



OFFICERS REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Date: AANR-West Convention Meeting July 27-30, 2017

Location: Deanza Springs Resort

To: AANR West Officers, Directors and Clubs

From: Walt Stephens

Thank you for believing in me and allowing the latitude to do things a different way from how they have been done in the past. I have truly enjoyed serving my two year term as President. However I was not in this alone and could not have done this without the support of the team. I was impressed with the changes in the attitude of the board with the addition of our new directors plus bring Gregory Wilkinson on as AANR-West's legal consul. There was willingness of past directors to stay engaged and change the way we did our business. My goal was build an effective board that required better communications. The monthly Gotomeeting I believe was the key factor in allowing an inexpensive form of board communication to better facilitate committee work updates and keep board members engaged with each other between meetings.

Doing things differently means that not everyone is going to be happy with change. A few AANR-West members will scrutinize your every move and find fault with your actions even to the point of filing a complaint against you. With the approval of my Vice President and the board I felt I was not acting alone and was willing to take the heat because to move forward we must change. When I look back I'm proud we bucked the norm and of the achievement of this board made in the last two years.

1. Monthly Gotomeetings
2. Successful Public Awareness Campaigns
 - a. Ads in the Carpinteria Camber News Letter
 - b. Sponsoring two nude plays in Hollywood
 - c. LA Nude Bike Rides
 - d. Continuation of trade shows with new displays
3. Bring on the first active Legal Consul in years
4. Revamp of our ruling documents
5. The Biggy Getting Back public acceptance of nude activity on Bates Beach
6. Bring online a website with current technology
7. Eliminating festival fees to make the festival more accessible
8. Ice Cream Socials

I hope to remain active on this board as Vice President. No matter if I'm elected or not I will remain active outside this boardroom.

I know I did things differently than my predecessors. I still believe in order for AANR and AANR-West to survive we must commutate as the leadership in order to stay informed and disseminate a constant positive message.

I hope who ever our next President is they will seek input and ideas from our AANR-West members. While AANR-West is affiliated with AANR and our members belong to AANR it is the reasonability of the AANR-West President to do what is best for the members of this region while doing no harm to the AANR office.

Walt Stephens

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Report – June 23, 2017

By Gary Mussell

It has been a very busy four-month period since my last report.

Web Site:

The Web Committee (Walt, Ricc, and I) selected a web designer (Rocketboy Media, Inc, Chatsworth, CA) to build a new web site for AANR-West after interviewing several prospects. The designer we chose has his office near to all three of us, and has extensive experience building state-of-the-art sites for Chambers of Commerce and non-profit organizations. His ideas for combining calendars, donation requests, advertising, and basic information that can channel inquires to our clubs for follow-up is exactly what we were looking for. We have the capability to collect donations for GAT or other special causes, collect names from trade shows, etc. and do selective mass mailers directing these prospects to local clubs or future events. It is WordPress compatible. The price was in line with what others were asking. It is a 3-month job and it should be completed just in time to reveal itself at the summer convention. I have been meeting with the designer and his staff of writers about every ten days since we signed the contract to help with the implementation of our ideas. We will have a robust discussion about the move from Earth Village, no doubt, at the convention.

As we were going to press, we received an urgent email from Earth Village (see below) stating our existing aanrwest.com had been wiped out by some malware and they were going to have to rebuild it from scratch. So, we are moving away from Earth Village with all deliberate speed.

From: Client Services [<mailto:service@earthvillage.com>]

Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 7:22 AM

To: AANR West :

Subject: Web Site Update

I'm sure you've probably seen in the news about the latest NSA leaks of certain windows vulnerabilities and the latest WannaCry ransomware, this is something that is hitting systems hard as of late and is impacting millions of systems world wide. Our server systems are monitored 24/7 and we run the scheduled patches and updates sometimes as frequently as daily. But the malware that hit us this past week is the most virulent and destructive of anything any of our technicians have ever seen. Sadly, this type of Malware is very hard to detect and some form of zero day service is about the only thing that can be used to come close to fully protect against something of this nature. Staffing for that kind of 24/7 monitoring for each server is a physical and financial impossibility. Major corporations are having to deal with stuff exactly like this on a daily basis and there isn't much that can be done to stop it from happening 100% on all systems. There are so many different ways that the system could have been infected and even with everything decrypted there is no guarantee we will be able to find out how it occurred, or where the hacking breaches were coming from.

We were able to preserve all email correspondence, mailing lists, etc., on our email servers, but it is with real sadness that we must tell you the web site was too badly damaged to be salvaged. The web site will have to be designed new. We will certainly do anything we can to help, we have excellent designers on staff as you know, and we share with you the feeling of real loss! Let me know how you would like us to proceed. We're here to help you!

Sincerely,

Paul Johnston

Senior Consultant

Client Services

[Earth Village Creations](#)

Internet Solutions for a Better World Community



We will have lots more to report at the summer convention.

Meanwhile, Walt has directed Russell to retrieve all possible emails and other records and extract them to a safe place until the new web site is launched.

After we launch the basic site, we will begin work on the Members Only section, where people and club leaders can blog, where clubs can display downloadable brochures, promo photos and videos, members can run personal classified ads. Eventually we will have an on-line store where people can purchase logo merchandise such as hats and shirts from AANR-West and our clubs.

