



# Convention 2021 ... Regional Assembly I Minutes

AMERICAN ASS'N FOR NUDE RECREATION • WESTERN REGION, INC.

Shangri La Ranch, New River AZ • 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2021  
 Andy Walden, AANR Western Regional Secretary

9:50 AM MST ... CALL TO ORDER

:00:45:10

**Host Club's Greeting** – Patty Faber welcomes the Assembly to SHANGRI LA RANCH CLOTHING OPTIONAL RESORT, either on property or vicariously, via *Go-to-Meeting* video conference. In spite of the unexpected power outage during the Thursday Taco Night welcome reception, the food was hot, the weather is hot and surely the conversations will be hot! It has been only one week since monsoonal rains flooded SLR and the staff has been busy cleaning and preparing the grounds for Convention. Continental breakfast is in the back of the room!

**Introductions** – AANR Members and Guests:

- Erich Schuttauf, AANR Executive Director
- Bev Price, AANR Trustee for the Western Region
- Patty Faber, Former AANR Vice President
- Suzanne Schell, Former AANR Trustee for the Western Region
  - **Secretary's Note:** *No introduction is made of the Go-To-Meeting attendees:*
    - Rolf Holbach, SCNA President, Arroyo del Sol Proprietor, WNRL Board of Directors
    - Tim Mullins, AANR Gov't Affairs Chairman, AANR Western Regional Internal Affairs
    - Judy Tomboc, GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB Treasurer

**Credentials** – Treena Saavedra conducts the Roll Call of Clubs and Delegates:

CLUBS	PROXY TO ...	DELEGATES	VOTES	CLUBS	PROXY TO ...	DELEGATES	VOTES
Arizona Wildflowers (71)		Bev Price	3	Mountain Air Ranch (467)		Kay Nauta	19
Buff-A-Teers (43)	Arizona Wildflowers	Len Summers	2	Northern Calif. Exposure (9)	S <sup>o</sup> Calif. Naturist Ass'n	Scott Schmitz	1
Canyon State Naturists (12)	Shangri La Ranch	David Ziegler	1	Northern Nevada Naturists (15)		no credentials submitted	
Clothesfree International (3)		no credentials submitted		Olive Dell Ranch (194)	S <sup>o</sup> Calif. Naturist Ass'n	Scott Schmitz	8
de Anza Springs Resort (268)		Claudia Kellersch	11	Olympian Club (13)		no credentials submitted	
Front Range Naturists (10)		no credentials submitted		Pacificans, the (3)		no credentials submitted	
Glen Eden Sun Club (1155)		Judy Tomboc	0 <sup>1</sup>	Roadrunner Naturists (48)		Clyde Saavedra	2
Hangin' Loose (7)		Linda Weber	1	Sequoians, the (103)		no credentials submitted	
Laguna del Sol (1655)		Suzanne Schell	67	Shangri La Ranch (317)		David Ziegler	13
Las Vegas Bares (6)		no credentials submitted		S <sup>o</sup> Calif. Naturist Ass'n (30)		Scott Schmitz	2
Las Vegas Naturists (16)		no credentials submitted		Sun Tree Travel Club (17)	Arizona Wildflowers	Bev Price	1
Le Club (4)	Arizona Wildflowers	Bev Price	1	Southern Utah Naturist Soc. (1)		provisional ... no credentials	
Lupin Lodge (17)		provisional ... no credentials		Wasatch Naturists (25)		no credentials submitted	
Mira Vista Resort (296)	S <sup>o</sup> Calif. Naturist Ass'n	Scott Schmitz	12	<b>AANR ASSOCIATE MEMBER</b>			<b>VOTES</b>
Mohave Sun Club (25)		Michael Shelby	1	Larry Gould			0 <sup>2</sup>

- Total number of votes is 145.<sup>1</sup> A simple majority is 73 and a 2/3 majority is 95.<sup>3</sup>
  - **Secretary's Note:** <sup>1</sup>Total number of votes would be 193 but those of GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB are not counted to-day because their delegate has yet to arrive for in-person voting. <sup>2</sup>Larry Gould opted not to use his associate vote. <sup>3</sup>Two-thirds (rounded) of 145 is 97. :00:56:52
- The delegates present at the Assembly pledge the Oath as read by Gary Mussell.

