



Convention 2021 ... Regional Assembly II Minutes

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

Shangri La Ranch, New River AZ • 31st July, 2021
Andy Walden, AANR Western Regional Secretary

9:02 AM MST ... RETURN TO ORDER

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Youth Under 18 – Claudia Kellersch stands by her report as submitted:

- Approximately \$200 from the budget is earmarked for kids' activities during the festivals.
- Planning for the Camp began in November 2019 and was slated to be at DE ANZA SPRINGS RESORT.
- Thank you to Gary Holden for working on the meal plan for the 2020 Kids' Camp.
- The camp for 2020 was ultimately cancelled due to travel restrictions.
- At the Spring Meeting, we learned that dÁS cancelled their offer to host the Camp.
- Kids' Camp was moved to OLIVE DELL RANCH and was very successful.
- Four children of AANR families attended. Two outside kids also attended, whose parents then joined AANR.
 - *Secretary's Note: A more thorough report is included in the meeting packet.*



By-Laws and Procedure Manual – Larry Gould stands by his report as submitted:

- Review of the ruling documents will take a while and ought not to be taken lightly. They need to also be reviewed by legal council to assure the necessary protection for this Region.
 - *Secretary's Note: No written report was submitted for the meeting packet.*
 - *President's Note: It is traditional to ask the Convention Delegates to approve or reject all the motions passed by the Board of Directors during the past twelve months ...*

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- ❖ **POINT OF ORDER by Cyndi Tendick:** Credentials need to be reestablished before a vote since there may be a change in numbers since Day I's certification. Also, a motion with a maker and a second must be presented.
 - *Secretary's Note: A list and copies of all approved motions from the 2020-2021 Session is delivered to the BL&PM chairman (a vote is never taken).*
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Scholarships – Larry Gould stands by his report as submitted:

- This committee and subsequently the Board opted to present only one scholarship instead of the multiple ones as in previous years. The rationale being – giving a few hundred dollars several recipients will not go far in today's schools, i.e., textbook costs. One award of the full \$1250 will have more meaning.
- Two applications were received. One was from a very good candidate but had no demonstrated connection to the nudist community. The other applicant is from MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH, has a 3.33 GPA from the Denver Public Schools and has been accepted to the University of Northern Colorado.
- Monies are not presented to the recipients but go directly to the school of his/her behalf.

Membership – The following report was deferred from Day I:

- **Diversity & Inclusivity** – Gary Mussell stands by his report as submitted:
 - AANR already has a non-discriminatory statement in the By-Laws. The perceived difficulty is taking those words and making them a reality amongst the clubs. There is an underlying tradition that AANR leadership will not interfere with club operations but rather coach them when necessary. This has caused difficulty with some people who want to join but feel unwelcomed.
 - The Northwest Region put forth a statement to their clubs and asked them to sign onto it. It was then added to their website with a list of clubs which have affirmed (aanr-nw.org/aanr-nw-welcomes-all). The Florida Region is taking similar action. However, it is not a question of signing a statement; the question is, how are these promises kept in real life?

- The PR committee for AANR is trying to tackle the on-going problem with cyber-trolling and bullying by writing guidelines for etiquette. False or misleading statements would be made against AANR or its members, corrections and facts would be offered but this just inflamed the instigators and their followers into writing more inflammatory comments. The guideline now is to ignore the statements, not to explain or correct, and to, “turn the other cheek.” If, however, the attacks are from an account displaying or otherwise claiming AANR affiliation – be it a club, business or individual – then the regional officers or the Kissimmee office should be notified.
- Marijuana is another issue facing policy review. Some clubs are wanting to advertise themselves at cannabis dispensaries or on pot-related websites. In spite of possession and usage being still illegal at the federal level, a number of states have legalized – or decriminalized – marijuana for medicinal and/or recreational use. The AANR policy is to empower clubs to decide for themselves based on their own culture along with the laws of their state or province.
- The question of those feeling “unwelcomed” continues. New members, especially younger people, may not have concerns about marijuana, race, sexual orientation or other anxieties – and many of the clubs are adjusting their culture to accommodate. The challenge is to break the paradigms, to shift attitudes, and to get people to sit down with someone new and get to know them.
- The AANR PR committee also wants AANR to promote – on the website and in **The Bulletin** – those clubs which adhere to their guidelines and not highlight clubs that choose not to pledge. “If we can’t tell you what to do, we can certainly, economically and promote the clubs that are doing positive.” [sic]
 - **Secretary’s Note:** *Two questions for the Trustees at the AANR Convention: How is AANR justifying this report when two of its co-authors are primary instigators of the problems that AANR, AANR-West and members of this Region had on social media – how are they explaining those two agitators being on this committee? As for the “guidelines” regarding blocking, the report states: While it may be tempting to block users for being generally annoying, be careful not to block users purely for these reasons: [sixth bullet point] They are a sex worker or adult film actor. What are sex workers and adult film actors bringing to the table of wholesome social nude recreation?*