Marketing and Public Relations:

I worked the trade show booth at both the Bare Burro 5K Run and the Summer Festival. We collected names of people who wanted more information about AANR and our future activities. I am the designated Quartermaster for the region, so I managed the portioning out of giveaway items at each of the public events where we had our presence known. This included not only the travel and parks shows earlier in the year, and the two 5K runs in late spring, but also at the World Naked Bike Ride in Los Angeles, the monthly nude comedy shows that we co-sponsored, and the Hollywood Fringe Theater play that we underwrote. AANR-West was introduced to many hundreds of nudist-friendly people who did not know we existed. See separate inventory spreadsheet.

GAT:

As the region's Government Affairs Team (GAT) representative, I attended the monthly national conference call and discussed pending legislation and other community issues concerning nudity. See my separate report.

Legislation:

President Stephens asked me to review the current AANR-West By-Laws to suggest ways they could be modernized or at least made more efficient. Director Mike Glinzak heads that ad hoc committee along with Legislative Chair Tony Wilkinson. I was happy to contribute some ideas to them.

Nominations and Awards:

Another of my assigned duties is to recruit candidates who wish to run for the AANR-West Board of Directors and Board Officers. I am happy report we have more volunteers seeking office than we have open positions, so there will indeed be an election at the convention. The exception at the moment is Secretary. We have looked high and low but a volunteer has not stepped forward. We continue our search. Please see my separate report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Russell and I participated in the Olive Dell Bare Burro run. It well organized and fun. Russell and I helped in the AANR information booth and this went very well. I want to thank Mark Walters of SCNA for all of his help to set and breakdown the booth.

Reminder: I will not be continuing in my role of secretary. The only skills needed are being a great listener; objectivity, and Microsoft Word. And I can teach you Word if needed. I will bring all the data files on a USB drive for a smooth transition.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Russell Lucia • AANR Western Region 2017 Convention

Treasurer, American Association for Nude Recreation, Western Region, Inc.

We finished the month of May 2017 with more than 96 thousand dollars in the main checking account, more than 800 dollars in the youth account, and more than 53 thousand dollars in the CD. We have almost 17 hundred dollars in other assets, and total assets of over 152 thousand dollars.

We have less than 8 thousand dollars in liabilities, and over 144 thousand dollars in equity.

So far this year we have income of over 17 thousand dollars, and expense of over 20 thousand dollars, so our net operating loss so far this year is over 27 hundred dollars.

I will be sending out the second quarter 2017 financial report some time during the first week of July.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Thank you very much,

Russell Lucia

Treasurer, American Association for Nude Recreation, Western Region, Inc.

TRUSTEE REPORT

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

FROM: Tim Mullins, AANR-West Member Trustee

SUBJECT: Activity Updates February 2017 to present

The voting is on-going through the end of June on the proposal to have membership dues in AANR be set by the Board of Trustees. By the time the AANR-West Board meets the results of that election should be known.

No other significant items have been presented to the Board since my last report.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Mullins

AANR West Member Trustee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

	INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION		No report	
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	FINANCE			
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I would like to thank our treasurer, Russell Lucia, and VP Gary Mussell, for their invaluable assistance and advice on assembling the AANR-West 2017 Budget.

Outside of the added expense of designing and creating a dynamic new website for AANR-West, we are generally **within our budget as far as I'm aware.**

As of this writing, I'm not aware if Russell will be continuing as our Treasurer, and if so, I look forward to working with him in the next term. If not, we owe him our thanks for his service over the last few years.

Rolf Holbach

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Public Relations Report

**Andy Walden • AANR Western Region's 64th Annual Convention
de Ānza Springs Resort, Jacumba Hot Springs CA • 27-30 July, 2017**

TWITTER

Our account continues to build followers, albeit would like. The number would probably be a lot constant vetting of accounts to weed the porn hunters and other undesirables. We did top the June and hope to double this count before the end is to have more followers than posts!

Verification of *@AANR_WestRegion* will be sought protect us from future erroneous suspensions. In on our page, we need to submit the following:

- A verified phone number
- A confirmed EMAIL address
- A biography ✓
- A profile photo ✓
- A header photo ✓
- A website
- Posts set as *public* in PRIVACY settings ✓

We have had some of our Hawai'i centric posts account All News Hawaii 🇺🇸 (*@allnewshawaii*). *Honolulu car park streaker* as well as one **This 'blogger now regularly includes our messages helps get the word out to their followers who may familiar with wholesome family nudism. Let's take this as another little victory into the textile world!**



slower than we higher if not for the collectors, body-part 1100 mark in late of summer. Our goal

in order to help order to receive a 🇺🇸



retweeted by the They first liked our celebrating Lei Day. on their feed which or may not be

FACEBOOK

There is an account named Naked Vacations - Nude in the West with AANR West which was last updated two years ago. Others were found earlier but now cannot seem to be located. It is logged as a non-profit organisation, touts aanrwest.org as its home page and still has nearly 3400 followers.

Until we are ready to revamp the official AANR-West web page and focus on Facebook, our gymnophobic-friendly posts will continue on the surrogate Ke Ola Kohana page

INVENTORY

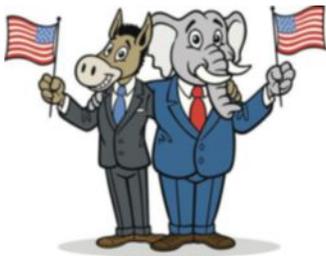
We reportedly bought well this year and are all right with our stock of spiffs and tchotchkes for the rest of the year. However, a reassessment of our supplies will be completed at the November Board of Directors meeting in preparation for our 2018 purchases.

AANR-West looks forward to a busy promotional season so watch for clever items which can be looged and use as give-aways or prizes; but please, no more box cutters!