**Adoption of Agenda** – The July 2021 AANR Western Regional Assembly:

- **Motion 2021-07 № 3** by Bev Price, seconded Treena Saavedra ... unanimous → **ADOPTED**  
“... the agenda of the 2021 AANR Western Regional Assembly be adopted.”

**10:06 AM ... AANR REPORT**

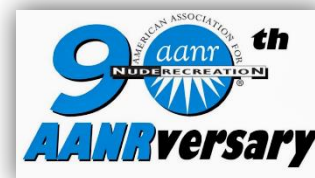
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**Executive Director** – Erich Schuttauf presents an update from around the Association:

- Thank you to the Kraus/Faber family and the SLR staff for preparing the resort for the Convention, and a welcome to the delegates and guests at the Assembly.
- Lots of tchotchkes are on the table, including **90<sup>th</sup> AANRversary** lapel pins and other spiffs, to take as collectables.
- The National Conference of State Legislatures was slated to be at Chicago in August but has been moved to November in Tampa. Suzanne Schell, Tim Mullins and Bev Price are amongst those who have represented AANR at previous conferences. By having a collectable pin, it brings legislators to the AANR booth where they learn about nude recreation, understand who we are, and hopefully will not pass broad-brushed legislation which could impact our rights and freedoms. A freshman state representative from Oklahoma once recognized AANR as the, “Credible voice of reason for nude recreation in North America, you have been preaching social family nude recreation since 1931.” Another collector is the House Majority Leader for the State of New Hampshire, who proudly displays his array of pins in his office! These are some of the people who will be in our corner.



- This is the year of our **90<sup>th</sup> AANRversary** and the chairman of the *ad hoc* celebratory committee is Linda Weber. This is a year-long celebration and there is a series of stories in **The Bulletin** which looks back into the past to review our history, starting with the AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PHYSICAL CULTURE, through the years as the AMERICAN SUNBATHING ASSOCIATION, and into the modern era of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION. The September edition will feature many of the photographs which clubs submitted to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> year in their own ways. All this is just a prelude to the **100<sup>th</sup> AANRversary** in 2031!
- With the pending *Century Celebration*, AANR is suggesting the regions and clubs plan ahead by budgeting monies over the next nine years to help offset anticipated costs. There are no strings or obligations.
- The switch to Impexium™ continues with most of the AANR trustees, officers and clubs’ certifying officers having completed at least one orientation session with the new system. This is the first time in over 35 years that AANR has upgraded its database so the Kissimmee office is taking time to assure all users will be familiar and comfortable with it.
- Our country prides itself on having a smooth transition of power from one administration to another. Gary Mussell needed help with a trunk-load of paraphernalia, tchotchkes, pamphlets and other boxes ready to hand over to the new Regional President. It was a pleasure and a privilege to be a part of this typical story of leadership transition in the AANR organization. However, another facet being proposed is the ability to digitize important documents and other helpful information so that the physical movement of items from one administration to another can be accomplished electronically.
- Also, clubs and individual members will have the option to upload a profile picture and other images or add data via Impexium™, which AANR may use in publications for by-lines or other attributions. Access to the various areas of the system is customized by *privilege settings* depending on one’s position with AANR.
- On-line orientation and tutelage for Impexium™ are scheduled through Carolyn Hawkins’ office. Actual instructional classes are conducted by Erich Schuttauf and Arlette Lowery.
- Inspired by the success of the Passport programs in the Southwestern and Western regions, AANR has initiated an electronic passport which will be AANR-wide. Passport holders will see a QR code posted at the



reception desk which will link them to a webpage with that club's logo *stamp*, color-coded by region. Like the paper system, each bona fide stamp enters the participant to win prizes and other incentives. There are issues — like non-landed club involvement and other venues (beaches, parks, &c.) — still to be resolved.