Conventions & Facilities – Trenea Saavedra stands by her report as submitted:

- A thank-you to SHANGRI LA RANCH for once again hosting our 2021 Convention; it has been great thus far. Our Fall Festival is at DE ANZA SPRINGS RESORT 8-10 October. LAGUNA DEL SOL will host the Fall 2021 Board of Directors meeting on the second Saturday in November.
- Bids for hosting the 2022 meetings, festivals and Convention are open and the new Board will vote on them in November.

Credentials – Trenea Saavedra reviews the latest count of Delegates to the Regional Assembly.

- WASATCH NATURISTS has proxied their one vote to SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATURIST ASSOCIATION. The delegate, Scott Schmitz, has already taken the Oath.

Introduction – Anita Panganiban, former President of AANR Western Region

- Anita Panganiban will vote as an associate member.
- **Secretary’s Note:** *Total number of votes now stands at 147. A simple majority is 74 and a 2/3 majority is 98. The delegate for GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB is en route to the Convention.* :01:07:55

Nominations – The President takes the liberty of asking for additional nominations.

- ❖ **POINT OF ORDER by Cyndi Tendick:** If the credential process remains open until the time of voting, then the nominations from the floor should also remain open.

Credentials (continued) – The President requests the closure of the delegate count.

- ❖ **POINT OF ORDER by Bev Price:** There is no need to close Credentials until the time of the balloting. If someone arrives before the vote and requests credentialing, it is granted pending qualification.

Nominations (continued) – The President asks for any additional candidates. « *Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!* »

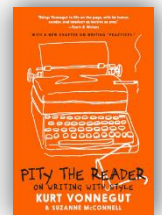
- Any additional nominations for President of AANR Western Region (× 3) – none.
 - **Motion 2021-07 № 4** by Kay Nauta, seconded by Suzanne Schell – **ADOPTED** by acclamation. “... Cyndi Faber-Tendick be acclaimed President of AANR-West for the 2021-2023 term.”
- Any additional nominations for Vice President of AANR Western Region (× 3) – none.
 - **Motion 2021-07 № 5** by Anita Panganiban, seconded by Len Summers – **ADOPTED** by acclamation. “... Larry Gould be acclaimed Vice President of AANR-West for the 2021-2023 term.”
- Any additional nominations for Secretary of AANR Western Region (× 3) – none.
 - **Motion 2021-07 № 6** by Treena Saavedra, seconded by Linda Weber – **ADOPTED** by acclamation. “... Andy Walden be acclaimed Secretary of AANR-West for the 2021-2023 term.”
- Any additional nominations for Treasurer of AANR Western Region (× 3) – none.
 - **Motion 2021-07 № 7** by Patty Faber, seconded by Frederika Carlile – **ADOPTED** by acclamation. “... David Ziegler be acclaimed Treasurer of AANR-West for the 2021-2023 term.”
- Bev Price instructs the delegates on how they can use their allotted votes in the Directors’ election.
- Each candidate for Director has one-and-a-half minutes for a *campaign* speech.
 - Jeff Tendick spoke on behalf of Barry Nielsen and Judy Tomboc, both absent from this segment.
- The ballot committee is: Kevin Manning, Deb Ferrier and Sally Donahue.

