IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISUAL DEPICTION, INCLUDING THROUGH FACIAL RECOGNITION, AN IDENTIFYING MARKING ON THE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING A BIRTHMARK OR PIERCING, AN IDENTIFYING FEATURE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE VISUAL DEPICTION, VOICE MATCHING OR WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RESPONSIBLE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FOR CREATING OR DEVELOPING THE VISUAL DEPICTION.

(b) IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL DEPICTED IS ENGAGING IN SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT OR THE NAKED GENITALS, ANUS, PUBIC AREA OR POSTPUBESCENT FEMALE NIPPLE OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEPICTED IS VISIBLE.

(highlights added)

Again, the bill dealt largely with pornographic material, but due to the foregoing language, it is possible that posting pictures on the AANR-West website or the AANR Bulletin, could constitute a violation.

After discussing this matter with Erich, it was agreed that we would continue to monitor the bill's progress and act if needed.

HB 2889 as well as the other proposed legislation died in committee and the Arizona session recently ended.

On a side note, Representative Anthony Kern who has previously sponsored legislation that could potentially harmed nudist rights is now running for the U.S. Senate. He faces no opposition from Democrats at this time. There are also two other Republicans vying for the seat. The Arizona primary is July 30<sup>th</sup>.

John Kavanaugh, another Republican State Representative, has reached his term limit. He is running for the Arizona Corporation Commission.

## California:

California's legislature remains in session. In the last few months, several new measures were filed, which I am monitoring. Most add or clarify existing laws, and none appear to be a threat.

California's legislature goes into its summer recess on July 3rd, which is the last day for policy committees to meet & report on bills. It reconvenes on August 5th and the last day for the house to pass bills is August 31st (which is also the date for its final recess). The governor will then have until September 30, 2024 to sign or veto bills. Those that are not signed and vetoed will become law without the Governor's signature. I will continue to monitor the bills currently flagged and I will continue to check for any legislation which may pop up through special sessions.

## **Colorado:**

No proposed legislation was introduced that would impact nudist rights.

## Hawaii:

I believe everyone is aware of the proposals introduced in Hawaii which may have had a large impact on nudism<sup>3</sup>. Fortunately, a lobbyist retained by AANR was able to assist in the defeat of these bills. Whether they will be reintroduced in a future session remains to be seen.

## Nevada:

There were no matters of concern.

## **New Mexico:**

There were no matters of concern.

## Utah:

There were a few matters in Utah that modified/clarified existing statutes. None of these were cause for concern and were signed into law.

## Wyoming:

There were no matters of concern.

## **Conclusion:**

All but one of the sessions in the Western region have concluded, with the exception of California (as noted above). I will continue to monitor the region for new matters as well as those measures pending in California.

As always, I welcome any comments, additions or suggestions.

## <u> AANR-Western Canada – Chair Georgina Schurman</u>

In 2024 in general the Canadian federal and provincial governments have enacted legislation to prevent and address harms online (Internet/social media) to children, youth and adults from the use of sexual and intimate images without consent. Fortunately, there has been no need for AANR involvement. Legislature sessions are adjourned for the summer so elected officials can spend time locally in what is casually known as the "BBQ circuit".

## AANR Office

Erich will cover his GAT items in his report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Hi H1927, Hi H 1873, Hi S 2251, Hi S 2971.

## <u>Summary:</u>

That covers some of the key items since the last report. Thank you to the members who contributed to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mullins

AANR Government Affairs Chair



Date: July 20,2024 To: AANR Officers, Trustees, Clubs, Staff and Membership From: Kathryn J. Watzel, Finance Chair RE: Finance Report for August 2024 Meeting

The AANR budget for 2024 was distributed to the AANR Board in December 2023 and precented for approval at the February 2-3, 2024, meeting. This budget was not approved. The budget committee with the help of the Finance Director Judy Mason resubmitted the revised budget to the Trustees for a vote through an interim motion. The 2024 budget was passed on April 12, 2024.

The 2023 Audit Report was distributed electronically to the Association leadership on April 18, 2024.

The first Quarter Finances were distributed electronically to Association leadership on May 20,2024.