- **Secretary's Note:** *Additional information and details of Erich Schuttauf's presentation is included with the Convention 2021 Minutes packet.*

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## 11:04 AM ... OFFICER REPORTS

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**President** – Gary Mussell stands by his report as submitted:

- When first running for the Board ten years ago, it was asked, “What is the most important thing we can provide our members?” The answer: Communication. This continues today through the monthly newsletter, clubs having on-line yoga classes and gaming nights, social media, **The Bulletin** and through others means.
- The demographics of our members remain consistent but their location is changing. Membership is no longer confined to a geographic area as on-line activities can draw interest from other states and regions and even internationally. However, their average age remains around 60 years old. The average length of AANR membership is four to five years but, for those who remain past this threshold, 25% are lifetime members.
  - **Secretary's Note:** *Additional information and graphs are on page 21 of the report packet.*
- The next big project is working with the committee to redesign the AANR website. The homepage banner will include links to member and club log-in pages, the Impexium™ system and our social media sites, and a button on the page will start a two-minute promotional video presenting the benefits of AANR membership. A club locator feature will greatly enhance the ability to contact groups and resorts in a particular area by connecting via Google Maps. Each club will have access to add photographs and information on the map!



**Vice President** – Jeff Tendick stands by his report as submitted:

- The main goal of this term was to be a scout – to bring in new people, new ideas and to align this team to make sure we had a lot of great things going for it. Tom Stark was brought in to create a new regional website and to save a ton of money; Dave Ziegler came on-board with his experience in finances; Larry Gould was introduced by Patty Faber and is a wealth of organizational skills.
- We have a number of talented people leaving the Board and who will be missed yet we also have wonderful new members who will continue to move this Region forward.

**Secretary** – Andy Walden stands by his report as submitted:

- It has been a fantastic time working with the outgoing Board of Directors and the future looks bright with the excellent group of candidates standing for the next term. With hopes of being re-elected as Secretary, the office of Secretary is both a challenge and enjoyable.

**Treasurer** – Cyndi Tendick stands by her report as submitted:

- There was a need to fill the capable shoes of Russell Lucia and, whether a blessing or a curse, the end of this term is here. It has been a pleasure working with David Ziegler as Finance Chair and he will make a wonderful successor to this office.
- The finances of our Region are in a very good position. Two years ago, we were continuously dipping into our reserves which is not financially sustainable. The pandemic caused us to cut back and rethink such expenditures like spiffs/tchotchkes and trade shows. We learned to use our monies more wisely and, going forward, we will review some of our practices to keep our Region financially sound.

**Trustee** – Bev Price has nothing to report to the Regional Assembly.

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## 11:34 AM ... COMMITTEE REPORTS

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**Internal Administration** – Tim Mullins has nothing to report to the Regional Assembly:

- **President's Note:** *There was some legal activity which only affects some of the clubs and it has been resolved. Erich Schuttauf will speak to those affected clubs directly.*

**Finance** – David Ziegler stands by his report as submitted:

- The Region, year-to-date, has an \$11,000 profit showing on the books.
- There are a few outstanding expenses including Scholarship and Kids' Camp
- There is nothing wrong with what has transpired in the past. It is always good to have fresh sets of eyes on everything. We will have a new Board and a new agenda for where we want to invest our resources.
- Our goal is not to make a profit, it is to not dip into our reserves!
- **Alternative Sources of Revenue** – Jeff Tendick presents an oral report to the Regional Assembly:
  - It was a funky year with the pandemic which interfered with achieving new sources. One big exception was Linda Weber's GPS t-shirt project (\$116).
    - *Treasurer's Note: There is a difference between making a project profitable and having a project be successful. Just because it brings in money may not automatically make it a source of revenue because the expenses may not offset that revenue.*
    - *Secretary's Note: Revenue is the total amount of monies generated by the sale of goods or services related to a company's primary operations; it is the "top line" or gross receipts. Income is a company's total earnings or profit after expenses; the net receipts or "bottom line." Both revenue and income are useful in determining financial strength but they are not interchangeable.*