POLITICS

Partisan commentary and innuendo in various forms of communication, both internal as well as external, have heightened over **the past twelve months**. **Now this isn't to say we ought not to engage** candidates or action groups who may be worthy of our cause; this report is addressing those correspondences and social media posts which have been full of ~~#~~ ... *err*, THEM from a number of affiliated nudist organisations, our leadership and from Twitter followers. These opinionated snipes may provide their authors a temporary smug sense of gratification but they serve a more detrimental action.

This director wrote an essay for NUDISTCLUBHOUSE.COM several years ago on the difference between liberal and conservative nudists. Our community is a representative cross-section of society as a whole, with viewpoints on every level of life. To borrow an old cliché, our eagle needs both a left and right wing in order to fly. It is not good policy for us as a whole to favour one side of *The Aisle* at the expense of our members who support the other lest there is a specific reason.



defend our liberties when threatened. The Government Action watchdog for regulations which would impede such freedom. actions are not the exclusive domain of one party or another. not specifically targeting social nudism per se but are typically broad brush to curb illicit behaviour with unfortunate wholesome nude recreation.

“Avoid discussing religion and politics,” is a good mantra by which we ought to abide — and for some, both are one and the same! This is not to say we need to abstain from the arena of ideas. As a social group, it is important to let our civic leaders and elected officials know who we are; and, of course, we will continue to lobby for our rights and



Committee is a great Remember, these legislative Most *anti-nudity* bills are written in haste or with a consequences for

Let's be clear: this is not a *gag order* for political participation.

to support applicants and initiatives which support our community as well as opine against those working against us. However, since nudism in **and of itself is rarely a plank in any candidate's platform**, the American Association for Nude Recreation, its regions and officers have a duty to remain either politically neutral or quite selective in regards to outward endorsements and opinions when speaking on AANR's behalf.

We, as individuals, are free

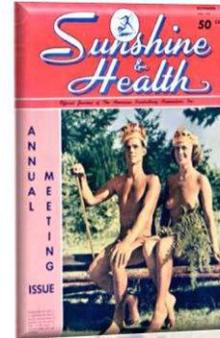
Associates Report

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WHO WE ARE

“The **American Association for Nude Recreation** works to increase the places where people can legally be nude through legislation, to discover and prevent anti-nudity legislation and to maintain positive media coverage. These efforts are largely volunteered from the ranks of clubs and individuals who want to enjoy being part of nude activities. Clubs, resorts and even nude-centric businesses may become an AANR-chartered entity. For individuals, couples or families, association is achieved via membership with an AANR-affiliated club independently as an AANR associate member.

AANR associates typically maintain annual renewable memberships, although memberships are also available. Membership in AANR includes a subscription *Bulletin*, AANR's monthly newsletter, which contains articles on naturist and issues related to naturism. *The Bulletin* began as an insert in the *Sunshine* magazine, and is now a standalone newsletter.



or resort, or

lifetime
to *The*
activities
and *Health*

WHAT WE DO



Are you actively or passively promoting social nudism? of the Western Region, we are all ambassadors for our There are several events where AANR-West can actively bring our message to the public in a relaxed atmosphere and the efforts of our Board and other volunteers are appreciated. Even when visiting venues such as beaches and even affiliated clubs, being able to talk to others about nude recreation is paramount to our growth.

There are also ways we passively bring recognition to interested parties; wearing logoed t-shirts and bumper stickers on vehicles are a couple of ways. This director has had interesting results at work with the AANR app on his *Android's* front page! The cell-phone is mounted on the dash and about a dozen passengers have recognised it, including a ten-year-old girl who exclaimed, “Mommy, he has AANR!”

As directors
association.

AANR-West 2016 Year End Voting Membership 7311 ... +1,53%
AANR-West 2016 Year End Associate Membership ... 1886 ... +2,33%

REGION: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION WEST (AANR-W)

CLUB	SINGLE	COUPLE	TOTAL Dec-16	TOTAL Dec-15	AMT. VAR.	% VAR.
*Air-A-Tans (Charter revoked 08/08/16)	0	0	0	3	-3	-100.00%
*Arizona Wildflowers	33	28	89	91	-2	-2.20%
~Buff-A-Teers	18	6	30	30	0	0.00%
~Canyon State Naturists	8	9	26	33	-7	-21.21%
*Canyon Sun Club (Reorganization 06/14/16 to AANR-MW)	0	0	0	6	-6	-100.00%
~Clothesfree.com	19	7	33	46	-13	-28.26%
DeAnza Springs Resort	113	97	307	309	-2	-0.65%
~Friends of Little Beach (Relinquished Charter 07/18/16)	0	0	0	5	-5	-100.00%
~Front Range Naturists	4	6	16	15	1	6.67%
*Glen Eden Sun Club	605	419	1443	1496	-53	-3.54%
~Hangin' Loose	2	7	16	13	3	23.08%
*Laguna del Sol	507	672	1851	1799	52	2.89%
~Las Vegas Bares	13	1	15	15	0	0.00%
~Las Vegas Naturists	3	11	25	19	6	31.58%
*Le Club	6	1	8	10	-2	-20.00%
Mira Vista Resort	84	111	306	271	35	12.92%
~Mohave Sun Club (Chartered 06/06/16)	11	7	25	8	17	212.50%
*Mountain Air Ranch	169	144	457	396	61	15.40%
~Naked Volleyball	8	3	14	17	-3	-17.65%
~Northern California Exposure	1	4	9	11	-2	-18.18%
~Nudistclubhouse.com (Relinquished Charter 03/10/16)	0	0	0	3	-3	-100.00%
*Olive Dell Ranch	55	66	187	200	-13	-6.50%
*Olympian Club	12	6	24	27	-3	-11.11%
*Pacifigans	1	2	5	5	0	0.00%
*Roadrunner Naturists	19	22	63	52	11	21.15%
*Sequoians, A Clothes Free Club, The	66	16	98	103	-5	-4.85%
Shangri-La Ranch	107	109	325	329	-4	-1.22%
~SingleNudist.com			0	0	0	0.00%
~Southern CA Nudist Association	11	10	31	28	3	10.71%
~SunTree Travel Club	7	7	21	18	3	16.67%
#1100C ~Wasatch Naturists	1	0	1	0	0	Provisional 2016
AANR-W Associates	884	501	1886	1843	43	2.33%

