

**American Association for Nude Recreation, Western Region, Inc.
2018 Regional Assembly Minutes
Friday & Saturday, August 3-4, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by President Gary Mussell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome by De Anza Springs- Kim Wolf – The conference center has been redone. The theme for the Convention is “Alice In Wonderland.”

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions and Announcements- Done in Outboard missed Jeannie Diehl, former AANR Trustee from South West Region, Bev is also former AANR West President and member of AANR Hall of Fame

ROLL CALL

President:	Gary Mussell	- Present
Vice President:	Cyndi Faber	- Present
Secretary:	Danielle Smith	- Present
Treasurer:	Russell Lucia	- Present
Directors:	Kim Wolf	- Present
	Tony Wilkinson	- Present
	Andy Walden	- Present
	Ernie Wiese	- Present
	Mike Glinzak	- Present
	Jeff Tendick	- Present
	Ricc Bieber	- Present
	Rolf Holbach	- Present
AANR-West Trustee:	Tim Mullins	- Present
Legal Counsel:	Greg Wilkinson	- Present

The Secretary declared a quorum was present.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

The credentials chair performed a roll call of clubs and delegates. She reported there were 157 votes present, making a simple majority = 79 and a 2/3 majority = 105

The Oath of the Delegates was administered by President Gary Mussell.

AGENDA

MOTION #1:

I move that the proposed agenda be changed to remove “Q&A of Candidates (Moderated Panel)” under item #20 from the agenda.

Motion by: Mike Glinzak

Seconded by: Tim Doggett

Passed: Unanimous

MINUTES

MOTION #2: "I move the approval of the Minutes from the Regional Assembly of July 28-July 29, 2017

Maker: Bev Price

Seconded by: Jeff Tendick

Passed: Unanimous

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President-Gary Mussell

- Our goal during the past year was to reach out to Associates however possible so we could reduce their membership turnover rates. So far, we seem to be doing better. Membership renewals are how we measure success.
- We revived the Western Sun regional newsletter. We send it by email to all clubs to disseminate to their members, and we sent it directly to the 1800+ Associates in the region.
- I plan to continue visiting more clubs this coming year and talking directly to members.
- New clubs: We have a new affiliated Bed & Breakfast in Tucson and Lupin Lodge has returned as a landed club.
- I was in charge of tracking all of the trade show spiffs, so we could be sure not to overbuy and to buy targeted items for the trade shows we visited. Anyone want to volunteer?
- The new aanrwest.org website has been a huge undertaking, but it is attracting the types of visitors we wanted. The web site will always be updated and grow, and your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.
- I remained Government Affairs chair but am looking for any volunteers to help and eventually replace me. It is a big job tracking legislation and news stories.
- Reaching out to other naturist organizations outside AANR is one of our goals too. Naturist Society, young naturist groups, online bloggers, etc. Example: The Naked Wanderers from Belgium travelled around our region this summer and wrote nice club reviews wherever they went.
- We need more travel reviews and photos from our clubs we can post online.

Vice President -Cyndi Faber

- My report is in the packet.
- I am going to be more involved in the Western Sun this upcoming year.
- I want to bring back more workshops, discussions, and some fun to the convention and not just meetings.
- I applaud Claudia and her connections with Mexico this year.
- I am excited about this convention and the upcoming workshops we have planned later today and tomorrow.

Secretary -Danielle Smith

- If anyone at the convention would like to be added to receive minutes and reports, please let the secretary know.
- Any AANR-West member can ask for a copy of our ruling documents (By-Laws, Procedure, etc.) of the region. Copies may also be downloaded from the aanrwest.org web site.
- If a mistake or typo is noticed in any of the minutes or in the ruling documents, please bring it to the attention of the secretary immediately.
- "Sending me email is great, but you can also call me at 623-332-7312 or the Shangri-La Ranch office 623-465-5959."

Treasurer - Russell Lucia

- My report is in packet.
- Contact me via email if you would like second quarter financials.

AANR West Trustee Report-Tim Mullins

Additions to my report in the packet:

- Turner Stokes passed away this past month. He was very enthusiastic as a previous GAT chair and represented AANR well.
- The National Council of State Legislators (NCSL) Conference was the week prior to this AANR West Convention. It allows representatives from AANR to talk to Legislators face to face, such as from Arkansas who has archaic old language in their state constitution that is not nudist friendly and which needs to be removed.
- One of the biggest sought-after spiffs at the show is the AANR pin (Tim passed out pins to the delegates.) Some of the spiffs from other organizations were cute and cool, such as the bag from the NRA and Doggie travel accessories from another organization. AANR has been at the conference for 25 years and we rank 20th in line to select the location of the booth for the following year (Facebook is #127 – and they gave out cheap gummy bears).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Internal Administration (IA) - Tim Mullins

There was one issue investigated since our last meeting and it was settled without any action necessary.