**Public Relations** – Each sub-committee reports individually:

- **Social Media** – Andy Walden stands by his report as submitted:
  - Everyone knows that Facebook and Instagram are both gymnophobic and, although their popularity with the general public continues, they only serve us as platforms for announcements. MeWe is nude-friendly but we have yet to generate a solid audience in the USA, though it is popular with users in Europe and Latin America. Naturist Hub is a new *nudist-exclusive* platform which will work in conjunction with the AANR website; it is going through the normal growing pains so its reliability and functionality are still not up to par yet but the membership continues to grow daily. Twitter continues to be our mainstay for messaging; it is nude-friendly but remains a trouble spot for us with its detractors and other undesirables.
  - An AANR committee is working on *guidelines* which will be discussed in detail later at this Assembly.
  - Our presence on social media continues to be guided with positivity. Content, especially with images, is extremely subjective. Opinions, not facts, drive a lot of the suspensions or other disciplinary acts on these commercial platforms. When you are on their court, you must play by their rules.
- **Club Liaison (Membership)** – Gary Mussell stands by his report as submitted:
  - Many of the clubs have been good with emailing announcements, activities and other news which have gone into *The Western Sun*. The report is an amalgam of those monthly stories.
  - The next Board might want to look into revamping the liaison program.
    - *Secretary's Note: Don Hubbard was not available for most of this year and the report was submitted on his behalf. This sub-committee report belongs under Membership. Newsletter report was skipped.*
- **Website** – Larry Gould stands by his report as submitted:
  - Thank you to Jeff Tendick for bringing the website to the forefront and introducing One Stone Web to the Board. We now spend a lot less money on design, upkeep and hosting whilst getting more for our return.
  - Thanks also go to the Board for the opportunity to chair this committee; to Cyndi Tendick, Linda Weber, Treena Saavedra and others who have worked diligently on this project; and especially to Tom Stark.
  - There is no year-to-year data yet, so trying to examine what we have would be a tautological fallacy.

**Membership** – Each sub-committee reports individually:

- **Club Liaison** – Presented in the Public Relations segment.
- **Diversity & Inclusivity** – Gary Mussell defers his report until the Regional Assembly, Day II.

**Marketing** – Each sub-committee reports individually:

- **Passport** – Gary Mussell stands by his report as submitted:
  - Additional passports are still available for distribution. They are free to the clubs but they may sell them at the suggested \$5 which helps offset printing and handling costs. It also allows members to *buy into* the program so that they will have a vested interest in participating.
  - The program is going well and remember to get an **AANR WEST** stamp for attending the Convention!



- **Women in Nude Recreation** – Treena Saavedra and Linda Weber stand by their report as submitted:
  - The QR code stickers to the *women's* page of the AANR-West website are being found in many places which have generated a few email enquiries. Our monthly *Go-to-Meeting* gatherings are lightly attended but hopefully will gather more attention in the coming months. New rack cards are also in the works.
  - Painted rocks are appearing in various locations in and out of AANR clubs. Inspired by the artful stones around SHANGRI LA RANCH, Linda's husband Stan has created colorful rocks which curious onlookers will be tempted to turn over to find the women's QR code attached.
- **Spanish Outreach** – Andy Walden stands by his report as submitted:
  - In spite of the pessimistic introduction, this project was *off the ground* this year with a couple of productive discussions. This committee met via ZOOM and has decided a brochure or rack card with original wording – as opposed to a translation or transliteration – would better serve this community.
  - The growth in membership in *Naturaleza y Nudismo Guadalajara* as well as the number of naturist associations around Central and South America, and the successful growth at Zipolite are all inspirational.
  - AANR members living in the western half of México – from Ciudad Juarez to México City and then to Acapulco – are part of our Region.



#### **Sports** – Barry Nielsen stands by his report as submitted:

- Traditional group-on-group sports are scheduled throughout the Convention Weekend. Pickleball, water volleyball, billiards and eight-ball pool are some of the inter-club competitive activities keeping us busy.
- A similar schedule is slated for the AANR-West Fall Festival in October at DE ANZA SPRINGS with the addition of a 5K Run/Walk.
- Other, more low-impact games like Cornhole (beanbag toss), Mōlkky and Pétanque have been suggested.