Legislation Report, Date: June 23, 2017
 To: AANR West Clubs, Officers, Directors, and Members
 From: Tony Wilkinson and Oliver B. Ellsworth

As of the date of this report, there are 14 propositions for consideration at the Regional Assembly. These items of legislation appear below.

All 14 propositions are amendments to the Association's bylaws. The maker of each is Board Member Mike Glinzak. The proposed changes were submitted in a single document. The most recent version of the document was received on June 19. The Legislation Committee has separated the proposed changes into 14 propositions to keep related changes together. The propositions may be considered separately or in combination.

None of the propositions has a significant fiscal impact.

Proposition #1—Amend Bylaws, Effective Pages / Art. IV(C) / Art. VIII / Art. X(C)
 for consistency: General to Regional Assembly, Board of Directors in lower case
 Amend as follows:

List of Effective Pages (page 1)

Page	Effective Date (M-YY)	Notes
3	8-16	2016 General Assembly <u>regional assembly</u> Motion 4
4	9-16	2016 General Assembly <u>regional assembly</u> Motion 5

Article IV (REGIONAL ASSEMBLY) -- C. Delegates and Voting (page 5)

3. ... The instructions on the delegate forms may not be altered or controverted by the ~~general~~ regional assembly. If delegate forms are not received, the votes will neither be cast nor be delegated by the ~~general~~ regional assembly.
4. The AANR West regional associates shall meet at the annual convention prior to the opening of the ~~general~~ regional assembly to elect delegates. ...

Article VIII (OFFICERS CHART) (page 6)

OFFICE	PRESIDENT
Meeting and voting rights	Shall conduct all meetings of regional assembly and board of directors; shall not be a delegate in the General Assembly <u>regional assembly</u> nor vote in the General Assembly <u>regional assembly</u> except in case of a tie; shall have no vote in the B <u>board of D</u> directors' meeting except in case of tie.

Article X (FUNDS) -- C. Scholarship Fund (page 8)

... The Scholarship Fund shall be supervised by the ~~B~~ board of D ~~directors.~~ ...

Rationale:

- (1) CORRECTION: Change 7 references to General Assembly (which is the AANR body) to regional assembly (which is the AANR West body), consistent with the rest of the bylaws.
- (2) STYLE: Change 2 references to Board of Directors to lower case, consistent with the rest of the bylaws.

Proposition #2—Amend Bylaws, Article IV Regional Assembly (B) Time and Place

Amend as follows:

Article IV

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

B. Time and Place

The regional meeting shall be held at the annual AANR West convention. The convention shall commence ~~on the Thursday two weeks during the four weeks prior to the AANR annual membership meeting, except when the AANR convention is held within the AANR West or AANR Northwest region. When the AANR convention is held in the AANR West or AANR Northwest region, the AANR West convention may commence on the Thursday one week prior to the AANR annual membership meeting.~~ The board of directors shall determine, if necessary, the precise date of the regional assembly.

Rationale:

Flexibility in scheduling the annual convention and its duration.

Proposition #3—Amend Bylaws, Article IV Regional Assembly (C) Delegates and Voting

Amend as follows:

Article IV, REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

C. Delegates and Voting

1. ~~All types of Delegates~~ to the regional assembly shall be ~~accredited~~~~delected~~ each year not more than 90 days prior to the opening prior to the opening session of the regional assembly.
2. The Club ~~accredited~~~~delected~~ delegates shall represent the clubs by apportionment of one vote for every 25 basic AANR West members of the respective club, or fraction thereof.
3. Should none of the accredited delegates of a club be able to attend, a club may delegate by proxy its right to vote at the regional assembly to ~~another~~~~an~~ accredited club delegation. However, no club delegation shall cast a combined total of more than 30 proxy votes in addition to the full number of its own votes, ~~except that a club which has a valid voting strength in excess of 30 shall be entitled to cast the full number of its own votes.~~ The instructions on the delegate forms may not be altered or controverted by the ~~general assembly~~regional assembly. If delegate forms are not received, the votes will neither be cast nor be delegated by the ~~general assembly~~regional assembly.
4. The AANR West regional associates shall meet at the annual convention prior to the opening of the ~~general assembly~~regional assembly to elect Associate delegates. ~~The Associate elected delegates shall represent the associates by apportionment of one vote for every 25 associate AANR West members, or fraction thereof, present. Votes shall be allocated in accordance with item two above.~~ Votes shall be carried only by a member of the regional associates, with each elected delegate carrying no more than one vote. No proxies to clubs or other delegates shall be permitted.

Rationale:

- (1) Consistency in use of the term accredited delegates. Club delegates are accredited through the credentials process. Associates gain accredited delegate(s) through an election prior to the opening of the assembly (for which reason the term elected remains in section 4). The amendment was made by the Legislation Committee in consultation with the Association's attorney.
- (2) Correct the term general assembly to regional assembly, to match the rest of document.
- (3) Introduce the term proxy. Clarify wording that larger clubs can vote up to 30 proxy votes.

