

AANR West Spring 2018 Board Reports



Laguna del Sol
March 3

**American Association for Nude Recreation, Western Region, Inc.
Spring Board Meeting
Laguna del Sol, Saturday, March 3, 2018**

AGENDA

Committee of the Whole Workshops

9:00 – 10:00 AM. Scholarship and Other Grant Programs (Cyndi, Ernie, Danielle, Tony)

Break

10:15 – 11:15 AM. Review of Marketing and Public Relations Budgets and Reordering of Priorities

11:15 AM - Noon Review of Club Liaison Program and Improving Communication to Members

Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM – 5:30 PM Spring Board Meeting

1. Call to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

3. Welcome by Laguna del Sol Resort (Suzanne Schell)

4. Introductions and Announcements

5. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

6. Adoption of Agenda, Rules, and Order of Business

7. Approval of minutes from board meeting November 4, 2017.

8. Officer's Reports:

A. President Gary Mussell

B. Vice President. Cyndi Faber

C. Secretary Danielle Smith

D. Treasurer Russell Lucia

9. AANR West Trustee Report Tim Mullins

10. Legal Counsel Report Greg Wilkinson

11. Committee Reports:

A. Internal Administration (IA)..... Tim Mullins

B. Finance (presentation of 2018 budget) Rolf Holbach

C. Public Relations

(a) Social Media Andy Walden

(b) Trade Shows: Locations, Backdrops, Handouts, and Spiffs Andy and Ricc

(b) Website Gary Mussell

D. Membership Marketing Ricc Bieber

(a). WINR (Women in Nude Recreation) Kim Wolfe

(b). Singles Cyndi Faber

(c). Associates..... Cyndi Faber

E. Legislation Mike Glinzak

- F. Conventions & Facilities (C & F)..... Dave Utter
- G. Western Nudist Research Library Liaison..... Rolf Holbach
- H. Sports Cyndi Faber, Dave Utter
- I. Club Liaison Jeff Tendick
 - (a). AANR West Facility Improvement Loan TBD
- J. AANR West Youth, Young Adults Cyndi Faber
- K. Scholarship Program Committee..... Tony Wilkinson
- L. Government Affairs Gary Mussell
- M. Legal..... Gary Mussell
- N. Credentials Cyndi Faber
- O. Nominations Cyndi Faber
- O. Audio Visual (Ad Hoc) Walt Stephens
- 12. New Business (anything not previously discussed)
- 13. Good of the Order *
- 14. Announcements (*usually future activities*)
- 15. Adjournment

** Good of the Order allows for specific suggestions, constructive criticism and thus to attempt in good faith to rectify wrongs. if necessary, to achieve a desired outcome. They can be proposed as main motions, for example: I rise during the good of the order to express displeasure regarding smoking in the hall during meetings. I would like to make a motion that future meeting be non-smoking." It is important to note that no tabled, postponed, referred, defeated or otherwise disposed of motion acted on by the body can be reintroduced under good of the order, as this would circumvent the assembly's previous action thereon.*

President's Report

By Gary Mussell
AANR-West President

The focus of my incumbency since July has been to improve communication between the AANR-West leadership and the 8000 members in the region. My goal has been to let people know what we do and why AANR, and the region, are important to them. It has been a challenge, every day, to keep the faith and make that happen. Mistakes have been made by me and others but all I ask is that we continue to move forward as a team.

The goal, of course, is to give the members a sense of belonging so that those who might otherwise not renew their membership change their mind and see value in remaining. Numbers are strength. Their renewed dues give us the ability to pursue policies and programs that benefit not only AANR-West and AANR-International, but advance social nudism in general. And then everyone wins.

I continue to be the backup for all Board members whenever a deadline cannot be met, if I am notified in plenty of time to keep any deadline requirement. Keep that in mind, everyone.

Here is what I have been working on, specifically, working towards our agreed-to goals:

Monthly Newsletter

Since September, I have been writing and publishing a 4-5-page regional newsletter each month that gets mailed out to the 1700 Associates plus a couple hundred others who signed up to receive it at last year at our 5K and show booths. I also send it out to contacts at all 28 clubs in the region and I ask the clubs to email the link out to their own members. Some do it, and some don't, but the bottom line is far more of our members are being contacted on a regular basis by us than ever before. Past newsletters are stored online at www.aanrwest.org/News.

Welcome back, Lupin Lodge

I received word just after the first of the year that the application to re-charter Lupin Lodge as an AANR-affiliated club was approved by the Main Office. The task now is to rebuild their membership and get all those Associate members there back under Lupin affiliation.

To that end I will be making a visit to Lupin March 4 on my way home from the AANR-West Board meeting at Laguna del Sol. I intend to meet and greet interested members, and to work with their office to set up the Club Portal software so members can be added electronically via the AANR head office.

Welcome in, Swim Free Hawaii

Located in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, this clothing-optional charter offers a unique, safe, quality experience to couples or small groups who want to soak up the beauty of Hawaii unhindered. The captain is licensed, insured, and has over 30 years' experience on the open ocean. Swim Free Hawaii can be reached at:

info@swimfreehawaii.com

<https://www.swimfreehawaii.com>

Andy Walden has information about this charter nude sailing company in his Club Liaison report.

Spiff Rescue

A few days after the New Year, I stepped in when both the Chairs of Marketing and of Public Relations did not order the giveaway spiff order in time for their purchases to be made with 2017 budget money. Bev Price stepped up and got us a minimal order to get us through the January show at Quartzite. A big thank you, Bev!

I took charge of ordering what Marketing had selected for spiffs for all the other trade shows for the balance of the year. The process was a little messy and using 2018 money instead of 2017 money put us over budget, unfortunately. We now have received all the 2018 spiffs except for the emery boards, which the Board collectively decided not to reorder because we were over budget. We will discuss all of this at the March Board meeting to get us back on track.

Web Site

We are just about finished with getting the basic web site content created and loaded online. We are calling this **Phase I**. There is much more we want to add, but the new content falls outside the original contract we signed with Rocketboy Media. Please read my Web Site Report elsewhere in this packet, which gives you a complete description of where

we are and where I think we need to go. Walt has volunteered to help with some of it, but most of the work requires a web professional who can keep the web site functioning and give us an excellent image to the public with high search-engine logistics.

Therefore, a new contract will be presented to the Board that allows Rocketboy Media to continue its excellent work on our behalf. We will stay within the web management budget approved in November

Customer Contact

One feature of the new website is a “**For More Information**” **Contact** page where anyone can write us a message or ask a question via information@aanrwest.org. These messages are forwarded to me, as President.

We get a constant 4-5 messages per week. Some I answer, some I refer to the AANR central office, and a few I have referred to a nearby club.

The good news is the Contact is working as intended. In the old Earth Village website, we found email messages languishing unanswered there for as long as 18 months. I am happy to report our customers are being served!

Government Affairs (GAT)

I have not found volunteers to get the GAT Committee work off my desk. I continue to perform that task for the region and I am happy to do so. My report can be read elsewhere in this packet. I participate every month on the international GAT phone conference call. This 10-person committee reports on all news stories and proposed state/county/local bills and ordinances that affect nudists and plans appropriate responses.

AANR Hall of Fame

In addition to my Presidential duties, I was assigned by the AANR Trustees to be the Chair for the Hall of Fame Committee this year.

The AANR Hall of Fame award is the most prestigious award AANR bestows on its own. It is given only “for contributions made by an individual for actions or services to family social nudism that are of considerable magnitude and truly of national importance.” All names must be submitted by May 1 and all forms must be completed and returned by May 31.

I have written an article about the Hall of Fame for the March issue of the Bulletin, and when I am at the February Mid-Winter Trustee meeting at Cypress Cove, I will be working to get our HF committee functioning, so we can select the winner(s) by the deadline.