#### **Government Affairs** – Gary Mussell stands by his report as submitted:


- There are a number of legislators who are friendly to AANR and support our efforts but prefer to remain anonymous for various reasons. This makes it difficult to bring to our members proof of where their money goes since a lot of the lobbying happens in the background.
- There is a crisis brewing at Pu'u Ōla'i in Mākena on Maui. "Little Beach" has been a traditional or tolerated nude beach for generations. Beachgoers are being cited or arrested under orders from a local state park superintendent who believes there is wanton activity happening there. Bill Watts has restarted the *Friends of Little Beach* action group reports there have been 11 citations – three as recent as 6<sup>th</sup> July – all of which have lost their cases with the judge rejecting defense arguments for the right to be nude. A public defender was employed since no local attorney could be retained. The plea is six months deferment and \$100 fine plus court fees, after which records will be expunged pending no repeat offences. Most defendants accepted the deal in order to avoid a public trial and possible conviction of indecent exposure and sex offender registration.
- Kehena in the Puna District on the Island of Hawai'i is also under attack by state law enforcement personnel under the guise of pandemic restrictions on overcrowding. With several textile beaches lost during the lava flow in 2018, beachgoers from Mackenzie Park to Kapoho and other areas of the district are now flocking to Kehena where they are encountering nudists and complaining.
  - **Secretary's Note:** *The state Department of Land and Natural Resources oversees all beaches, including Pu'u Ōla'i and Kehena. The DLNR State Parks Administrator is Curt Cotrell. A website for FoLB has not been found as of the writing of these Minutes.*

#### **Western Nudist Research Library** – Rolf Holbach stands by his report as submitted:

- A minor item in the report has become a major item. After a new air conditioning system was installed, the President and some of the GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB board members visited the library to renegotiate the lease. This led them to offer to build a new, larger building for the WNRL in anticipation of receiving some large private collections.
- The library once had an intern to help categorize and digitize but that position was short termed. Nonetheless, volunteers are always welcomed!
  - **Secretary's Note:** *This report was moved to facilitate the agenda of Day II. Nominations from the floor are required to be accomplished during Day I of the Regional Assembly. The remainder of committee reports resumes after the nominations.*

**Nominations** – Jeff Tendick stands by his report as submitted:

- Six nominations for the open directors’ seats have been received and one nominee for each of the available officers’ positions. Curtis Flynn, Treena Saavedra and Linda Weber are midway in their respective terms.

	SEAT	OCCUPANT	STATUS	NOMINEE
	President	Gary Mussell	open	Cyndi Tendick
	Vice President	Jeff Tendick	open	Larry Gould
	Secretary	Andy Walden	open	Andy Walden
	Treasurer	Cyndi Tendick	open	David Ziegler
Directors	Curtis Flynn	continuing	Freddie Carlile (DÁS) Dave Carlson (SLR) Gary Holden (AZW) Kay Nauta (MAR) Barry Nielsen (SLR) Judy Tomboc (GESC)	
	Larry Gould	open		
	Don Hubbard	open		
	Claudia Kellersch	open		
	Barry Nielsen	open		
	Treena Saavedra	continuing		
	Linda Weber	continuing		
	Ernie Wiese	open		
David Ziegler	open			

- Seeking re-election are Andy Walden for Secretary and Barry Nielsen as Director. Don Hubbard has resigned as Director for personal reasons. Curtis Flynn had offered his resignation but then recalled it.
- Nominations remain open until the time of election on Day II of the Regional Assembly.
  - **President’s Note:** « Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! » *The floor is open for additional Directorship nominations. A Candidates’ Forum will be held at 3:00 PM MST.*
  - **Trustee’s Note:** *Any nomination made after the upcoming recess will have to be a write-in candidate since the name will not appear on the ballot.*

**12:09 PM ... ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Cyndi Tendick** – Quick notes for the Assembly:

- Lunch is ready at the Bare Buns Café.
- Gary Holden is hosting *Kamikaze-style* Karaoke at 1:30 PM poolside. Officers, Directors and nominees are encouraged to participate. Singers draw from Gary’s hat a song they may or may not know!
- Candidates’ Forum is at 3:00 PM in the Assembly Room.
- Bare Buns Café will be open for dinner 5:00-7:00 PM.
- “Regular” Karaoke starts at 8:00 PM in the Clubhouse.
- Saturday, *Broadway Joe and Anita* Panganiban will provide poolside entertainment as well as host the DJ dance that evening in the Clubhouse.



**12:11 PM ... RECESS UNTIL 9:00 AM MST ON SATURDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2021**

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Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, AANR Western Region