



Outboard Trustee meeting, summer 2024

Call to Order:

Date: Friday, August 16, 2023,

Time: 9:05 AM Arizona time

Location: Shangri La Ranch

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Officers	Mitch London	President	X	
	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	Zoom	
	Richard Quigley	Midwest Trustee	Zoom	
	Karen Lahey	Northwest Trustee	Zoom	
	Heather Cheney	Southwest Trustee	X	
	Kathy Watzel	West Trustee	X	
	Bob Dixon	Western Canada Trustee	X	

Mitch declared a quorum.

Joe Rives asked that because the information available at the beginning of the meeting was not available prior to the meeting that the meeting continue but no votes be taken.

Motion 1 I move to suspend the rules for the August 16, 2024, Trustee Meeting.

Date: 8/16/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: To conduct the business at the Trustees meeting.

Maker: Kathy Watzel

Second: Karen Lahey

Disposition: **Passed**, 6 Yes, 1 No, Joan Harris

Discussion:

Bob Dixon asked Joe Rives if he was asking that this request was separate from the motion at the Membership meeting.

Joe Rives responded that yesterday they were told that there were 3 separate meetings, and he is raising the same point for this meeting. Joe also stated that this objection was not his personally but the Florida Region's objection.

Bob Dixon stated that he thought the Trustees meeting was not subject to the 30-day notification requirement. He asked if anyone was sure if this was true or not.

Ted Peck stated that according to the By-laws Article IX – Meetings and Conventions, section A3 states

“An agenda shall be prepared by the President for the membership meeting, and it shall be circulated to clubs, officers, trustees, the chairs of the committees and the members not less than 30 days in advance of the membership meeting”

Mitch London states that By-laws Article IX – Meetings and Conventions, section C16 states

An agenda shall be prepared by the President for all scheduled in-person meetings of the Board of Trustees and shall be published and circulated to all clubs not less than 30 days in advance of the date of the Board meetings.

Kathy Watzel clarified that that the Florida Region's request is to continue with the meeting but take no votes

Karen Lahey stated that she believed that as a board the trustees need to make decisions and that means voting on motions. Making the trustees” wait 30 days to make decisions is ridiculous”.

Joan Harris commented on Karen Lahey's statement that the board is ignored, and we need to do the work we need to do and it's stupid that we are here and can't do it. We have a set of ruling documents, by-laws and rules in place and what is incorrect is to not follow the rules in place. She has a problem with the suspension of the rules. If we have rules then follow them, if not then don't have rules.

Mitch London responded that if we strictly follow the rules and don't leave any leeway, you'll never get anything done, you're always going to have roadblocks and that's the purpose of suspending the rules.

Peter Sewell mentioned that we have rules for a reason, “and he has a bunch of people lined up waiting for answers to certain questions, one of which is how can this meeting proceed without

advance notice? He doesn't have an answer to that and if you (the board) want him to go back and report that we're going to press forward with it because certain rights, the rights of some outweigh the rights of the entire membership, he'll do that but can guarantee that it won't go over well".

Peter also stated that you can put aside Roberts's Rules but not the by-laws.

Art Vernon stated that Peters understanding of Robert's Rules is only partly correct. There are things that can't be set aside but what happened is notice was sent but not received 30 days prior to the meeting as indicated in the by-laws. That is a right granted in the by-laws to certain individuals. The clubs need to be notified 30 days in advance. As it's the clubs that have the right to be notified but is not sure the trustees can suspend the rules. He also stated that the general principle of Roberts Rules is that the folks effected by the particular by-law have the right to suspend it because it's there to protect their rights. Nobody gets disenfranchised if they have the opportunity to participate in the meeting and if they are not participating in the meeting, they are surrendering their right to vote. Since the clubs were notified, the members present representing the clubs are the clubs present and could vote to suspend the rules that apply to them. Not as trustees but leaders of clubs have the right to suspend the rules.

Kathy Watzel asked if her clubs didn't complain she, as their representative can choose to vote in favor of this motion.

Art Vernon replied, yes, she could.

Peter Sewell replied that even though the clubs weren't informed Kathy is pushing forward with a vote.

Karen Lahey stated that the clubs are not members so have no standing in the organization and the by-laws need to be modified to reflect that. AANR is a membership organization, and the clubs don't belong.

End of discussion.

Motion 2 I move to suspend discussion and call the vote.

Date: 8/16/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: To move forward with the motion.

Maker: Kathy Watzel

Second: Hearther Cheney

Disposition: **Passed** without objection

Discussion: None.