Vice President Report

Cyndi Faber

I just got back from working the Quartzsite RV show for 3 days with Jeff. We had a wonderful time representing AANR West and educating attendees about the organization and social nude recreation. Mostly everyone was very happy to see us there and enjoyed the chap stick and emery board spiffs, some even specifically seeking our booth out to get them. The most common question that we got was, **“where are you located?”** This was shocking to me. makes me think that we might want to consider a joint effort with clubs to work on some advertising to get our names out into the public a little more than they already are. I would like to see us shift some of our focus on advertising to those that are not nudists while showing the value to those that are already members; an idea for PR and marketing to investigate.

As Vice President one of my duties is to handle nominations for board members, new and those that would like to re-run for another term of service. In conjunction with Jeff and his new liaison handout/program I believe that we can reach more eligible candidates than we have been able to in the past. I look forward to presenting this information at the board meeting with Jeff.

This year I am also happy to announce that we will be hosting 2 “mini youth camps”; one in California at Glen Eden and one in Colorado at Mountain Air Ranch. Both clubs have hosted camps in the past and I am looking forward to returning to them. I will be running an article in the April addition of the Bulletin. Please see the youth report for more information as well.

Also looking forward to all of the great 5k runs this summer and fall. This year we are excited to officially link them all together **in a runner’s series which will encourage participation and travel across the region.** There has also been an interest in an interclub sports tournament. This is something that we always encourage during the festivals and conventions. However, there is always room for improvement and growth in sports.

I was also contacted by a member of the South West board who took notice of our increase in membership from the last quarter. This a great accomplishment to be very proud of as all the other regions numbers had decreased. I was asked what we could attribute our success to and how other regions might be able to replicate it. It is extremely encouraging to know that the western region is being looked at as a leader in membership and innovative ideas. This acknowledgement is a great accomplishment and something to be very proud of.

While I am reciting praise I am very happy to see greater communication amongst the board members in regard to projects that we have been tasked with this year. As well as the weekly recognition that we are receiving from the international office on a weekly basis for our presences on social media. I look forward to the great conversations and committee reports at Laguna in March, as well as the rest of the year. Everyone is doing great things and I am excited for our future years.

Secretary Report

Danielle Smith AANR West

March 2018

Thank You all for sticking with me on this transition of secretary. I have finally gotten things set up on my end they way that it works for me. I am excited to move onto arranging and categorizing the drop box as well as some other files next. It has come to my attention that the Bylaws and Procedure Manual are missing items or I did not update them properly. Hopefully at the time of the meeting everything will be back to normal and up to date. If there is anything missing, out of order, or that you have a question on please do not hesitate to ask or point it out to me.

If you change any of your contact information as an individual board member or as a club please let me know so that I can maintain an accurate record, as well as being able to pass on accurate records to AANR office so that we all maintain current records and information.

Feel free to contact me by email dsmith@aanrwest.org or by phone I take phone calls or text messages (623) 332-7312.

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Treasurer's Report

The AANR Western Region Officers, Directors, and Trustee were sent the fourth quarter 2017 financial report in January. If you did not get it and want a copy, please let me know. You can eMail me at treasurer@aanrwest.org or contact me at 310-291-5552 text or voicemail.

We only had two clubs submit their requests to take advantage of the Co-op Advertising Reimbursement program on time in 2017. If your club is interested in getting an advertising rebate from AANR Western Region, please refer to the updated procedures manual section 7.06 (quoted below for your convenience or contact me. Please note that the requests for reimbursement are to be submitted directly to the AANR Western Region treasurer no later than 30 November. If you have any questions, please contact me at treasurer@aanrwest.org or 310-291-5552 text or voicemail.

Because of the early reporting date for this Spring Board Meeting, the January figures are not yet ready. I can provide them at the board meeting.

Thank you,

Russell

Russell Lucia

Treasurer, AANR Western Region

treasurer@aanrwest.org

310-291-5552 text or voicemail.

7.06.00 Cooperative Advertising Reimbursement

In accordance with the AANR Governance Manual, AANR Western Region chartered clubs may be reimbursed either 50% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed \$400.00 per year per club, or 25% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year per **club, at the club's option. Copies of receipts or bills which are certified as having been paid, and the advertising with a description of the event must be submitted to and approved by the AANR Western Region Treasurer no later than the 30th of November following the date the expenditure was made.**

7.06.01 To qualify AANR Western Region reimbursement, the advertising must specifically refer to AANR.com or AANRWest.com and the logos of AANR, AANR Western Region, or both should be **displayed where space permits. In addition, a club's website page must provide a hypertext link to the AANR Western Region website.**

7.06.02 Advertising which conflicts with the principles and standards of AANR and/or AANR Western Region shall not be eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of this section.

7.06.03 The AANR Bulletin and other AANR publications are not eligible media for such reimbursement. Advertising in any other nudist publication must have the prior approval of the AANR Western Region President for reimbursement.

7.06.04 AANR Western Region clubs that are 100% AANR Membership are permitted to submit advertising for either 50% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed \$800.00 per year per club, or 25% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 per year **per club, at the club's option.**

February 2018

TO: AANR-West Officers, Directors, Chairs, Clubs and Members

FROM: Tim Mullins, AANR-West Member Trustee

SUBJECT: AANR West Member Trustee Report

Activity Updates October 2017 to present

As I indicated in my last report, the AANR Board is actively working on resolving an on-going internal issue. No new significant items have been presented to the Board since my last report.

AANR West did submit a Bylaws change to remove the Philippines from our jurisdiction. That Bylaws proposal has been ruled as not frivolous and will be on the 2018 ballot.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Mullins

AANR West Member Trustee

February 2018

TO: AANR West Officers, Directors, Chairs, Clubs and Members

FROM: Tim Mullins

SUBJECT: Internal Administration (IA) Report

No items have been brought to the Internal Administration during this report period.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mullins

AANR West Member Trustee

FINANCE REPORT – February 3, 2018

From: Rolf Holbach, Finance Chair

To: AANR-West Officers, Directors, and Trustees

I continue to support our Treasurer, and other directors and officers in the implementation of the 2018 budget authorized by the board at our Fall Meeting.

To that end, if you didn't bother to read the email string that circulated in late January, the Marketing committee is over budget on ordering spiffs for 2018 by 55% as of this date due to placing orders which should have been done in 2017 in 2018. The finance chair recommends that the shortfall be covered from our reserves, unless the board of directors decides to allocate it from another budget category at this Spring meeting.

Although most of our ordering for spiffs in 2018 has shifted away from Bev Price, the finance chair and treasurer would like to thank her for donating a portion of her commissions back to AANR-West.

Thank You,

Rolf Holbach

Social Media Report

**Andy Walden • AANR-West Board of Directors Meeting
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FACEBOOK

Once again, the project of rebooting our presence was thwarted with a 30-day *jail* sentence on the Ke Ola Kohana account through most of January for a photograph of perceived nudity — no female nipples, genitalia, exposed **ani** or any other “**offensive**” normal body parts were displayed but that does not stop someone from clutching their pearls in horror (emphasis on *one*). May be the last time we wish Russia a **счастливый голый год!**

Now that the holidays are behind us and time is a little freer, we will soon be back on this platform.