Proposition #4—Amend Bylaws, Article IV Regional Assembly (C) (5): Quorum

Amend as follows:

Article IV

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

C. Delegates and Voting

5. A quorum of the regional assembly shall consist of ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of the accredited delegates.

Rationale:

Protect ability to do business when a single large club is absent.

Proposition #5—Amend Bylaws, Article V Board of Directors (C) Meetings: Quorum

Amend as follows:

Article V

BOARD of DIRECTORS

C. Meetings

1. ~~Two-thirds~~ A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Rationale:

Protect ability to do business when directors are absent.

Proposition #6—Amend Bylaws, Article V Board of Directors (C) Meetings (2 through 5) Time & Date

Amend as follows:

Article V

BOARD of DIRECTORS

C. Meetings

2. The first board meeting shall be held ~~the day~~ within 24 hours following the adjournment of the regional assembly at which the new officers were elected.
3. The Fall board meeting shall be held on ~~the first~~ the first Saturday ~~each~~ in November after November 1.
4. The Spring board meeting shall be held on ~~the first~~ the first Saturday ~~each~~ in March not on Easter or Passover weekend.
5. The final meeting of the board shall be held ~~the evening immediately~~ within 36 hours preceding the opening of the annual regional assembly.

Rationale:

Greater flexibility in scheduling Board meetings.

Proposition #7—Amend Bylaws, Article V Board of Directors (C) Meetings (6 and 7) and (D) Interim Voting
Amend as follows:

Article V
BOARD of DIRECTORS

C. Meetings

6. ~~Special board meetings may be called in accordance with California law, by the president or by a two-thirds vote of the entire board. All officers, directors, trustees, and clubs shall be notified of the time and place of the meeting. Such notice shall be mailed at least ten days prior to the meeting.~~

7. Meetings of members may be held at a place within or outside this state. Members of the board may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone, electronic video screen communication, or other communications equipment. Participation in a meeting through use of conference telephone pursuant to this subdivision constitutes presence in person at that meeting as long as all members participating in the meeting are able to hear one another. Participation in a meeting through use of electronic video screen communication or other communications equipment (other than conference telephone) pursuant to this subdivision constitutes presence in person at that meeting if all of the following apply:

(A) Each member participating in the meeting can communicate with all of the other members concurrently.

(B) Each member is provided the means of participating in all matters before the board, including, without limitation, the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the corporation.

(C) The corporation adopts and implements some means of verifying both of the following:

(i) A person participating in the meeting is a director or other person entitled to participate in the board meeting.

(ii) All actions of, or votes by, the board are taken or cast only by the directors and not by persons who are not directors.

D. Interim Voting

Voting between board meetings shall be in accordance with AANR West interim voting procedures as established in the procedure manual when a Special Board meeting cannot be called.

Rationale:

Conform bylaws provisions for calling special meetings to California Corporations Code (Section 7211), and adopt verbatim (in item 7) provisions of the California Corporations Code regarding telephone, video, and web meetings. Retain existing Interim Voting procedure for use when a special meeting cannot be called.

Proposition #8—Amend Bylaws, Article VII Members (A(2), B, and D)
Amend as follows:

Article VII
MEMBERS

A. General

1. Membership shall be open to all as specified in the AANR bylaws.

2. The term "member in good standing" shall be defined as a person whose AANR and AANR West dues are currently paid in full, ~~and who is not on either the AANR caution list or bad credit list.~~

B. AANR West Regional Associates

Membership in the AANR West Regional Associates shall conform to AANR bylaws ~~Article VI.D.2~~ and the AANR Governance Manual.

~~Section II.~~

C. Membership Suspension

A local club may suspend or expel a member for good cause in accordance with established club procedures. No member shall be expelled from AANR West without the opportunity of a hearing, and he must be furnished a copy of all charges against him at least five days prior to such hearing.

D. Membership Dues

Dues shall be established by the regional assembly, ~~as outlined in Section 8.00.00 of the AANR West procedure manual.~~

Rationale:

- (1) Remove an obsolete reference to external lists of potentially negative personal information which could cause liability to the Association.
- (2) Remove specific references to numeric sections of AANR documents that might invalidate the reference if the numbering was changed by AANR.

Proposition #9—Amend Bylaws, Article VIII Officers Chart, Vice President

Amend as follows:

Article VIII

OFFICERS CHART

OFFICE

Preparation & signing of AANR West documents

PRESIDENT

Shall sign all official AANR West documents as directed by the board; may countersign checks.

VICE-PRESIDENT

None except when properly presiding in place of president; may countersign checks with the approval of the president.

Rationale:

Bank practice is that the Vice President is a signer on the signature form. Change matches bank practice if the Association President gives approval.

Proposition #10—Amend Bylaws, Article IX AANR Trustees (A and B)

Amend as follows:

Article IX

AANR TRUSTEES

A. One AANR West member ~~trustee~~ shall serve as the AANR West representative (AANR West Trustee) to AANR in accordance with the AANR bylaws, ~~Articles V and IX and the~~ Officials' Qualifications Chart and ~~with the~~ AANR Governance Manual ~~3.02.04~~.

B. ~~The AANR West President shall be the~~The alternate AANR Westmember trustee ~~shall be the regional president per Article IX of the AANR Bylaws.~~

Rationale:

- (1) Clarifying wording suggested by legal counsel (the member is a representative and thus becomes an AANR trustee)
- (2) Remove specific references to numeric sections of AANR documents that might invalidate the reference if the numbering was changed by AANR.