Induction of Dignitaries

Linda Weber President elect

Stephane Deschenes President of INF
Dan Hawkins AANR Southwest President
Joe Rives AANR Florida President
Patty Faber Vice President elect
Cindi Tendick AANR West President
Kathy Smith
Roney Krozey
Carolyn Hawkins AANR Office
Carolina DeAldana AANR Office
Darleen Mills AANR Office

Everyone else

Report Interim motions since February 2024

None

Karen Lahey asked if the motions mat at the zoom interim meeting not interim motions. It was decided that would be addressed at another interim meeting.

Motion 3 I move to approve the minutes for the August 16, 2024, Trustee Meeting.

Date: 8/16/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: As stated

Maker: Kathy Watzel

Second: Sandra Cordell

Disposition: **Passed** without objection

Discussion: None

Bob Dixon mentioned that there were no minutes from the zoom interim meeting so those should be approved at a later date.

President's comments

Presented at the membership meeting.

Vice Presidents comments

Thank everyone for their support over the last 2 years and commended Mitch for his work and that Tim enjoyed his time on the board. Will continue as the Government Affairs Chair.

Secretary/Treasurers comments

First, asked that all reports sent to a reports package should be sent in a text or Word format. Second, as the by-laws state the reports need to be out 30 days before the meeting, he will send out the reports he has at that time. Any reports not sent by that time; distribution will be up to the author.

Executive Directors comments

Thank Shangri La for hosting the meeting and for presenting a fund raiser for the AANR Education foundation and a planned giving discussion.

A presentation on local cactus was presented.

Eric also showed a photo of his granddaughter Juliana in her birthday suit.

Provided a written report but mentioned some highlights.

AANR had a successful election. 3225 people cast votes. That is 12.1% of eligible voters.

The new computer system will be a combination of the best of both systems. The new system will allow regions to access certain information. We walk a line between privacy and access of information.

AANR brought in a consulting firm to assist with marketing. This is not a long-term contract but an as needed agreement. The firm handles Visit Tallahassee and 2 sports teams. They also have a strong working knowledge of nudism. Showed a couple of examples of what they've done so far.

Showed Ronna Krozey CNN spot. Shangri La did a radio spot.

Government affairs. A woman in Arkansas where a child's father contends that she is not a fit mother because she traveled to a nudist resort out of state where nudism is legal with the child. Thanked Cyprus Cove for its donation towards the costs. Described difference between fees and costs. Fees are attorney fees, which in this case are being provided pro-bono by 3 attorneys. Costs are like having a court reporter to take down testimony. Having experts testify.

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) provides time with lawmakers on the front end. Some highlights from this year's conference. Talked to both majority and minority leaders of a state. Joe Rives spoke to the speaker of the Nevada house. Several contacts with law makers in Arkansas.

Displayed a photo of the team at the NCSL booth.

Karen asked about security on the computer system. Concerned about ODBC. David Levine replied it's a new system, new hardware and not ODBC anymore.

Joe Rives mentioned that we were the best dressed crew. He also mentioned that the pins were very sought after.

Internal Affairs Report

Bob Dixon. No IA investigations in the last year.

Government Affairs Report

Tim Mullins. Stands on his written report.

Membership/Marketing Report

Karen Lahey. Stand mostly on written report. Still down nearly 1600 people or about 6%. Asks for better representation of Meet and Greet on the website and on the Undressed Press.

A member asked how to adjust the marketing to attract young members. Karen answered that the membership/marketing committee is responsible for attracting new members and retaining the ones we have. The PR committee is the outward facing committee. Created a social media subcommittee. There is a young adult session on the meet and greets.

Andee Rodgers added that at the last meeting there was a young person who was frustrated that the same things are happening at this meeting as happened there. The dogma of the rules drags us down and we won't be able to attract young people until we get by the dogma.

Mitch London is going to attend a dinner sponsored by an under 35 nudist group who has expressed an interest in AANR.

Stephane Deschenes mentioned that when he got involved in nudism it was like it is now. It is frustrating. Attracting people for governance will mostly be older but to get younger members they need to get something out of it.

Public Relations Report

Ronna Krozy. PR is separating from membership/marketing and stands on her report. The future committee will consist of younger people. The committee will focus more on social media and the ways younger folks communicate. Linda Weber is starting a Young Adult Diversity Council. Evan Nix will be the new committee chair.

Joan Harris thanked Ronna for all her work.

A member asked if there have been any challenges since separating PR and Marketing. Ronna replied that they will split after lunch when the new committees take over.

Motion 4 I move to add item 8.01.25 to section VIII to the Governance Manual to read:

AANR Podcaster Award. This award is given to the person with the best podcast supporting AANR's mission and philosophy. The recipient may be an AANR member or non-member

Date: 8/16/2024

Fiscal Impact: The annual cost of the award

Purpose: The purpose of the AANR Podcast Award is to recognize and honor the hard work, time commitment, advocacy, and creative contributions made to the nudist community through the media of podcasting in line with AANR's mission and philosophy.