Due to the shifting workload of financial reporting, in the AANR office, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financials will be sent out soon. Training is still taking place.

With the changes made in the office staff, we will see cost savings in the Executive Office area of the income statement. The largest adjustment will occur in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Watzel AANR Financial Chair Kathy.Watzel@aanr.com

# AANR SUMMER 2024 MEETING AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE CONVENTION CONTRACT

July 19, 2024

Members:

Ronna Krozy, Chair Cyndi Tendick Margie Cantlon

Jim Lahey Richard Quigley

This is a very brief report: the major tasks assigned to this committee have been completed and the new documents have been submitted to the trustees for approval. These include revising and updating the Convention Application and Contract, plus adding submission information on the Application to hold the Midwinter Trustees Meeting. A sincere thank you to the members who worked diligently to bring about these long-needed changes.

The AANR Summer Convention will be held at Shangri La Ranch from August 12-17, 2024. This will be a transitional year for current and newly elected officials. It looks to be a well-attended and well-planned event for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Krozy, Chair

AANR Conventions and Facilities



Glen Miller Loan Committee

Date: July 19, 2024

Chair: Mike Parker

Members: Patty Faber, Jeannie Diehl, Mike Parker

Charter:

Approve no-interest loans to qualifying clubs and oversee the loan program.

Status: Six clubs have current loan balances remaining. Three loans are from 2021. Three new loans were made in 2023. The six clubs with current loans owe a total of \$35,791.68. Four loan payments have been made for this year.

### Details:

The investment balances as of July 19, 2024 are:

The Miller Loan Fund (Bank Of America) is at \$19,231.59. The amount in our Miller Fund investment account in Raymond James (if we needed to take some out to deposit in the B of A account) is \$196,215. Total invested funds amount is \$215,446.59. Total Fund Amount is \$251,238.23. including the owed loan balances.

There are sufficient funds in the accounts available for loan to give a number of \$5,000 to \$10,000 loans to clubs that are interested and qualify. Only about \$105,000 of the fund is restricted to investment only. That leaves well over \$100,000 available for loans, with the funds recycling as loans are paid back on up to a five year time frame.

I want to thank the office financial staff, the other volunteer members of the committee and AANR president Mitch London for their continued cooperation and assistance. The three of us will continue to serve on this committee.

Please talk up this no-interest loan program to your regional clubs as it is a fantastic benefit available to both landed and non-landed clubs.

**Research & Education Committee** 

Annual Report 2024

Two years ago, I agreed to chair this committee because the trustees' desire to interview past AANR presidents and Hall of Fame recipients coincided with the American Nudist Research Library's conducting of interviews, and my own Hall of Fame columns in The Bulletin. I have learned that some people do not want to be interviewed. Most of the others have been by now, or are scheduled to be.

I had served as education chairman 31 years ago. Back then, the regional education chairs awarded many scholarships, shared information freely with each other, caucused at national conventions, and judged essay contests. We changed the age of adulthood in the ASA from 21 to 18. Today's regional education chairs offer few if any scholarships, and do not consider themselves part of any national committee. Few bother to answer mail. The AANR Education Foundation has largely replaced them. Some rethinking may be in order.

I leave the combined position, feeling I have not accomplished as much this time.

Paul LeValley

#### AANR HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

#### 2024 CONVENTION REPORT

#### TERRY MEEK, CHAIR AND AANR MIDWEST REPORESENTATIVE

The AANR Hall of Fame Committee met by email and examined the nominations of three new nominees and four carryover nominees. Each nomination was rated in accordance with our Governance Manual and the ratings were tallied by me as Chair. The committee consisted of six of the seven regional Presidents and myself, sitting in for Amy Rollins, the Midwest President.

According to the Governance Manual instructions, up to two nominees can be elected to the Hall of Fame for a given year, as long as the nominees elected had one of the top two average scores and that average score equaled or exceeded 7 on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best.

The committee elected two of the nominees to the Hall of Fame, and the names of those elected will be announced at the 2024 Convention.

The torch of chairmanship now passes to the AANR West region for next year's work. All five of those not elected this year remain in contention for next year.