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)		Len Summers	2	Northern Calif. Exposure (9)		Scott Schmitz	1
<i>Arizona Wildflowers</i>				<i>S^g Calif. Naturist Ass’n</i>			
Canyon State Naturists (12)		David Ziegler	1	Northern Nevada Naturists (15)		<i>no credentials submitted</i>	
<i>Shangri La Ranch</i>				Olive Dell Ranch (194)		Scott Schmitz	8
Clothesfree International (3)		<i>no credentials submitted</i>		<i>S^g Calif. Naturist Ass’n</i>			
de Anza Springs Resort (268)		Claudia Kellersch	11	Olympian Club (13)		<i>no credentials submitted</i>	
Front Range Naturists (10)		<i>no credentials submitted</i>		Pacificans, the (3)		<i>no credentials submitted</i>	
Glen Eden Sun Club (1155)		Judy Tomboc	47	Roadrunner Naturists (48)		Clyde Saavedra	2
Hangin’ Loose (7)		Linda Weber	1	Sequoians, the (103)		<i>no credentials submitted</i>	
Laguna del Sol (1655)		Suzanne Schell	67	Shangri La Ranch (317)		David Ziegler	13
Las Vegas Bares (6)		<i>no credentials submitted</i>		S ^g Calif. Naturist Ass’n (30)		Scott Schmitz	2
Las Vegas Naturists (16)		<i>no credentials submitted</i>		Sun Tree Travel Club (17)		Bev Price	1
Le Club (4)		Bev Price	1	<i>Arizona Wildflowers</i>			
<i>Arizona Wildflowers</i>				Southern Utah Naturist Soc. (1)		<i>provisional ... no credentials</i>	
Lupin Lodge (17)		<i>provisional ... no credentials</i>		Wasatch Naturists (25)		Scott Schmitz	1
Mira Vista Resort (296)		Scott Schmitz	12	<i>S^g Calif. Naturist Ass’n</i>			
<i>S^g Calif. Naturist Ass’n</i>				AANR ASSOCIATE MEMBER		VOTES	
Mohave Sun Club (25)		Michael Shelby	1	Anita Panganiban			1

- **Secretary’s Note:** Final number of votes is 194; a simple majority is 98 and a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is 130.

In the Interim – Awards and Recognitions

- Jeff Tendick presents a list of AANR Western Region Awards:
 - No nominations for Man~, Woman~ or Family of the Year were received.
 - Nobody was nominated for Young Man~ or Young Woman of the Year.
 - Nothing for either the Bill Hawk Sportsmanship or the Bob Page GAT Memorial awards was received.
 - No one was brought forth for the Hall of Fame this year.
 - **President’s Note:** *The two Membership Increase awards – numbers and percentage – were moot this year due to the pandemic. All but two of the thirty regional clubs lost membership over the past twelve months. At this time, we can let these two awards to pass. On a positive note, there ought to be good growth and competition for Membership Increase this coming year.*
 - **Trustee’s Note:** *Surveys are ongoing during Assembly amongst the participating athletes and players outside to determine if there is someone worthy of the Bill Hawk Sportsmanship Award or if changes need to be made. There will be an award but it may not be presented during this gathering.*
 - **Treasurer’s Note:** *The Hall of Fame Award is a plaque on display at the Western Nudist Research Library. Individual awards also go to the winners to take home.*
 - **Secretary’s Note:** *More information will be in the Minutes for the Incoming Board of Directors Meeting. A suggestion to the next Website Committee – let’s add an Awards page where all of our Region’s honorees can be celebrated.*
- Gary Mussell presents the 2021 Presidential Certificates of Merit:
 - From 2020: “In recognition for a steady hand chairing the legal transition between old and new websites and for his other contributions this year to the goals and Mission of this organization,” to Larry Gould.
 - “In recognition of her outstanding achievements promoting social Nudism, and the goals and Mission of this organization around the world through social media; for her work on the Women in Nude Recreation Committee; for her help as monthly newsletter contributor and proofreader; and especially for her leadership as Chair of the AANR **90th AANRversary** Committee,” to Linda Marie Weber.
 - “In recognition of her outstanding achievements promoting and managing the June 20-26, 2021, Kids’ Camp for the AANR-West Region at OLIVE DELL RANCH. Despite many challenges, your perseverance allowed a new generation of young nudists to thoroughly enjoy the experience,” to Claudia Kellersch.
- Jeff Tendick presents sentimental parting gifts to Gary Mussell as the outgoing President of the Western Region:
 - Alan Gelb: “Having the Last Say: Capturing Your Legacy in One Small Story” © 2015 Tarcher-Perigee.
 - A blank journal with Gary’s name embossed on the cover and a Swarovski Crystal Ballpoint Pen – with *Dodger Blue* ink – to pen his memoirs.
 - Kurt Vonnegut, Suzanne M^cConnell: “Pity the Reader: On Writing with Style” © 2019 Seven Stories Press.
 - **Secretary’s Note:** *For the first time in documented history –recorded this date at 11:28 AM Mountain Standard Time at SHANGRI LA RANCH in New River, Arizona USA – **Gary Mussell is speechless.***