Finance - Rolf Holbach

I stand by my report in packet. However, I do want to amend my remarks in that report in that I now recommend against raising the regional dues at this point.

Membership Marketing – Ricc Bieber

This was a panel discussion so various intermingled issues could be discussed together: The panel included Ricc Bieber, chair, Kim Wolfe and Claudia Kellersch (WINR), Andy Walden (Public Relations and Social Media), and Gary Mussell (website).

- It is difficult trying to educate non-nudist women on the benefits of nude recreation. We need to attend more women-specific trade shows and meetings.
- We had a booth at the Earth Day Fair in San Diego's Balboa Park. Over 100,000 people in one day. We handed out lots of spiffs and literature and day passes to De Anza Springs.
- Andy reported AANR-West now has over 3500 followers on Twitter. We have a new Facebook page for the region, replacing three very old and unused FB sites. HE said social media is the key to funneling new people into our website and into our directory of clubs and the calendar of activities there
- Gary reported we get about 1500 visitors/week to our web site, 75% of them are new visitors with an average age of 35. Andy said every Tweet has a link to our website.
- Gary said the new regional newsletter was discussed earlier in his President's Report. The assembly agreed by show of hands that the newsletter should be published monthly. Not quarterly. If a club wants an event highlighted, get the information to Gary as soon as possible.
- Ricc introduced the new Passport Program. The idea of the passport is to get AANR-West members out and visiting other AANR West clubs. Each club will have a have stamp, and they will stamp the passport of the person presenting it to show where they have been.

The passports will be distributed through AANR West affiliated clubs.

The cost of the passport was debated as well as the suggested selling price of \$5 each. The consensus seemed that this should be a member benefit at that there should be no cost to those who want to participate in the program. The passport committee will make some revisions to the text and print a new batch with a target distribution of the end of September, 2018.

AANR West Associates - Cyndi Faber

The regional president has access to a list of Associate members in the region, which allows us to contact them directly via email (using the MailChimp software service). We are sending the AANR-West newsletter to them monthly. Other communications are also possible in the future using this method.

Sports - Cyndi Faber

Our various 5K runs at the clubs are being coordinated and gaining participation all the time. Pickleball seems to be a sport with growing interest in the region among the members. We will work toward more and different kinds of sports tournaments in the future.

Club Liaison (Ad Hoc) – Jeff Tendick

Jeff said he took this on and unfortunately did not do with it what he wanted to, as it was bigger than he expected, but looks forward to growing the program and getting it back to where we have more contact with our clubs directly.

Conventions & Facilities (C & F) - Cyndi Faber

We are looking into doing more workshops on meaningful topics for those in attendance, not just holding meetings. For example, at this convention we are hosting three workshops: one on Mexico, one on Using Social Media, and one on Discrimination at Local Clubs and Parks. These workshops are meant to involve the club leaders and the members here, and to provide something of value for everyone at the conventions, not just sports or meetings. In the future we hope to bring in experts on relevant subjects.

AANR West Youth - Cyndi Faber

The program for camps that is currently running is meant for those aged 11 -17 due to its content, but as we are seeing many of the clubs have younger kids want something more along the lines of a day camp with activities for those younger than age 11. We will look into that.

Western Nudist Research Library (Ad Hoc) - Rolf Holbach

The library put out its first and second newsletters this summer. They are available on the libraries website. Links are on the aanrwest.org website.

Credentials - Cyndi Faber

There are no credential updates at this time.

Ratification of Actions from 2017-Current

At this time a motion is typically made with an accompanying document of the boards actions of the past year. No such document was created so this was tabled to Saturday until such document could be created and circulated.

Nominations Report - Cyndi Faber

This convention will vote on five new members of the Board of directors four of them for a two-year term each, and one for a one-year term. We have five nominations for the position of Director: Treena Saavedra and Don Giles from Roadrunner Naturist club, Claudia Kellersch from De Anza Springs, and Ricc Bieber and Rolf Holbach both from SCNA. Ricc and Rolf are seeking re-election, the others are seeking their first election.

