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The Pioneers:

Biographies of Nudists Leaders Who Made a Difference

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BOB PAGE (1925-2001)

Bob began his tenure as an official of the WSA in 1973 when he was elected as a director. He also served as WSA president. In 1979 he was elected ASA/WSA trustee, however he only served a short time in this position. In early 1980, upon the resignation of Sol Stern, Bob became the legal counsel to both ASA and WSA. His wife Elizabeth served the remainder of his term as trustee.

One of his first tasks as the official counsel was to defend the WSA against a lawsuit brought about by some photographs of WSA children that appeared in a naturist magazine in Europe. He won the case and repeatedly used the verdict as justification for further advice: We, as nudists, have the right to protect our association, our clubs and our members and to enforce the rules by which we operate.

Bob and his wife Elizabeth belonged to several ASA/AANR clubs, including Mountain Air Ranch, Arizona Wildflowers, Rocky Mountain Bares, and Rocky Mountain Naturists, during their affiliation with the organization. Even as Bob assumed a greater role in the growth of ASA, his heart remained in the west. He had worked as US Park Ranger in several western venues, and always maintained a strong feeling about first amendment rights.

Over the years, Bob produced numerous legal documents to support the right to nude recreation, including an amicus curiae brief that was read in the Supreme Court of the US. In addition to serving as legal counsel for WSA and ASA (which became AANR), he was asked to serve the same for the Florida Region. His expertise was recognized across the United States.

On a personal level, Bob was involved in a number of activities. He operated a small law practice out of Denver, Colorado. He was a gourmet cook and a talented artist. He was active in the Association of First Amendment Lawyers. He took up the cause of the common man.

Mild mannered and subtle, he was always on the ready to protect that in which he believed. He has undoubtedly made a significant difference in nude recreation

in the numerous years that he gave his devoted attention to AANR, serving as AANR legal counsel until the day he died.

The Legal and Government Affairs Fund of AANR was named in honor of Bob Page shortly after his death in 2001. It is fitting that we honor him by naming the Legal and Government Affairs Fund in his behalf. This fund is used for the defense from criminal prosecution or civil suit of AANR.