CLUB	STATE	WWW	FACEBOOK	INSTAGRAM	TWITTER
Arizona Wildflowers	AZ				
Buff-a-Teers	AZ	yes			
Canyon State Naturists	AZ	yes		yes	
MIRA VISTA RESORT	AZ	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mohave S.U.N. Club	AZ				
SHANGRI-LA RANCH	AZ	yes	yes		yes
Clothes-Free International	'NET	yes			yes
DE ANZA SPRINGS RESORT	CA	yes	yes	yes	yes
GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB	CA	yes	yes	yes	yes
LAGUNA DEL SOL	CA	yes	yes	yes	yes
Le Club	CA				
LUPIN LODGE	CA	yes	yes	yes	yes
N ^o California Exposure	CA				
OLIVE DELL RANCH	CA	yes	yes	yes	yes
Olympian Club	CA	yes			
Pacificans	CA				
SEQUOIANS	CA	yes			yes
S ^o California Nudist Ass'n	CA	yes	yes		yes
Front Range Naturists	CO	yes			
MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH	CO	yes	yes	yes	yes
HANGIN' LOOSE	HI	yes			
Las Vegas Bares	NV	yes	yes		yes
Las Vegas Naturists	NV		yes		yes
SingleNudist.com	'NET	yes	yes		
Roadrunner Naturists	NM	yes	yes		yes
SunTree Travel Club	NM	yes			
Wasatch Naturists	UT	yes			

TWITTER

November 2017 saw the extension of the TWEET limit to 280 characters — in effect, doubling their length. This has allowed us less cryptic messages and the ability to insert a hyperlink to our web page more frequently. We have 2300* plus followers on @AANR_WestRegion, including a growing number of non-nudist news feeds; our message is **getting around the 'Net!**



The most popular TWEET since the last Board of Directors meeting is one regarding *National Do-Something-Nice Day*. It received over 120 ♥s and more than three dozen *retweets*. Jeff Baldassarre, PR Director at the AANR-International office has recognised AANR-West for its social media presence and has used us as an example for the other regions to follow.

*As of 3rd February, 2018; blocking pornography collectors and other *twits* with whom we ought not to associate greatly reduces the overall count.

SPIFFS

It always seems that time is something you can never have enough of! Thank you to Gary for his help in **getting the 'spiffs' ordered, as follows:**

After initial research into the various items we needed for distribution ant not only tradeshow opportunities, but internal club activities, we came up with a program that we feel is comprehensive, as well as ultimately serving our goals of projecting our image in a positive light at these events.

My search yielded a new vendor who carries almost everything we need, at very affordable prices. My rough estimate is that we saved about 20-25% over projected costs from the past. We were also able to obtain better quality items at those price points with better graphics, as well.

Items included: Emery Boards, Lip Balm, Flashlight Key Holders, Gel Pens, Mood Cups, 16" Beach Balls, and Neck Coolers, all with our branding. Samples of those items are hereby presented at the board meeting.

Some of these items have already been successfully used at Quartzite, and will be available at upcoming events.

Membership Marketing/Nudist Passport

I have been **assigned the task of coming up with a program for the 'Nudist Passport' program.** Within the parameters of this task, I contacted Mitch London of AANR-SW, and he was kind enough to share his knowledge and experience towards getting this program off the ground. I have used that experience to come up with our own program.

The goal is for more interaction of not only inter-landed club participation, but to invite members-at-large and non-landed club members to participate more club-wide activities as they present themselves, i.e., non-landed or at-large members at landed clubs, landed club members to travel clubs and all iterations as may present themselves. This can only strengthen the organization as a whole, and also increase attendance at the various events available.

The Passport will be in some kind of small-book form. I will be presenting sample product and program at the Board Meeting, and ultimately, at convention at DeAnza. We are still working out some of the details as of this writing, and I **invite anyone's participation in the process.**

AANR-West Web Site Report – February 1, 2018

AANRWEST.ORG

By Gary Mussell

Scott Weber, our Web Designer and I have met several times since the last Board meeting to discuss changes and additions to the AANR-West web site. The most recent of these was December 21 to review what was completed and what was left to be done during what we are calling “Phase I” of the buildout.

Scott and I agreed there is much work to be done as well as ongoing maintenance. We developed a list of improvements that we are calling Phase II, to be started in the Spring of 2018.

Below is a summary of the changes made to the web site since the November Board meeting. The outline is organized by the main menu structure on the web site so the reader can follow along visually while reading this report. Also included are our plans for Phase II in the Spring of 2018:

1. On the Home Page:
 - a. Scott has added the latest two **Twitter** entries onto the front page. This is a dynamic link and will update whenever new tweets are added. A visitor can click on the Twitter section to jump to the aanrwest Twitter site in new window. We did not do the same for the aanrwest **Facebook** page because it is not being maintained at the moment. We need to find a volunteer to take over both Facebook and **Instagram** accounts and maintain them before we consider adding their links to the Home page.
 - b. The **Terms and Conditions** and **Privacy Issues** text has been added to the footer section at the bottom of every web page. Thank you, Greg Wilkinson, for writing these for us.
2. The “**Basics**” page is moved to the FAQ menu (from the “About” menu) as a better place to explain the fundamentals of social nudism, all in one place.
3. Under “About”:
 - a. The Youth web page has new text. A new photo will be added within the body of the text showing young people enjoying a bodypainting event.
 - b. The **Youth Summer Camp** web page has been added with new text. A **photo collage** will be added at the top since none of the photos submitted were large enough to stretch across the top of the page.
 - c. **Buttons** will be added to Summer Camp the page so viewers can read about past experiences at youth summer camps in two secondary PDF files we have submitted to Scott.
 - d. The **Scholarship** section is essentially finished, but questions remain on how to get the form submitted by the applicant. Right now, the form can be completed online but it must be printed and mailed. This was not our intent as we wanted it to be sent electronically. There are two additional forms, one to send to the AANR club to verify membership, and one to send to the Academic location to verify grades, etc. The intent was to have us, the committee, forward these forms ourselves once we receive the application, so the student wouldn’t have to go through the hassle of collecting the additional information, but we never came to any conclusion how to do this online. Scott needs to know so the forms can be set up with the proper forwarding links. This is a Phase II enhancement depending on what the Board decides it wants to do to change the Scholarship process.

Phase II: If the Scholarship program remains essentially the same, Scott plans to convert the scholarship application form from PDF to a “**Google Doc**” so he can add a “**Submit Form**” button to the form so it can go to the information@aanrwest.org email site. There will also be a message that the applicant needs the latest version of “**Adobe Reader**” to send the form, with a link to download the program if the applicant does not have it already.

Link Buttons will be added to the Scholarship introductory text during Phase II allowing the viewer to read about past Scholarship winners and their winning essays. These pages have already been designed and submitted to Scott along with some kid’s drawings to place above the text.

- e. A **Photo Gallery** page, showing samples of fun activities from around the region, will be added to the About” menu in Phase II. The text and photos have already been submitted to Scott.

4. Under “Directory,” add a thumbnail of the club **logo** clipart alongside each club’s name. Artwork has been given to Scott.
 - a. Phase II: we have asked that two secondary pages be added: **Club Coupons** (where the web visitor can obtain “First Timer” and other discount coupons from the various clubs), and
 - b. **Phase II: Passport** (for the new Nudist Passport program we want to start in 2018). Both pages have been postponed until Phase II in the Spring.
5. Under “**Calendar**”, the **Sports** page (previously under “About”) has been moved here because it basically just talks about scheduled Sporting events (5k Runs, etc.) for the coming year.
 - a. Gary will create a **Google Calendar** for this Sports page once all the dates of events are known so viewer can click directly to the club page hosting the event to see further information.
 - b. A link from the Sports page to the Membership/Legal Docs/**Sports Rules** document will be added during Phase II.
 - c. There is some discussion about whether or not to create a **Google Calendar** to replace the existing Calendar listing of all events during the year. The goal is to have the viewer click on each event and go to that’s club’s web site in a secondary folder. However since almost all of the events take place over the weekend, the Google Calendar cannot display them all visually so a different application may be considered, including just leaving it is as a long list with links to the clubs. Example:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
3/3/2018	Lakeside Inn... Italian Night	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
3/3/2018	AANR West Board Meeting	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
3/4/2018	Oscar (Academy Awards) Party	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/8/2018	Back to the 70's Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/10/2018	Texas Hold'em Championship	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/11/2018	Cupcake Wars	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/11/2018	20th Annual Buff-n-Shine Car Show	Shangri-La Ranch	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
3/15/2018	St. Patrick's Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Theme Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
3/17/2018	St Patrick's Party & Irish meal	Mojave Sun Club	mohavesunclub@gmail.com
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Party	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
3/17/2018	Spring Hiking/Camping	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Day "Think Green" Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Day celebration	Sequoians	sequoians@gmail.com
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's event at Mira Vista	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net