Cyndi announced there will be a Candidate's Forum at 3pm where people can ask specific questions of the candidates.

President Mussell asked if there were any more nominations from the floor. There were none, but the nominations were declared to remain open until the following day.

IN RECESS

The Regional Assembly was declared in recess at 12:25 pm until Saturday August 4 at 9:00 am.

Saturday August 4, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Regional Assembly was called back into order at 9:11 am by President Gary Mussell.

Continuing the Committee Reports...

Scholarship Program Committee - Tony Wilkinson

The committee worked on revising the way scholarships are awarded, opening up the availability to those who are continuing education or writing Academic papers related to nudism. This year there were 2 who submitted using the old application system and have been awarded scholarships.

Credentials Committee – Cyndi Faber

Addition of a representative from Glen Eden Sun Club, all others are still present. This changes the Total Votes to 217. A Simple Majority is now 109 and a 2/3 majority is 145.

Legal Committee Report – Greg Wilkinson

No issues at this time.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

AANR President Beverly Price was recognized for a Point of Personal Privilege

“Inviting everyone here to stay and attend the AANR Convention. Form 2017 mid-winter meeting there has been a membership committee- Get a credit card processor to accept credit cards over the website. Complete the Data base clean up

Legislation – Mike Glinzak (new text in red, text to be removed in ~~strikeout~~)

Motion #3 (Proposition 4) Amending the By-Laws

Maker: Tim Doggett

Seconded by: Mike Glinzak

“I move that Article VII, Section B of the AANR-West bylaws be amended as follows:

(underlined text to be inserted):

Article XII AMENDMENTS to BYLAWS

B. Proposed Amendments Except as specified in Section A above, the AANR West Articles of Incorporation and the AANR West bylaws may be amended only by the regional assembly of AANR West by two-thirds vote of the accredited delegates. The legislation committee must receive amendments proposed by members no later than 60 days prior to the regional assembly. The legislation chairman may reword or revise such proposed amendments for clarity. A copy of such change, along with any other similar amendments, shall be mailed to the maker of the amendment. No later than 45 days prior to the regional assembly, the legislation chairman shall forward all proposed amendments to the recording secretary. No later than 30 days prior to the regional assembly, the secretary shall mail a copy of all proposed amendments to each AANR West officer, director, trustee and club. The legislation committee shall present proposed amendments to the regional assembly.

Motions to amend the bylaws may be amended by the regional assembly as provided in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Rationale: Our annual assembly needs the flexibility to amend proposed motions to amend the bylaws to reach consensus and make appropriate changes in a timely manner. The procedure in RONR protects the rights of the membership by prohibiting amendments that exceed the scope of the original notice but allow more limited and technical changes. A ruling by the chair during the 2017 regional assembly prevented amendments to the motions on the floor. This amendment clarifies that the procedure in RONR for making such amendments is to be permitted.

Fiscal Impact: None

Following debate, the motion was passed unanimously.

Motion #4 (Proposition #1) Scholarship Committee

Maker: Tony Wilkinson

Seconded by: Mike Glinzak

“I move that the AAANR-West Bylaws Article X (C) be amended as follows:

C. Scholarship Fund

This fund shall be used to award scholarships ~~money to children of~~ AANR West ~~members and their families~~ ~~parents~~ ~~for their academic programs and achievements~~ ~~higher education~~. The Scholarship Fund shall be supervised by the Board of Directors. Scholarship awards shall be authorized by the Scholarship Program Committee.

Rationale:

This gives the committee flexibility to award grant(s) to qualified individual(s) that might not otherwise qualify for scholarships.

Fiscal Impact:

None, as expenditures for this purpose are limited by the budget, but past "savings" because of lack of applicants could be reduced if grants are awarded in addition/in place of scholarships.

Following debate, the motion was passed unanimously.

Motion #5 (Proposition #2) Election of Delegates

Maker: Tim Doggett

Seconded by: Ricc Bieber

"I move that Bylaws Article IV (C)(4) on page 4 be amended as follows:

~~4. The AANR West regional associates shall meet at the annual convention prior to the opening of the regional assembly to elect delegates. Votes shall be allocated in accordance with item two above. Votes shall be carried only by a member of the regional associates, with each elected delegate carrying no more than one vote. No proxies to clubs or other delegates shall be permitted."~~

4. The AANR West regional associate members shall elect delegates each year not more than 90 days prior to the opening of the regional assembly. Those delegates shall be regional associates and represent the associates by apportionment of one vote for every 25 associate AANR West members, or fraction thereof, voting. No proxies from associate-elected delegates to club delegations shall be permitted. AANR West shall designate a committee to conduct the associate member election, and two AANR-West officers shall certify the results. The election shall be conducted by mail ballot or other system suitable for a geographically diverse electorate."