Maker: Public Relations Committee

Second: None needed

Disposition: **Passed** without objection

Discussion: None

Conventions and Facilities Report

Ronna Krozy. Update the contract for the conventions and the applications for those.

Motion 4 I move to accept the revised application to host the AANR convention.

Date: 6/25/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: To clarify the terms of the AANR contract.

Maker: Contract AD Hoc Committee

Second: None needed

Disposition: **Passed** without objection

Discussion:

Bob Dixon wanted to clarify that this is for the AANR convention. It is.

Heather Cheney (?) wanted to know, if approved, when it takes effect and should Oak Lake Trails use the old or the new one. Answer was to use the new one if it passes.

Motion 4 I move to accept the revised contract to host the AANR convention.

Date: 6/25/2024

Fiscal Impact: Eliminate registration fees and allow ground fees for non-working days.

Purpose: To create a clearer contract.

Maker: Contract AD Hoc Committee

Second: None needed

Disposition: **Passed** without objection

Discussion:

Motion 5 I move to accept the updated mid-winter meeting application.

Date: 6/25/2024

Fiscal Impact: None.

Purpose: To add submission deadline and start date requirement to the application.

Maker: Contract AD Hoc Committee

Second: None needed

Disposition: **Passed** without objection

Discussion:

Karen Lahey wanted to commend the work the committee did.

Legislation report

Jim Lahey. Nothing to report but did send in updated documents to the AANR office.

Glenn Miller Report

Mike Parker. Stands on his report. Did request that the Glenn Miller section of the operations manual be sent to him to ensure the committee are operating as required.

Planning Report

BG Parkes. Letter about the Wreaths Across America program read into minutes by Linda Weber.

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8th August 2024

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Dear AANR Board Members,

There has recently been an ongoing conversation about the viability and ethicality of using the Wreaths Across America (WAA) Foundation as a means to raise money for the AANR Government Affairs Team (GAT). Complaints about the organization centered around two main issues: 1) that Wreaths Across America excludes the grave markers of Jewish or Non-Christian veterans when they lay wreaths at the base of grave markers of Christian veterans, and 2) that there is a connection between the family of a wreath-making company and the board of Wreaths Across America. I will address each of these issues separately.

First, it is true that volunteers who lay wreaths at the base of the grave markers in federal veteran's cemeteries are directed by Wreaths Across America policy to not place wreaths at the base of non-Christian headstones. In fact, Wreaths Across America's executive director Karen Worcester and spokesperson Amber Caron informed *Fox News*, that Wreaths Across America has had a policy against laying wreaths at graves marked with the Jewish Star of David since the group started in 1992. However, contrary to the stated and implied misconceptions about this practice, Wreaths Across America does not place a wreath on the headstones of those graves marked with the Star of David, not to purposely exclude them but out of respect for Jewish custom. That said, if a family requests a wreath on a headstone, then they are gladly provided with one. In short, Wreaths Across America makes every effort to respect and pay homage to all veterans, regardless of gender, race, and religious affiliation. Sometimes this respect comes in the form of respecting the Jewish custom enough to forego putting a wreath at the base of the Jewish headstones.

Secondly, much has been said about the connection between Wreaths Across America and a wreath-making company. Because of its size, visibility and non-profit status, Wreaths Across America is one of the most investigated organizations in the United States. Yes, members of the family that own a wreath-making company are on the board of Wreaths

Across America. However, they are involved and helped found the non-profit precisely because they were in the business and were asked to make wreaths to decorate headstones. If there were any illegalities in anything the non-profit or the company were doing, it would have been found and the effort would have been shut down long before now.

In closing, there will always be people who actively search for reasons to not support Wreaths Across America, and they are welcome to not participate. That said, this effort offers an effective mechanism to raise money for AANR's Government Affairs Team efforts, as well as to honor veterans whose final resting spot is within a Veteran's Cemetery. In fact, we must remember that each cemetery that participates in the program has a staff that specifically gave Wreaths Across America permission to decorate the headstones within the cemetery. In each case, the cemetery gets either state or federal legal approval prior to issuing that permission. Again, if there were any irregularities, the permission would be denied due to an overabundance of caution to not violate a state or federal law or regulation.

As a AANR club owner and a founder of a Veteran's non-profit organization, I am well aware of the legal requirements associated with these types of organizations. Additionally, I have personally been subjected to numerous audits to verify the financials of both my resort and my non-profit. I know the rigor at which state and federal (IRS) auditors inspect the records of non-profit organization and I am convinced that if any laws or accounting regulations were being violated by Wreaths Across America, they would have shut down years ago. As it is, Wreaths Across America has been operating for 17 years and has managed to continue to honor our veterans while maintaining the legal authorizations to stay in business. Ultimately, Wreaths Across America is a respected non-profit that provides both a service to our Veteran's community and offers a proven mechanism for organizations like ours to raise money.