Proposition #11—Amend Bylaws, Article X Funds, (B) Legal Fund

Amend as follows:

Article X

FUNDS

A. General Fund

This operating fund of AANR West shall be paid all income not otherwise directed.

B. Legal Fund

This fund shall be comprised of funds donated to AANR West specifically used to retain legal counsel when desired, necessary and to defend the constitutional right to practice nudism. The fund shall be supervised by the ~~Board of~~ Board of Directors. In an emergency, an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000.00 may be authorized by a majority of the officers. Nothing prevents the Board of Directors from also making expenditures for this purpose from the General Fund, the Legal Committee. Any reimbursement for legal fees paid from this fund and awarded to AANR West as a result of litigation shall be deposited back to this fund.

Rationale:

- (1) Remove reference to a supposed constitutional right to practice nudism that is not supported by case law, and which unnecessarily restricts the use of funds.
- (2) Transfer authority over the use of the fund from a loosely defined legal committee to the Board of Directors (here required to be capitalized to be specific).
- (3) Specify that money used from this fund be repaid to it if there are awards to AANR West as a result of the supported litigation.

Proposition #12—Amend Bylaws, Article X Funds, (C) Scholarship Fund

Amend as follows:

Article X
FUNDS

C. Scholarship Fund

This fund shall be comprised of funds donated to AANR West specifically used to award scholarships to children of AANR West members under the age of 27 parents for their higher education. The Scholarship Fund shall be supervised by the Board of Directors. Scholarship awards shall be authorized by the Scholarship Program Committee. Nothing prevents the Board of Directors from making expenditures for this purpose from the General Fund subject to the annual budget review process.

Rationale:

Except for exclusively donated funds, scholarship funding becomes a line item in the General Fund which allows for budget flexibility. Age 27 is specified in the Procedure Manual.

Proposition #13—Amend Bylaws, Article XI Parliamentary Authority

Amend as follows:

Article XI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The most current version of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern AANR West's **parliamentary procedures provided that Robert's will be overruled to the extent it is inconsistent with any AANR West ruling document(s). For parliamentary procedures, any AANR West ruling document(s) will be overruled by the AANR ruling documents to the extent of any inconsistency, unless they are inconsistent with the AANR West or AANR ruling documents.**

Rationale:

Establishes a hierarchy of ruling documents for parliamentary procedures. Reference to parliamentary procedures inserted by the Legislation Committee on the advice of Counsel.

Proposition #14—Amend Bylaws, Article XII Amendments to Bylaws (A(2), B and C)

Amend as follows:

Article XII
AMENDMENTS to BYLAWS

A. Automatic Amendments

1. If AANR revises any portion of its bylaws, such revisions shall automatically, although not necessarily verbatim, become part of the AANR West bylaws, effective at the same time as the AANR revisions.

2. The legislation committee may correct spelling, punctuation, abbreviation, capitalization, numbering and grammar of the ruling documents, to conform to current usage. No such corrections may alter the meaning or application of any document.

All corrections shall be subject to ~~rejection~~ review by the Board of Directors no later than 90 days after such change(s) has been approved by the legislation committee.

B. Proposed Amendments

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

C. Policies and Procedures

As its sole governing documents, the Articles of Incorporation, the AANR West bylaws, and the procedure manual of AANR West shall hereafter determine all policies and procedures of that body. In case of a conflict, the provisions of the AANR West bylaws shall prevail.

Rationale:

(1) In section B, clarifies the vote needed for amendments. If Proposition #4 is approved, the quorum for the Regional Assembly is half of the accredited delegates. This revised wording maintains the requirement for 2/3 of the votes that those delegates hold.

(2) The other additions clarify that the references regarding AANR West amendments refer to AANR West documents and (for notice) the AANR West trustees and clubs.

This completes the Legislation Report.

A summary of Board Actions taken during 2016-2017 will be provided at a later time.

	CONVENTION & FACILITIES			
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2017 AANR West Summer festival report by Dave Utter

The AANR West weekend was a great start to the summer! The Theme was Greek Gods and it was held in conjunction with the Nude 5K here at Glen Eden. A BIG thank you to Elaine P. and Jerilu M. for spearheading the decorations for AANR West/ 5K weekend, as well as Mike N. and Nina M. for making and painting our Greek Gods who were stationed around the Recreation area. It was a beautiful group effort!

The Toga Dance Friday night and the Greek Gods Dance on Saturday were well attended. Water volleyball teams from Olive Dell, DeAnza and Glen Eden kept the indoor pool lively all weekend. We had tennis, pickleball, table tennis, cribbage and billards tournaments Saturday and Sunday as well. Our nude 5K run was Sunday and over 140 runners participated. 50+ volunteers and staff made the entire event so organized and efficient. We have had so many comments from the runners about the fun, friendly people they met here. Most of the 5K runners stayed the entire day, consuming record amounts of sandwiches, burgers and pizza throughout the day as well as enjoying the Mudslides, Ice cream and Margaritas provided by the AANR West Board members. The AANR West booth was a popular place! A big thank you to all the board members who attended and interacted with members, guests and

runners. It was a great day from start to finish! We expect to bring in over 200 runners next year as the word gets out about how fun it is to be naked in the sun!

We have already calendared the 5 K for next year. It will be Sunday June 3rd, and Glen Eden would love to continue combining the AANR West Summer Festival with the 5K. It is a great opportunity to promote nudism throughout our region. The race coordinator Jeyzel is working with Olive Dell, Glen Eden, DeAnza and Shangri la on all of the nude 5 K runs- we expect bigger and bigger crowds of naked runners as word of each event spreads thru the region- it is a wonderful opportunity to get younger crowds to try nudism- and as we all know, once you try it you are hooked!