Rationale:

(1) The associates are, by law and AANR West and AANR governing documents, voting members of AANR West, a California Mutual Benefit Non-profit Corporation. As such, they are entitled to fair representation in the regional assembly. (2) The current voting system requires regional associates to be present at the regional assembly to be able to vote for their representative. This restriction is not placed upon other members and is therefore fundamentally undemocratic. (3) Better engagement of the associate membership in AANR West governance may encourage greater participation in furthering the mission of the corporation.

Recognizing that the associate members represent a significant share of the total regional membership, and that many of those members may be totally unconcerned with regional governance, and to reduce undue concentration of influence, and to encourage participation and membership in chartered clubs, the associates' representation is limited to those actually voting.

Fiscal Impact: The cost, unknown, of conducting the election but estimated to be at least \$2,000.

Motion Failed: 11 For, 193 Against, 13 Abstentions

Motion 5a was submitted during the debate to insert (defined as a ballot returned) after voting. Maker: Bev Price Second: Tim Mullins This was passed unanimously

Proposition #3 was withdrawn as unnecessary.

Motion #6 (Proposition 5) Member Dues Increase

Maker: Mike Glinzak

Seconded by: Tony Wilkinson

"I move that Procedure Manual Section 8.01.02 be amended as follows:

8.01.02 The annual AANR West membership dues are set by the general assembly and are nonrefundable. **Annual membership dues shall be \$10.00 per adult to all AANR members in the AANR-West region or who are members of an affiliated club that is within the AANR-West region. Student Members shall be exempt from AANR West membership dues. This \$10,00 rate shall take effect January 1, 2019.**

Rationale:

AANR West dues have not increased from \$8 per member for at least 20 years, during which time the cost of everything has gone up. Until recently, AANR-West expenditures always fell below expected income from member fees. However, this year, AANR-West significantly increased its outreach to both existing members and to the general public-at-large through its newsletter and website. In addition, the region now has legal counsel which comes at a significant cost. For fiscal

2018, AANR-West is projecting a \$25,000 deficit, to be covered by our cash reserves. But we cannot do that for too many more years, obviously. This proposed \$2 dues increase will help cover some of this deficit with the balance we need coming from an expected increase in membership and an increase in membership renewals caused by our public outreach and marketing. AANR-West has the lowest dues rate in the country. AANR-Mid West charges its members \$12/person, AANR-East charges \$10, and AANR-Canada charges \$13.00 for example. We feel this slight increase is long overdue and will be put to immediate good use.

Fiscal Impact: There will be a \$2 increase in the dues paid by every AANR-West member and Associate member, bring in an estimated \$8,000 in 2019 and more in the future as membership increases.

After debate, the Motion Failed: 10 For, 207 Against

Motion #7 (Proposition #6) Associate Member's Share to Region.

Maker: Mike Glinzak

Seconded by: Tony Wilkinson

"I move that Procedure Manual Section 8.01.02 be amended as follows:

8.01.02 The annual AANR West membership dues are set by the general assembly and are nonrefundable. Annual membership dues shall be \$8.00 per adult **who is a member in good standing of an AANR West club. Annual membership dues for an AANR West regional Associate member shall be \$13 per adult.** Student Members shall be exempt from AANR West membership dues

Rationale:

AANR West has significantly increased its outreach to increase new membership and to existing Associate members to increase membership retention rates by increasing the value received from regionalized content via our improved website, monthly Western Sun newsletter, and public outreach and marketing. This outreach comes at a cost that

can be substantially offset by this dues increase that will NOT increase any member's actual funds spent. This can also offset fiscal impact of the Associate member delegate election process also proposed at this regional assembly.

Fiscal Impact:

None to members or clubs. There will be no increase to the actual amount of money currently being paid by any member. This will return \$5/Associate member (~\$9,650) currently being collected by AANR and kept as an additional service fee unequally imposed nationwide.