6. “**Activities**” is a new Main Menu item, Under Phase II it becomes greatly expanded with a discussion about **fifteen diverse kinds** of activities one can enjoy while socially nude.
 - a. Phase I will only be one long page with short paragraphs describing these activities.
 - b. Phase II will have “**Read More**” links at the end of each activity paragraph where the viewer can read a full page describing that activity. These new pages will not be PDF so that Search Engines can more easily find them and rank the text higher in their listings. This should become one of the most popular viewed pages. Text for the Introductory page and each of the 15 activities is already completed and submitted to Scott.
 - c. **Travel** has been moved from the Main Menu to be a subordinate under Activities. In it is introductory text from various authors about their nudist experiences running the rapids through the Grand Canyon, Nude Sailing, hiking to ancient Petroglyphs, and taking a nude cruise. These stories are already on the web site but need to be consolidated into one place. Phase II will add other travel stories such as “Hiking the John Muir Trail” and visiting the annual “Burning Man Festival” in Nevada.

Also in Phase II, a button will be added to **Travel** “Stories About AANR Clubs” where members can submit reviews of their visits to our region’s nudist clubs. Many (but not all) of these club reviews are written and submitted to Scott.

7. Under “**News**”:
 - a. The “**News Crawl**” is not updating itself. A new algorithm needs to be found that keeps news stories current. Gary is working on this with other web masters at different clubs who also use a news crawl. Scott said he will also investigate this.
 - b. The **monthly newsletter** has a thumbnail on this page that can be clicked to launch this month’s PDF version. Emails to club members and Associates will link to this page instead of going directly to a PDF newsletter so that the viewer may be tempted to look around the rest of the web site. Previous months’ newsletters may be viewed from an “Archive” box directly below the thumbnail of the current newsletter.
 - c. **News releases** from AANR and regional clubs may also be viewed here. It is hoped clubs will submit notices of their upcoming events in this spot. The goal in Phase II is to give club owners access to load their announcements themselves.
 - d. For Phase II, we can add **movie, TV and book reviews** (some text already submitted to Scott, with more to come should we find volunteers to write media reviews for the site.)
 - e. “History: has been moved under News. Links on the History introductory page takes the viewer to PDF files. This is now finished.
 - f. “Pioneers” has been moved here also. It gives biographies of some of the nudist pioneers and leaders from the past 80 years from the western region. Updated biographies for **Irene Shannon** and **Horst Kraus** were recently updated. A new photo of **Horst and Gigi Kraus** still has not been submitted from Shangri-La Ranch.
 - g. A new page devoted to the **Western Nudist Research Library** has been written and submitted but it will not be added until Phase II.
 - h. “Issues” has been moved to News from Membership. The introductory text needs **additional text** telling the viewer he/she needs to have Adobe Reader to download and print the PDF files.
8. Government Affairs has had its main menu name truncated to “**Govt Affairs**” to save room on the main menu. This section is finished for Phase I. In Phase II we need to add a **Donate** button. Action item: Russell or Gary needs to set up a **PayPal account** for aanrwest that can receive the donations.
9. The “**Membership**” section: introductory text and link to the AANR International membership page is completed.
 - a. Addition of a Membership Application form of our own will be discussed during Phase II as it will assist our capturing potential member’s name, address, etc.
 - b. Phase I will include a “**Stories**” menu where we will include stories submitted from members about their experienced while socially nude. Several of these stories are already online in PDF format.
 - c. Phase II will also see the addition of a new submenu: “**Legal Docs.**” This will contain the documents we are legally obligated to have available to the public as a non-profit corporation, such as our Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Procedure Manual. We will also have the Sports Rules document here, nomination forms for running for regional positions and other honorary awards (Man/Woman/Family of the Year, Hall of Fame, etc.). We can also post copies of convention minutes and region board minutes and approved budgets.
 - d. Also in Phase II (or perhaps Phase 3?) we might consider launching a **Store** where members can buy AANR-West towels, bags, t-shirts, etc. with our regional logo displayed. We will probably use Café Express or some other on-line store, so we don’t have to store inventory ourselves).
10. The “**Contact**” has been updated with the correct mailing address and email.
 - a. We made the **ZIP Code** entry mandatory.

- b. We continue to get email from web site viewers (2 to 3 emails/week) seeking additional information, and Gary answers these in a timely manner and/or forwards the query to a club nearest the person writing the email.

A. Smart Phone Version

We discussed the **smart phone conversion**. A review of this conversion will be the subject for our next meeting in February 2018. Summary of this discussion is as follows:

1. Gary has created an **Excel file** for the **scaled-down web site version** that will go onto smart phones, because we agreed there is too much information on the site to put all of it on the phones.
2. Gary has begun **editing down the existing text** for the Smart Phone version of the web site. As it now stands, the web site is too large and the text too long to be adequately viewed and navigated on smart phones. Probably no more than a single paragraph per subheading will be the target size. The Govt Affairs phone version will have no links to court cases (laptop version only).
3. We will tell the phone viewer to look at the laptop version to see additional text.

B. Mail Chimp

1. Gary created a Mail Chimp account, so we can email to large groups of members and prospects via email. We can send 12,000 emails before we have to purchase an upgrade package (\$10 or \$20/month depending on the features we want).
2. Russell updated the DNS codes on Dec 20, so we can do this. Thanks!

C. Web Statistics

1. Scott and Gary reviewed the current aanrwest **web site statistics** and are pleased with the number of viewers, what they are looking at, and how many coming for the first time. These numbers are expected to improve as the site is built out and word of mouth spreads about the quality of our web site.

In conclusion, as Phase I ends, **a final check will need to be generated to Scott for the balance of his existing contract**. A new contract will have to be signed for Phase II and other **future work** to be done for AANR-West by Rocketboy Media according to our 2018 regional budget allocation. It is our mutual hope to continue this working relationship into the future.

Another meeting with Scott is planned for early February after the deadline for this report.

Legislative Report by Mike Glinzak March 2018

There is only one proposed revision to the Procedure Manual so far for this board meeting. It is proposed by the chair of the Scholarship Committee to provide flexibility for AANR-W to also award grants to qualified individuals in addition to scholarships. As envisioned, a grant could be awarded to someone who provides AANR-W a **“product”**, e.g. **essay, video, research, etc. on nudism**, or a related topic.

We would like to get the sense of the board regarding a possible By-Laws amendment for the Regional Assembly in July. Current by-laws require any proposed changes be proposed, reviewed by the Legislative Committee, revised if necessary, and presented IN FINAL FORM to officers, board members, trustees, and clubs from 60 to 30 days prior to the Regional Assembly. The Regional Assembly is the only time in the process when representation of all of AANR-W is present and could provide input.

However, because of the “take it or leave it” construction of our current process, any change to a proposed amendment can not be made from the floor, no matter how minor. It would have to wait until the next Regional Assembly a year later. Should we pursue changing the current by-laws so that proposed by-law amendments at a Regional Assembly could be amended from the floor?



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION,
WESTERN REGION, INC.

Motion Number _____ Date: March 3, 2018

I move that __P 5.10_____ on page _____
(Bylaws (B)/Procedure Manual (P) Reference Number)
Be amended as follows:

5.10.00 **Scholarship Program Committee**

This committee will:

1. Direct the AANR West Scholarship program (refer to Appendix F).
2. Refer clubs and potential applicants to information available on the AANR West website.
3. Review the applications and award scholarships and grants by majority decision.
4. Determine which winner will be awarded the Peter Wolfe Memorial Scholarship. (refer to Appendix E.)
5. Nothing in this section mandates the Board of Directors to budget for or award a scholarship or grant in any given year.