On a more serious note, I would love to see more interclub participation at our AANR West events. DeDe and her recreation coordinator Lisa want to reach out to our AANR West landed and non-landed club representatives as well as the sports clubs leaders here at Glen Eden to help us promote Pickleball, Tennis, Table Tennis and other events during the AANR west events- I would love to see these sports tournaments be well attended by all clubs during Summer and Fall Festivals! Water volleyball has set the bar- **it's time for others to step up as well!**

	SPORTS		Cyndi Faber	
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Sports: This year I ordered hats and shirts for sports prizes. I did this based off of feedback that I got last year at the various events that participants wanted shirts again. So I ordered, and had printed, 247 shirts and also ordered 48 hats. This gives the participants a choice of what they would like.

I attended the 5K at Olive Dell in April and encouraged all of the participants to continue with the series with the next event at Glen Eden. I also went to Glen Eden at the beginning of June for summer festival and their 5k run. There were several runners that I had seen at Olive Dell that I saw again at GE. I think that the idea of the series has been very well accepted and there is a great participation.

At Summer festival I handed out a total of 46 shirts. I have the remaining 201 shirts and 48 hats and will be bringing them to DeAnza for convention. We should have enough left over shirts to be able to use them for the running series prizes. Looking forward to passing along the sports knowledge that I have to whomever is appointed to the committee. I would like to see the 5k series develop to a point where it is a regionally sponsored event and all of the clubs working together to make it a great event that can draw a lot of people.

	YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT		Cyndi Faber	
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Youth/Young Adult: Patty and I have been going through all of the youth inventory, tents, air mattresses, grills, etc. and making an inventory chart so when the committee is handed off to someone else they do not have to go through all of it. There is a trailer that everything is stored in. A central location needs to be determined so that these items are available for use when the time comes. My recommendation is to talk to the clubs and see if we could work out a storage deal so it is in a safe secure location that is accessible.

I have not decided if I will be attending the YNL summit. I am waiting on the schedule and seeing if it is worth the cost, or if communication with other leaders will be sufficient.

Government Affairs Report – June 23, 2017

By Gary Mussell

The Government Affairs Committee consists of Gary Mussell and Mike Glinzak. It is a task we must do each morning so that no proposed legislation or court case that affects nude recreation slips by. Mike has decided to leave this committee to focus on other areas of interest in AANR-West. Gary will continue in this role until a successor can be found and trained.

Here are the highlights from these past four months.

San Francisco Ban on Public Nudity Ruled Constitutional by Ninth Circuit

If there was any doubt before, nudity is not a first amendment right, according to both the US Supreme Court (*Erie vs Paps*, and *Barnes vs Indiana*, etc.) and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. Local governments such as states counties, and cities are free to regulate it.

See more at: <http://blogs.findlaw.com/decided/2017/05/san-francisco-ban-on-public-nudity-ruled-constitutional-by-ninth-circuit.html#sthash.OgydXWPL.dpuf>

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On May 25, 2017, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a challenge to San Francisco's controversial law banning public nudity. The two plaintiffs seeking to overturn the law, Oxane "Gypsy" Taub, and George Davis, both faced prosecution under the law after donning nothing at all at the city's eccentric Bay to Breakers cross-city marathon and deliberately straying off the course, and at a local street fair in the city's foregone hippy epicenter, the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood.

Among San Francisco's many claims to fame, the casual attitude toward nudity is one that has fallen out of fashion, due much to the antics of Gypsy and George who have rallied a small group of supporters to appear nude at various public places around the city including public buses and at the tourist-centric Fishman's Wharf. In 2012, the city passed an ordinance requiring any person engaging in a public display of nudity to have obtained a parade permit first. In what is sure to be an upset to nudists everywhere, the ban has been ruled constitutional.

Even worse, the court explained that **the First Amendment does not provide absolute protection for all forms of expression. It reasoned that the city had a compelling enough reason to institute the ban, and that the ban does not prevent the expression of the idea of nudity, but merely the conduct used to express the idea.**

Content neutral restrictions are speech that are frequently upheld as constitutional. Additionally, the court found that the permit requirements were not overly broad, and the challenge to the permitting process was also rejected.

Gypsy and her group continue to hold protest rallies against the law and the court decision.

American River Canyon

On May 23, 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. The plan will define a long-term vision for the 30,000-acre park unit, provide guidelines and direction for the management of natural and cultural resources, determine management of recreation activities which may occur there, and identify potential facility improvements. A joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared as part of this project, to describe potential environmental effects of plan implementation.

Just below the Auburn Dam, on the north fork of the American River, is a very popular destination for nudists in this part of California.

The first public workshop on this planning process was held on November 12, 2015, in Auburn. A proposal to eliminate nude recreation in the area was beaten down by a room full of speakers at the public hearing.

California State Parks and the US Bureau of Reclamation have not given up, and are scheduling a new round of hearings "in late 2017." We are working with the local River Dippers nudist club to prepare now for the new hearings in case they are trying to create the ban again. We plan to send speakers to the hearings also, whenever they are held.

To receive project notifications via email, please send a message to general.plan@parks.ca.gov. You can find more information about the planning process here: www.parks.ca.gov/PLANASRA.

Bates Beach, Carpinteria, CA.

Good news! Read my Club Liaison report.