After debate, the motion Failed: 10 For, 207 Against

Motion #8 Board Actions of 2017/2018

Maker: Mike Glinzak

Seconded by: Jeff Tendick

"I move that the actions of the AANR West Board of Directors from July 28, 2017 to August 3, 2018 be approved as itemized below:

1. Inboard Meeting at De Anza Springs Resort July 30, 2017 to
 - Authorize Ad Hoc Committee to research replacement of Sound & Recording Equipment; Committee to appointed by the President.
 - Appointment of all Committee chairs for the new administrative year (July 2017-July 2018).
 - Approve the purchase of new name medallions for officers and members of the Board of Directors
2. Fall Board Meeting Shangri-La Ranch November 3, 2017, to
 - Amend Procedure Manual 5.07 and Create a new Appendix -Appendix G
 - Amend Procedure Manual 1.01.00 to allow for the appendixes to be adjusted without having to wait for a formal vote from the board but still allows the board over sight and veto powers.
 - Amend the Procedure Manual 7.00.00-7.03.01 reimbursements and stipends this allows for rental cars to no longer need to be split and allow for lodging reimbursement.
 - Amend Procedure Manual 7.06.00 -7.06.04 Cooperative Advertising – This limits what a club can or cannot be reimbursed for.
 - Award the Hosting of the 2018 Spring Board Meeting to Laguna Del Sol
 - Award the Hosting of the 2018 Summer Festival to Glen Eden
 - Award the Hosting of the 2018 Fall Festival to Shangri-La Ranch
 - Award Fall 2018 Board Meeting to Mira Vista Resort
 - Appropriate \$1500 to Western Nudist Research Library
 - Appropriate funds to replace recording equipment and sound system
 - Approve \$500 to be donated to the Whales cove Conservancy to assist with their liability insurance
 - Approve 2017/2018 Budget
3. Spring Board Meeting 2018 Laguna Del Sol March 2018
 - Receive and began using new recording and sound system
 - Approve conceptual plan for AANR West Nudist Clubs Passport
 - Discuss eliminating Singles as a Sub Group in 2018.
 - Appoint Cyndi Faber as Convention and Facilities Chair, replacing Dave Utter who has resigned

- Approve adding a second more modern AANR West logo for use on spiffs, at trade shows and on selected literature.

Motion Passed Yes – 157, No - 0 with 60 Abstentions.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

President Gary Mussell appointed a Vote Tally Committee for the election of members to the Board of Directors. They are: Ted Peck, Jeannie Diehl, and Kathy Watzel

President Mussell asked if there were any further nominations from the floor.

Motion #9

Maker: Mike Glinzak

Seconded by: Andy Walden

“I move that nominations for AANR West Director be closed.”

The motion passed unanimously.

President Mussell asked if any of the candidates wished to make a closing statement. None did.

The Credentials Committee distributed and collected ballots,

A 15-minute recess was declared while votes were counted by the Vote Tally Committee.

After the recess, the Election Results were announced:

Don Giles -158 Rolf Holbach- 156 Treena Saavedra- 149 Ricc Bieber -118 Claudia Kellersch -108

Declared winners of two-year terms as members of the Board of Directors were: Don Giles, Rolf Holbach, Treena Saavedra, and Ricc Bieber. Awarded a one-year term on the Board of Directors was Claudia Kellersch.

Gary Mussell gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected members of the Board.

AANR Western Region Awards - Cyndi Faber

The award for the Highest Number of New Members was given to Mountain Air Ranch

The award for the highest percentage increase in Membership was Awarded to Mojave Sun Club.

Cyndi announced we had no nominations for Young Man or Young Woman of the Year, Family of the Year, Man of the Year, or Woman of the Year. There also were no nominations to the AANR-West Hall of Fame. Cyndi suggested that next year each club be asked to nominate a person from their club for consideration by the committee.

Gary Mussell presented a President's Certificate of Appreciation to Claudia Kellersch for her contributions to the region by staffing the Earth Day show booth in San Diego the previous April, and for her work helping the Mexican Naturist Federation get established.

BUSINESS SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THIS MEETING

Motion #10 - 2019 AANR-West Convention

Maker: Ricc Bieber

Seconded by: Jeff Tendick

"I move that the AANR West Regional Convention in 2019 be held at Mountain Air Ranch on July 25-28, 2019 with the Regional Assembly on July 26-27."

The motion was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Beverly Price announced the AANR Convention is directly following this weekend and everyone is invited to stay and participate in the meetings.

She disclosed that we should consider a "Planned Giving" Directive and will a portion of your estate to be donated to AANR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim Wolfe announced that there can be no hiking on the railroad tracks.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing as there was no further business before the convention, the Regional Assembly was declared Adjourned at 1:32 pm

Danielle Smith
AANR-West Secretary