**11:29 AM ... ELECTION RESULTS****Board of Directors** – Congratulations to the elected and re-elected members:

- For the 2021-2023 term are Freddie Carlile of DÁS (135), Judy Tomboc of GESC (132), Gary Holden of AzW (124) and Kay Nauta of MAR (122).
- For the 2021-2022 term are Dave Carlson (121) and Barry Nielsen (102), both from SLR.
- The new and re-elected Officers and Directors pledge the Oath as read by Patty Faber.
 - **Secretary’s Note:** *Curtis Flynn, Treena Saavedra and Linda Weber have one more year for their terms.*



Old Business, New Business and Announcements:

- Bids for the 2022 Regional Convention have yet to be received. Locations for meetings, festivals and the Convention will be discussed at the November meeting.
- The Hair-Raising FUNdraiser to benefit the AANR-West Scholarship program will take place under the ramada between the pool and Bare Buns Café. Kevin Manning of “CFI – Nudes in the News” will be filming the event for an upcoming episode. The goal is to top last year’s total of \$1100.
- Arts and Craft Faire is happening in the Clubhouse and the Bare Buns Café is open – both until 2:00 PM. An ice cream social happens in the Clubhouse at 3:00 PM.
- Dinner at the BBC is 5:00-7:00 PM. Poolside entertainment is provided by *Broadway Joe and Anita* who will also be hosting the evening’s DJ dance in the Clubhouse.
- Incoming Board of Directors’ meeting starts promptly at 9:00 AM Sunday in the Assembly room. It is open to all so please come and see your new Board in action.
- Extra passport booklets are available to take back to your clubs and encourage members and guests to get one.
 - Get a passport stamp for attending the Convention as well as one for visiting SHANGRI LA RANCH!
- Everybody at THE WILLAMETTANS in Springfield, Oregon, who attended the AANR Northwestern Regional Convention were invited to come to New River for the Western Regional Convention. Now, everyone here is invited to go to M^cDade, Texas, for the AANR Convention at Star Ranch, 11-14 August, 2021.



11:45 AM ... GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bev Price – A special thanks and a round of applause for SHANGRI LA RANCH for everything they have accomplished in the last week to be ready for this Convention. The previous weekend saw unbelievable monsoonal rain which brought flooding, roof leaks, collapsed ceilings, rearranged landscape and even road closures. The owners, staff, residents and members always come together to make an event happen but this was above and beyond the call of duty!

Patty Faber – We all have our *people*, those upon whom we can contact to get the latest information. When we learned that Erich Schuttauf would be at SHANGRI LA RANCH for Convention, we needed to get him something extra special because it has been a *lo-o-o-o-ng* time since his last visit – about seventeen years ago. Through connections, we discovered that he likes a forest or hunter green. So, for coming to Arizona, an embroidered SLR towel with Erich’s name on it!



President – Request for Adjournment:

- With no objections, the 2020-2021 AANR Western Regional Assembly is adjourned by proclamation.

11:49 AM MST ... ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, AANR Western Region