Rationale: 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.

Maker: _____ **Second:** _____
Signature _____ Signature _____
Print Name_Tony Wilkinson _____ Print Name_Mike Glinzak _____

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTENTIONS:

RESULTS: (Circle one)

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WESTERN NUDIST RESEARCH LIBRARY – February 3,2018

The library board was very appreciative of the donation from AANR-West which will be used primarily to update the date entry system being used.

A library board meeting will take place on February 17, so a verbal report will be given at our Spring Meeting after that occurs.

Rolf Holbach – WNBR Liaison

Sports Report

Cyndi Faber

I am excited about the 5k run series this year. With the club's cooperation I believe that we will have great success promoting all of the runs at each of the affiliated runs as well as some of the other shows that we are having booths at. This is a great opportunity to promote travel throughout the region and get new visitors to clubs.

I have been approached to start an interclub sports program. This is something that I already believe we are doing with the conventions and the sports festivals. Since it has been brought to my attention I believe that we might need to create a marketing tool to our members to let them know that this is one of the activities that happen at the conventions and festivals and see what is stopping people from participating.

Club Liaison Report

Spring 2018

Jeff Tendick

After being assigned to the liaison committee in August I looked at the program that was already in place and wanted to stream line more of the communication that we are having with the clubs. In order to do this, I have come up with the following program, which will be discussed more in depth at the meeting.

Below are 2 charts for clubs; 1 explaining the benefits to the clubs that are 100% AANR clubs, and those that are affiliated with the organization. The main idea is to have both presented, and discussed with the clubs, open the dialogue with clubs **in a different way. We are looking at this as a way to “sell” the clubs on being 100% clubs because of the benefits or getting them started with an affiliated title. Even if we are not successful in turning clubs into 100%’s, we will be helping the current clubs become more aware of the services that we are offering them.**

There was mention at the November board meeting to significantly reduce the number of liaisons to only a couple of the board members that are interested in such a task. After consideration, as great as that may sound in theory, the conclusion was that all board members should be part of the liaison program. Therefore, this rack card/ brochure will be great for some introductions to the clubs, and hopefully help walk you through everything that we are offering them.

Again, there will be a more detailed discussion/explanation of the new liaison program at the meeting. Everyone will be assigned their clubs at that time as well.

Another consideration is to simplify or omit some of the specifics that are written below as they are ever changing, percentages for reimbursement etc. Please share your thoughts.



AANR 100% Club Benefits

Glen Miller Loan – Interest free loans of up to \$10,000 for capital improvements at club. Need to be 100% for at least 3 years to qualify and maintain 100% for duration of loan. (Typically 5 years)

Advertising Discounts – 60% off normal pricing for *Bulletin* advertising.

Cooperative Advertising – AANR West will work on a program for a percentage of AANR members associated with the club. Up to \$1000 per year

Legal Assistance – Financial assistance, for litigation that meets requirements for such assistance, shared equally among club or member, region, and AANR

Membership Rebate Credits - \$5.00 For each member transmitted to AANR in a timely manner, the club gets a rebate credit. Rebates for new, renewing and reinstated members.

AANR-West Festivals – AANR West clubs can hold AANR-West festivals, which provide an opportunity to gather paying guests to your club.

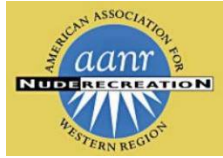
Office Supplies – Stationery, brochures, address labels, wall plaque, recognition as 100% club in the *Bulletin*.

AANR Public Relations – AANR provides ongoing Public Relations with continued media exposure and crisis response to “normalize” nudism in this society.

AANR Marketing – AANR provides resources your club can use to aid in your marketing.

AANR Gov't Affairs – AANR provides the framework that allows members across the country to forward information about legislation in their area that might affect nudism.

Goodwill Umbrella – The AANR brand is trusted, and can assist in acceptance of nudist clubs in communities. Vacationers and potential members know what to expect from clubs affiliated with AANR



AANR Affiliated Club Benefits

Advertising Discounts – 35% off normal pricing for *Bulletin* advertising.

Legal Assistance – Financial assistance, for litigation that meets requirements for such assistance, shared equally among club or member, region, and AANR

Membership Rebate Credits - \$3.00 For each member transmitted to AANR in a timely manner, the club gets a rebate credit. Rebates for **ONLY** new and reinstated members.

AANR Public Relations – AANR provides ongoing Public Relations with continued media exposure and crisis response to “normalize” nudism in this society.

AANR Marketing – AANR provides resources your club can use to aid in your marketing.

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Youth Report

Cyndi Faber

At this time, I am happy to report that dates have been confirmed for 2 youth camps this summer; June 21-24, 2018 at Glen Eden in California and June 28-July 1, 2018 at Mountain Air in Colorado.

I will have an article in the April edition of the bulletin with more information as well as information to go to other clubs and on the website.

If you know anyone that is interested, please forward them to me.

These mini camps are designed for kids/young adults 11-17.

AANR West
Spring 2018 Meeting Package
Committee Reports
Scholarship Program
Tony Wilkinson
2018-02-15

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Date: February 15, 2018
To: AANR West Clubs, Officers, Directors, and Members
From: Tony Wilkinson, Chair
Re: Scholarship Report

The Scholarship Program Committee did not make recommendations to change, eliminate or replace the current scholarship program before the Fall 2017 Board meeting. As a result, the existing scholarship program is being used for the 2017-2018 Board year. Documents that describe that program are contained in Appendix F of the Procedure Manual.

REVISIONS TO THE EXISTING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Within the Scholarship Program Committee, simplification of the detail that is now contained in Appendix F has been suggested. On the other hand, I have received feedback from outside of the Committee that the current level of detail is appreciated. No proposals for simplification have been submitted as of the date of this report.

Within the Scholarship Program Committee, there have been suggestions that some details about the qualifications of applicants need to be changed. The most important of the possible changes is the age restriction. Currently, scholarship applicants must be "high school seniors or current students in accredited post-secondary schools who are under the age of 27, and who have a 2.5 or better accumulated grade point average." The Procedure Manual contains the provision that "Exceptions to these eligibility standards may be made by the Scholarship Committee." However, we recommend that the words "under the age of 27" be eliminated from the requirements.

COMMENTS ON THE EXISTING PROGRAM

The current Scholarship Program has failed to attract many applicants. The lack of applicants and the resulting lack of competition has resulted in questions about the relevance of the current program to today's student and family needs.

The scholarship program has been viewed as a benefit to the AANR West Member parents of college age youth. Today it may be more appropriate to view the program as a benefit to the scholar, rather than to the parents. Many students, young and old, are playing a significant role in financing their own education, through student loans and part time work.

An individual \$2,000 scholarship is significant in terms of membership funds. However, it may no longer be as relevant to the financial needs of a college education because of the huge increases in college tuition over the years. An AANR West scholarship is usually matched with an AANR scholarship to the

same student (no guarantees). This does raise the total to \$4,000 for an individual, although that amount involves two separate payments.

Scholarships are appropriately paid to the institution, not to the individual. Our scholarships are relatively small with respect to the total tuition bill. One of the difficulties of 'small' scholarships is that they have the potential to put a student's entire semester of courses in jeopardy. If the scholarship checks are not applied promptly to the correct student account BY THE INSTITUTION, there is a possibility that the full tuition will not be paid by a deadline, and courses lost. The current Scholarship Chair has seen multiple cases in his extended family of this type of tuition funding issue.

The Board should consider the scholarship program along with other options for expanding our support for AANR Member students.

AN AWARD PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE RESEARCH PAPERS

A program that offers cash awards directly to students for academic research papers on nudist and clothes-free topics has many potential benefits. It motivates students to apply for money they will get directly. It encourages the production of academic work on nudist-related issues. The program can touch many more students because the awarded amounts are smaller. Finally, it can generate membership.