Respectfully,

B.G. Parkes

Karen Lahey stated the organization has been investigated and they have a low charity ranking. It's the perception even though nothing has been found. AANR is not a religious organization so why are we aligning ourselves with a Christian organization.

Finance Report

Kathy Watzel. Stands on her report.

AANR Youth Report

Susan Cappa and Rick Markel. No report made.

Research and Education Report

Paul LeValley. Since his report was sent, he has published a book of nude bible illustrations found in the Nudist Library and through history.

Hall of Fame Report

Cindi Tendick gets the committee next year.

Nominations Report

Not an election year.

WINR Report

Andee Rodgers. Heading out to the north. Wants to know if any clubs want copies of the 2025 calendar. Let Andee know at andee.rodgers@aanr.com how many you want. Need the number by October. Cost will be \$20.00. Same as last year.

Kathy Watzel suggested putting an ad on the website.

Regional Presidents Council Report

Cindi Tendick reporting. Dan Hawkins, Cindi Tendick and Joe Rives met and sent emails to the other presidents.

Joe Rives would like Florida referred to as the Florida Region, not just Florida.

Some parts of Mexico belong to the Southwest Region, and some belong to the West Region. Want to work with Arlett and the Florida Region to determine who's responsible for what.

Notes that a thank you to Linda was made for her retraction of the concept of eliminating the regions.

Continuing discussion about other regions' structures and operations.

Notice that the board and the office need to start working together and not against each other.

Regions want to know how they can start accessing regional information, which will be resolved with the switch to Conetics.

Business specifically for this meeting

Location for the 2026 convention and a location for the 2025 Mid-winter meeting. Eric said no applications for the 2026 convention yet. Has a club, Suwannee Valley Resort, interested in hosting the 2025 Mid-winter meeting but no application yet.

Richard Quigley said Lake Como will be the backup if needed.

New Business

Motion 6 I move to add item 8.01.25 to section VIII to the Governance Manual to read:

8.01.26 Pioneer Award. This award is given to the person (or persons) who creatively sustains a nudist/naturist event outside a traditional nudist location for a period of no less than five years.

1. The five years do not have to be consecutive, but the event must be the same type of event each of the five or more years.
2. The event must take place in a public setting that is not designated as nudist/naturist or not intended to support just a single nudist/naturist setting.
3. The award is at the discretion of the AANR office and will be funded by AANR.
4. Someone can receive this award once for any single type of event, since it is a long-term award for supporting an event.

Date: 6/25/2024

Fiscal Impact: The cost of the award.

Purpose: To recognize leaders who creatively sponsor events for nudists over a sustained period of time.

Maker: Jim Lahey Legislation Chair

Second: None needed

Disposition: **Passed** 6 yes, 1 no – Karen Lahey

Discussion:

Karen Lahey stated that this award won't apply to many people so we shouldn't pass this.

Kathy Watzel spoke in favor.

Bob Dixon stated that if it's for 5 years we would have to wait 5 years to award it and if they have already done 5 years isn't it already an established nudist activity. Asked for an example.

Kathy Watzel gave the example of Topless in Denver, which was not an AANR event, but promoted nudism, and did sign up a few members.

Stephane Deschenes suggested putting a list of all the awards and their winners on the website.

Ted Peck asked if there was a trustee willing to make the motion to amend this motion to eliminate the 5-year requirement.

Kathy Watzel stated that there were people that would qualify for this next year.

Lynn? stated he proposed this award to honor Bev Price for her Grand Canyon trips. He didn't intend that the award be given every year.

Jim Lahey made some comments but wasn't arguing for or against. Some possible activities, Grand Canyon raft trips, Bare Necessities, World Naked Bike Ride and activities from non AANR organizations.

Additional New Business

Dates of the 2025 Mid-Winter meeting January 30 thru February 2nd. Travel days are January 30th and February 2nd.

Good of the Order

Mitch London mentored the GoFundMe set up for the woman in Oklahoma. Currently over \$15,000 raised. Any money not used will be used to set up a fund for others to use if needed.

Joe Rives mentioned that there are other nude cruises.

\$930.00 was raised for the Education Foundation and Shangri La Ranch will raise that to \$1,000.

David Levine thanked Shangri La Ranch and all who donated on behalf of the Foundation.

Paul LeValley said that if we want young people to attend then we need to move the dates to the weekends.

Mitch London passed out leather keychains to the board members as a thank you for the help given over the past year.

Karen Lahey mentioned moving the convention earlier because kids have already started school.

Heather Cheney mentioned she is in this position and wondered if there was childcare available.

Kathy Watzel mentioned her club would have kids act as paid babysitters for dances so arrangements might be made with the clubs.

Adjourned at 11:38 Ph Arizona time