The recommendation is that an applicant for a research paper award be an AANR West Member AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. Find our award competition after you wrote your paper? Join, us, get a membership number, and submit your application.

To start a discussion, the suggestion is for competitive awards of \$300 for an undergraduate research paper and \$500 for post-graduate papers. The Scholarship Program Committee would evaluate competing research paper applications, just as it now evaluates scholarship applications. The Committee could enlist help from a special advisory group, just as it now does for scholarships.

There are hundreds of academic research paper award programs today, as a simple Google search will reveal. All of them seek to promote research in a specialized field that their organization supports. An award program for nudist and clothes-free research subjects will be in good company among many other similar programs.

An academic paper award program can supplement the scholarship program, share its budget, or (if successful), perhaps replace it. The Committee looks forward to discussing these options when we gather for the Spring Board meeting.

AANR-West Government Affairs Report – February 1, 2018

By Gary Mussell, AANR-West GAT Chair

Many legislatures are back in session, but only a few bills have peaked our interest. However, there were several important local news events in several of the states. In alphabetical state order:

Arizona

The 2018 legislature convened January 8, 2018. It will adjourn approximately April 21, 2018. Bills are not carried over from year to year.

Bills of interest: None at this time.

Other Arizona News:

1. A member of the Canyon States nudist club received a ticket for nudity in the **Tonto National Forest**. The regulations state nudity is allowed in the area only in undeveloped areas, but it does not specify where exactly such areas are. AANR legal counsel Erich Schuttauf got involved, as did NAC's Bob Morton, but with only limited success. The regulations are up for review and re-publishing in February. It was decided not to make a big deal about the nudity clause out of fear the new superintendent could decide simply to deny nudist access anywhere in the park. There will be time to make public comment in February and March after the new regulation draft is published and we are waiting to see what, if any, changes in language occurs before we decide what we need to do.

2. In January, a married couple saw their conviction on child endangerment reversed by the Federal Court of Appeal. Ten years ago, a local WalMart refused to process some **nude photos** taken by the parents of their 3 girls (ages 5, 4, and 1½) in the bathtub. Instead, WalMart called Social Services, who took their kids away. The case has taken ten years. The couple is now suing the state and WalMart.

California

The legislature convened 01/01/2018 and will adjourn approximately 11/30/2018. Bills introduced in odd-numbered year can carry over to even-numbered year session.

Bills of interest: None at this time.

Other California News:

1. Last May 23 (2017), we were informed the California State Parks and the US Bureau of Reclamation are collaborating on preparation of a General Plan/Resource Management Plan for Auburn State Recreation Area, and federal lands set aside for the potential construction of Auburn Dam and Reservoir. On the north fork of the American River, just below the Auburn Dam, is a very popular destination for nudists in this part of California.

A public workshop was held on December 7, 2017 in Auburn. AANR-West and GAT were well represented by **Tim Mullins** and other members of the nearby **Northern Exposure club**. Tim reported that (unlike the 2015 public hearing) nobody objected to the nude beach area. The focus of concern seemed to be access to the area by pet dogs (currently banned) and a demand to build bicycle trails in the park.

The public comment period ended **January 5, 2018** and we look forward to reading the updated Management Plan to see if our beach area is protected.

Colorado

The 2018 legislature began January 10, 2018 and will end approximately May 9, 2018. Bills are not carried over from year to year.

Bills of interest: None at this time.

Hawaii

The 2018 Legislature convened January 17 and it will adjourn approximately 05/03/2018. Bills introduced in odd-numbered year can carry over to even-numbered year session.

Bills of interest:

SB 691, carried over from last year, will expand the authority to arrest or cite if a person "exposes the person's genitals within reasonable proximity to another person that it might cause affront to that person." It will rescind the 2000 Hawaii Supreme Court decision of *State v. Kalama* that says law enforcement agencies cannot arrest or issue a citation to a person who is nude unless the person is acting in a lewd manner. The new proposal will include simple nude sunbathing in the offense. Last year we worked with NAC and discussed jointly hire a lobbyist, if necessary. Fortunately, the bill never had a hearing as the committee chair where it was assigned was opposed. We will watch the bill carefully and act immediately should it gain any traction in the current session.

HB 2711 states: “The legislature finds that public access to beaches is of paramount importance and a public right.” The purpose of the bill is to create a task force to study ways to reopen public access to beaches in areas currently gated or otherwise cut off from the public, and to create more and better public parking areas. What makes this an interesting bill is it does not exclude nude access to beaches. If it doesn’t ban nudists perhaps it can be used to increase our ability to increase nude recreation in the state, assuming SB 691 does not pass. The downside is greater public access also means our isolated nude beaches may get opened up to wider public use.

HB 2134 makes it a Class B felony to “intentionally or knowingly install or use in any private place, without consent of a minor person any device for observing, recording, amplifying, or broadcasting a minor in a state of undress or sexual activity” and to “intentionally distribute such images of an identifiable image of a minor” (under age 18). While the intent of this bill is a reaction to revenge porn or teenage sexting, it is written so broadly that images of families being nude at a beach or in their backyard (or bathtub – see **Arizona**, above) could also be covered.

HB 1792 forbids unmanned aerial hobby aircraft (i.e. “drones”) from taking photos of people from the air without their permission. People have the right to privacy, it states. This matches GAT’s position exactly.

New Mexico

The legislature convened 01/16/2018 and will end approximately 03/15/2018. Bills are not carried over from year to year.

Bills of interest: None at this time.

Nevada

Nevada has no legislative session in even-numbered years. No news is good news in this state!

Utah

The 2018 Legislative session begins January 22, 2018 and will end approximately March 8, 2018. Bills are not carried over from year to year.

In Utah, **HB 196** allows public breastfeeding in public whether or not the woman’s breast is covered. About time?

But they are not as behind as **Idaho**. In Idaho, a bill was introduced last month finally to allow mothers to breastfeed in public. Idaho is the last state with no legal protection for breastfeeding mothers. The last attempt was in 2003, but the bill died in committee as legislators felt it would allow women to go topless in the state.

Other Utah News:

1. The state sued a **local movie theater for serving alcohol** during its showing of the R-rated movie, *Deadpool*. It is illegal in Utah to do so. A Federal Court has sided with the theater. U.S. District Judge David Nuffer said state regulators violated the theater’s freedom of speech when it threatened to fine the theater up to \$25,000 under a law that prohibits serving booze during films with simulated sex or full-frontal nudity. Attorney Rocky Anderson calls the decision enormously important for First Amendment rights. He argues the law is so vague it would apply to an art gallery offering wine near Michelangelo’s “David” and that the state used it to intimidate the theater.

Utah’s law is similar to an Idaho measure that lawmakers repealed last year when a theater sued after its liquor license was threatened for showing *Fifty Shades of Grey* while serving alcohol.

2. A **Utah elementary school art teacher** was fired last month over his class field trip to the local Cache County school library that included seeing images of postcard-sized art paintings. Among the images shown were two paintings depicting nude women: Italian impressionist painter Amadeo Modigliani’s ‘Iris Tree’ (1916) and classic French artist Francois Boucher’s ‘Odalisque’ (1749).

“I immediately took back from students the postcards I felt could make students feel uncomfortable,” teacher Mateo Rueda told the Herald Journal. “Then I explained to the whole class that art can sometimes show images that are not always comfortable to all, that art is better understood when placed in its proper context, that the human body is often portrayed in art, and that the images in the school collection are icons of art history and a patrimony of humanity.”

Still, a few parents objected to their children seeing the nudes and the local school district fired the teacher. Both the parents and school district were criticized in the news and on social media. In response the school district negotiated a financial settlement with the teacher and removed any mention of termination in his file, so he could be hired elsewhere without prejudice.

AANR West did not get involved in either case. First, events happened faster than we could react, and second, it was decided as an organization outside the immediate community our getting involved would not be helpful to either the theater or the teacher.

Wyoming

The 2018 Budget Session will convene February 12 and adjourn approximately March 9. Bills are not carried over from year to year.

Bills of interest: None at this time.

Important GAT News from Other Regions

Outside our region there were two setbacks for the nudist community:

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

The **Calgary Nude Recreation (CNR)** club had an annual family-friendly nude swim party planned at Calgary Water Slide, a local water park. This was to be the fourth such annual swim and no one had every objected before now.

Suddenly an online petition appeared asking the public to sign in opposition to the event. It quickly gathered signatures and some ugly comments as well, with some people threatening to bring baseball bats to the park to beat up the nudists, while others said they would bring knives to slash tires. Local opponents began bombarding the water park's Facebook page with similar threats.

AANR-Western Canada Trustee Bob Campbell asked for the support of AANR and GAT, as we attempted to respond to the threats with a counter-petition and letter writing campaign to the local city council. In the end, the effort was too little and too late. The Council feared the local "understaffed" police could not contain any violence if it was to occur, so they voted to revoke the permit and the event was cancelled. The council said the decision had nothing to do with the nudity but the threat of violence.

Florida

Jensen Beach, Florida, the **Treasure Coast Naturists** saw their Nude Bowling Night cancelled by the owners of the bowling alley for essentially the same reason as what happened in Canada; Loud complaints from a small but vocal group of locals opposed to the event after years of having no community opposition. This time, the reversal came so quickly GAT could not organize itself in time.

Federal Legislation

1. Congress rarely gets involved in nudist legislation as they consider it a state-level matter. However, **HR 4472** was introduced on January 9 in the House of Representatives by Democrat Jackie Spier (San Mateo, California) makes it illegal to **distribute images of private parts** without a person's permission. It is written so broadly that it might affect our club newsletters, web sites, and even our naturist libraries. We are hoping to see it amended so the intent is narrowed. However, since it was introduced by a Democrat, the odds are long of this bill even getting a hearing.

2. The recently-passed **HR1 Tax Reform Act** has a clause in it that bothers us greatly. It allows 501c3 non-profit **charitable corporations to take political positions** and even endorse candidates. This radically changes the longstanding, vital protection in law for nonpartisanship of charitable, religious, and philanthropic organizations, known as the Johnson Amendment. The change will allow political operatives to pressure non-profit organizations to endorse or oppose candidates for public office, and powerful donors to exert even more pressure by giving or threatening to withhold charitable contributions to get the organizations to endorse or oppose candidates the donors prefer. The proposed change would also make political donations – for the first time ever – tax-deductible when funneled through charitable nonprofits, houses of worship, and foundations. We will watch to see how the Treasury Department and IRS regulate this provision.

Other GAT News of Interest to AANR-West

- The ANNR-West region has completely overhauled the "Gov't Affairs" section of the **annrwest.org web site**. The section now includes all the state and local nudity laws in the eight western states, plus important court cases involving nudity from the region. This area of the web site is receiving a lot of visitors and is seen as a great resource for attorneys and others who want to know about our legal rights.
- Greg Wilkinson, the AANR-West legal counsel, is working to put together a list of **nudist-friendly attorneys** from local Bar lists. AANR International has no names to contribute but Erich Schuttauf agreed to advise Greg as this project continues through the next several months.
- The Florida Free Beaches Association has requested copies of the **Beach Ambassador training program** workbooks written by Gary Mussell for west coast beaches. Copies were also sent to Ralph Collinson, Jonathan Duffield, and Richard Mason.

Southern California Naturist Association (SCNA)

Submitted by Rolf Holbach: SCNA President

The SCNA is still the largest non-landed naturist club in California growing in the last year to over 145 paid members plus a mailing list of approx. 450. It is affiliated with both The Naturist Society and AANR, but dues for these two national organizations are voluntary. Currently 31 members also belong to AANR and about 30 also belong to TNS, with perhaps a dozen people overlapping and belonging to both. SCNA annual dues remain at \$90/individual or \$115/couple.

All members and event guests undergo a background check before admittance to events or before being accepted as participating members of this non-profit California Corporation.

The SCNA slowed down for the holidays with our traditional **Pre-Thanksgiving Party** in November, and for the second year in a row photographer, Jack Gescheidt, came to Arroyo Del Sol to take **TreeSpirit Photos** in the trees around our property with any nudists who wanted to participate on Thanksgiving weekend. His work has been featured in a number of issues of “N” magazine and can be seen on his website at treespiritproject.com.

Our only clothed party of the year, was our **Holiday Party and Awards Banquet** in December. We normally use these months to survey our membership getting their feedback on what they like and don't like about the club and the events we host. It gives our Board of Directors a good direction in how to plan for the following year. We have found that the majority enjoy us offering a variety of new and traditional activities to our members, inviting and including members of other local affiliated non-landed clubs which continues to attract new naturists to the SCNA. The result is that our paid membership has increased over the last year to 145, a mailing list that remains at approx. 450, 1709 followers on our Meetup.com page, and through the dedicated work of Gary Mussell and other SCNA members, over 12,000 followers of our Twitter and Facebook pages.

As opposed to last January when we didn't schedule any events, we started 2018 off with three great events. On January 13, the SCNA returned to the fabulous Getty Museum in West LA where we held our **Nude Scavenger Hunt** where contestants roamed through the pavilions answering questions about the nude artwork and sculpture.

The following weekend the SCNA's Women's Group met for a **Women's Brunch** at the Maple Restaurant in the botanical Descanso Gardens. On January 27, almost 60 SCNA and NitOC members met at a Korean-style spa in Torrance for a **Nude Spa Evening** to enjoy the various pools, saunas, massages, and body scrubs. Normally the spa is limited to Men Only, but as the owner is an SCNA member, he closed it and allowed both men, women, and a few kids to enjoy the facilities.

February began with our traditional **Super Bowl Chili & Soup Cook-Off Party** at a member's fabulous football party house in Victorville. 2018's first show of the body positive productions at the Two Roads Theater in Studio City sponsored by AANR, the SCNA, and the Clothing Optional Home Network took place on February 17. This show was a well-attended **Nude Stand-up Comedy Show**. As with all the shows presented by the **NudeComedyLA** group at the theatre, these are all inclusive naturist experiences where the audience as well as the performers are all required to be nude. At each show, this is the **first** social nude experience for at least one third to one half of the audience! The following weekend of Feb. 24-25, several members of local clubs and resorts will head to the annual **Travel and Adventure Show**, held at the LA Convention Center, to help staff the AANR-West booth there.

Since it falls right on Saturday, March 17, the SCNA will return to it's **St. Patrick's Day "Think Green" Party** theme at a member's home in which a Best Salad contest is held. Saturday, March 31st will see us hosting our first **Nude Bowling Party** of the year, a multi-club event which is so popular it draws naturists from all over Southern California, even as far as from San Diego.

On Saturday, April 14, we'll join up with members of NitOC and the Camping Bares for a hike down to **Deep Creek Hot Springs**. Various members will participate in, or spectate at, Olive Dell's increasingly popular **Bare Burro 5K Run** on Sunday, April 22. One of our members will be hosting and leading a **Naturist Desert Camping Trip** to view the ancient Petroglyphs near the Rodman Mts. from April 27-29. Concurrently, the SCNA Women's Group is planning another **Women's Gathering** to be held at one of the local resorts the same weekend.

Of course, May will begin with our traditional **Cinco De Mayo Party** in West LA on Saturday, May 5. The SCNA will return to the popular T Health Spa in Torrance for another **Nude Spa Evening** inviting members of other local clubs on May 19th. A few members will travel up to San Francisco that same weekend to participate with the nude contingent in the **Bay to Breakers** 12K on Sunday, May 20. We'll close out the month by returning to Olive Dell Ranch for their **Rockin' the Ranch Music Festival** on Memorial Day Weekend.

A number of members will head over to Glen Eden for **AANR-West's Summer Festival** as well as their **Nude 5K**. The following weekend SCNA members will attend our **Welcome to Summer Pool Party** on Sunday, June 10 in the West Hills area of the San Fernando Valley. Our first **Bates Beach Party** will take place the following weekend on Saturday, June 16. So that we're not competing with LA's Pride Parade again, we scheduled 2018's **World Naked Bike Ride** on Saturday, June 23. Our sister group, Friends of Bates Beach, will once again enter a car in the Carpinteria **Fourth of July parade** for the sixth year in a row on Saturday, June 30.

Another **Women's Gathering** is planned for July 7. We'll host another **Bates Beach Party** to kick off **Nude Recreation Week** on Sunday, July 8. The club's **Election/Members Appreciation Party** will be held in Altadena on July 14. Some members will head up to Lupin Lodge for the **Naturist Society's Western Gathering** from July 19-22.

Many of us will then head down to De Anza Springs Resort for an extended stay covering the **AANR-West and AANR National Conventions** from August 2 -12. Those not there will travel up to have a **Bates Beach Party** on August 11. Saturday, August 18 we will return to Olive Dell to host our annual **Nude Summer Games**, and we invite **all** clubs, landed or non-landed, to send participants to represent their club, or just come out and have fun!

Paralleling these events will be our monthly **Men's Only Nude Yoga** classes in Canoga Park as well as **Co-Ed Nude Yoga** classes that take place in Altadena. We're also presently negotiating with another teacher to start a third **nude yoga class**. More shows with the **NudeComedyLA** group will be scheduled throughout the year also. We continue to host monthly **Meetup dinners** in Van Nuys, Pasadena, and Torrance. In April we will resume our Meetup dinners in Ventura and Carpinteria.

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ClothesFree International — There has been no new content, video or photo, loaded to the website since June 2017.

The Sequoians — they are still closed to non-members until April. During their winter closure they have refurbished facilities in need of work and enjoyed the usual club activities like holiday parties, indoor games, potlucks, etc. This members' owned club are planning their typical busy spring centered around holiday themed events, bands, and of course food.

Olive Dell Ranch – ODR held a typical schedule of fall and winter activities, including their Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, and Super Bowl Parties. Weather has been warm and dry, as has most of Southern California, as Spring approaches.

ODR's biggest annual event will be the weekend of April 21 and 22 as they have announced the 9th annual Bare Burro 5K. The 5K will be run on Sunday the 22nd and if past similar to past events can expect up to 300 runners. Coming back for the second year on Saturday the 21st is the Bare Burro Beer Mile run. Last year about 30 runners participated in the Beer Run and they are expecting more this year. The premise is simple. You drink a can of beer, run ¼ mile, drink another can, run another ¼ mile and repeat until you've completed drinking four beers and run a mile. Registration is open for both events via the ODR website or Active.com. They have a couple of outside sponsors for the race and a good video of "What's it all about" can be found on the ODR website.

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Hangin' Loose % Retreat & Botanical Garden

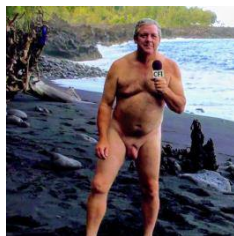
The big news at HANGIN' LOOSE is that **Janet and Michael Smith** are looking for a buyer. The self-styled *Punatics* have welcomed nudists to their tranquil retreat for over sixteen years. Located on the slopes of Mauna Loa near **Pāhoa on the Island of Hawai'i**, the property consists of the main house, two Mongolian-style yurts and a converted garden "shack" – all beautifully decorated, plumbed and self-contained with full kitchens. The jungle landscape affords comfortable privacy for the novice naturists with meandering pathways to explore the local flora and fauna.

Jan says their priority is to assure the new owners will continue the business as an AANR-affiliated, clothing-optional haven. HANGIN' LOOSE welcomes visitors from around the world, mostly from the US, Canada and Europe. This is the busy time with many *snowbirds* visiting and they have solid bookings for the next several weeks. Their association with AANR has a positive effect on guest responses.

Due to the local need for anonymity, HANGIN' LOOSE avoids advertising in-state. Nonetheless, many newcomers find them via adverts in The Bulletin along with bona fide international nudist publications. Jan says the connection with THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION is *gold* in assuring people they are a safe, friendly and legitimate nudist location. The Smiths continue to push for more AANR memberships through HANGIN' LOOSE. "Our numbers are still not where we would like; we hope to attract new and transferred affiliates via discounts and gift passes."

A black sand beach thirty minutes from HANGIN' LOOSE is the site of *Sunday at Kehena*. An eclectic gathering of visitors, local "granola" and the simply curious — all in various stages of undress — enjoy the raw beauty of the rugged Puna Coast to the rhythm of a drum circle and the pounding surf at this popular, *tolerated* clothing optional cove. Be prepared to hike a short but quite vertical path with a fifteen-foot drop at the bottom, courtesy of the 1975 earthquake. Also, **heed the locals' advice about** challenging the rough waters; strong currents and riptides are common.

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(L to R) Kevin interviews Jan; Andy reports from Kehena; CFI visits Hangin' Loose; Kehena beach day; Andy welcomes Brian to Hawai'i NATURALLY.

Special Report

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REVIEW: SWIM FREE HAWAII

Everybody needs some salt-water **therapy from time to time**. It's been a trying few weeks for me personally so, when I had a rare moment for myself one January week-end, I serendipitously found my way to the docks for my "appointment."



Months ago, Jeff Baldassarre, AANR's Director of Marketing and Communications in Kissimmee, told me about a new boat charter based at Honokōhau. Capt. Chuck Hauptert has been conducting fishing charters for thirty years and intimately knows these waters as well as its sea life. He and his partner, Nova Neri, established SWIM FREE HAWAII last year to offer visitors and locals the opportunity to explore the Kona Coast of the Island of Hawai'i in an exciting, safe and comfortable clothing-optional environment.

Our adventure started on a clear, calm Saturday afternoon. We motored from port in search of spinner dolphins, which didn't take long. Two ladies from the Mainland and a young Maui couple hired to take drone photographs of the adventure were my company aboard. As the captain slowly circled a pod of dolphins, four passengers jumped into the water to snorkel — DRESSED! All right, I figured this may not be a nude cruise after all,

judging by my fellow passengers' lack of knowledge with the American Association for Nude Recreation and their "that's ... interesting" response to my advocacy; oh well. As I had no swimming costume at the ready, I graciously (reluctantly) declined to join them.

After the dolphins lost interest and left, we spotted a humpback whale near the horizon and gave chase but to no avail. Captain Chuck turned back towards shore and headed for a cove near Kohanaiki, an aptly named stretch of coast which means Small Naked (area) in Hawaiian. Nova doffed her bikini, dove into the crystal blue water to tie the boat to a mooring buoy. Chuck climbed down from his captain's chair already as nature intended, donned mask and fins, and disappeared into the soft waves. "Hey, I'm in for a penny!"

The water was fantastic; warm enough to endure yet cool enough to refresh. One of the ladies tossed in some Cheerios which caught the fish's attention. The bottom was about twenty feet down with lots of coral heads, arches and lava caves to explore. Of the seven aboard, only Chuck, Nova and I were skinny-dippers; we defined the harmony of clothing-optional. With the drone hovering overhead, Nova posed for some "floating" photographs. I even got the opportunity to pilot the mini-aircraft — I see a new toy!



Our cruise lasted about three hours but its memories will last forever. As the captain says, "We create our own clichés!" When planning a visit to the Big Island of Hawai'i, be sure to book a cruise with SWIM FREE HAWAII. They're located at Honokōhau, halfway between the Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport and Kailua-Kona town. Contact Chuck and Nova on www.swimfreehawaii.com to reserve your salt-water therapy ... naturally. 🙌