California Parks Forward

There was another meeting of the California Parks Forward Commission in May. This was the group created by the state legislature several years ago to rethink the entire state park system and find our sources of funding for them besides the government. We were asked to submit a proposal to include clothing optional beaches and hiking trails into their proposal but in the end, they kicked it back to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to solve the need (as well as the desire for more bike trails and how to designate parks where dogs off leash are allowed).

This meeting reviewed the progress made by the legislature on enacting their recommendations, which have been few and far between because of budget priorities.

A year ago, we testified at a public meeting of the State Parks Commission about the need for nude recreation in the state and of our submitted report. They directed the Parks Department to meet with us to talk about how to do this, but no meeting has ever taken place. And there has been no meeting of the Parks Commission since, either.

World Naked Bike Ride - Los Angeles

The second Saturday each June, as many as 400 people in Los Angeles remove their clothes to go “As Bare As You Dare” and ride *en masse* through the heart of the city on its main streets for a couple of hours.

At first reading that may sound crazy or inappropriate, but the annual event, which began in Germany in 2003, has expanded to over 200 cities worldwide in the past decade. The purpose is to protest the lack of bike lanes and safety programs, to ask people to use their automobiles a little less, and to promote body acceptance. Most participants use bicycles, but some are on skateboards or inline skates. And it is great fun! Most of the riders were under age 30.

AANR-West is a co-sponsor and financial backer of this annual event, along with SCNA and other local nudist groups. We had an information table and handed out AANR literature and some giveaway items like lip balm and pens.

The Los Angeles ride began about 10 years ago with great difficulty because of the city’s strict anti-nudity and indecent exposure laws. But we worked with the city council and found a flaw in the ordinance: nudity is prohibited at Los Angeles beaches and parks, but they forgot to include streets. If we ride on public streets and remain in designated bike lanes, the city attorney agreed to not issue citations since our “protest” falls under First Amendment protection.

For the past several years, we have gathered at a secluded area downtown. There is a bodypainting booth for those who want to decorate themselves with color or a painted sign on their backs. There are also signs to attach to each bicycle. We have a food truck and portable toilets, and some people bring guitars or other musical instruments. It resembles a large naked street fair. The event also attracts news media, so we have designated people to speak our talking points to get our body-positive message out. We often get 30 seconds on the local evening news, images pixilated of course.

The LA ride took about 3 hours to complete and is broken into two parts: a shorter 5-mile course for those who are out of shape and a longer 16-mile route that snakes through Chinatown, past Dodger Stadium, around Silverlake, past city hall and the main police station, then back through downtown to the starting point. For those who get too tired to continue we have two pickup trucks and two follow cars to pick up stragglers.

Along the route most people wave and take pictures with their cell phones. Every year one or two people flash their breasts or drop their pants in solidarity.

For the past three years we have had a police escort, which tells you how far we have come in official and public acceptance.

California Megan’s Law.

Many local nudist clubs use this list when reviewing park guests or potential new members.

California AB 558 expands the Meghan’s Law list to include people who were convicted of misdemeanor child molestation (not just a felony) or who were harassed via the Internet. Harassment can include the sending of naked images to the victim, or demanding the same from the victim. What defines a naked image seen by the victim, or a personal photo sent by the harasser, or perhaps sending a photo of a nudist park or beach? We understand what the author wants to do but her definitions are too vague. The bill passed the Assembly on May 31 and is now in the Assembly Public Safety Committee. No hearing date has been set.

Wyoming

Wyoming HB 298 prohibits minors from sending or receiving nude photos, but it is so broad that we interpret the bill as making anyone who receives or forwards an *AANR Bulletin* or *N Magazine*, or photos of a nudist park or beach, could be guilty of a felony.

The bill passed essentially unanimously through both houses of the legislature within five weeks, which is an astounding speed, and it was signed into law by the state governor. There was no time to protest or even send a letter asking for better definitions. This will have to be adjudicated in the courts down the road and we will watch for when that happens to see if we want to file an amicus brief. AANR should start preparing now.

Hawaii

The 2000 Hawaii Supreme Court decision *State v. Kalama* ruled that law enforcement agencies cannot arrest or issue a citation to a person who is nude unless a the person is acting in a lewd manner.

SB691 would have expanded 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.” This includes simple nude sunbathing.

We were concerned as this could be interpreted as a total ban on nude recreation within the entire state. We were prepared to work with NAC and jointly hire a lobbyist if necessary. Fortunately the bill never had a hearing as the committee chair where it was assigned was opposed.

New Mexico

HB 43 redefines sexual offenses and expands the scope of sexual contact to a minor. Among other things, it adds “mental anguish” that requires psychological or psychiatric treatment by the victim if they feel threatened by sexual contact or potential sexual contact. The bill, as passed 66-0 by the state House, is so broad it could define reading a naturist magazine or going to a nude hot spring with their parents as potentially traumatic to the child. We will watch to see if the State Senate tightens up these definitions or not. According to the CQ Tracking online legislative software we use, its hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee has not yet been scheduled.

Other issues (not in the Western Region) being discussed by the GAT Committee at its monthly regional phone conference:

The new Federal Wilderness Area Federal Budget

The Trump Administration is starting to propose a rollback in federal regulations and budgetary allocations to agencies responsible for supervision of federal lands. The White House is seeking only about \$100 million in funding for capital improvement and maintenance by the National Forest Service, down from \$363 million this year. That 73% cut could have a huge impact on recreation in general and nudist recreation on public lands specifically because it likely will result in the selling off public lands to the states and to corporate interests for development, according to Rebecca Turner, senior director of programs and policy for American Forests, a nonprofit conservation organization.

GAT and the AANR office are discussing putting out an email to all members suggesting members contact their Congressional representative to tell them they oppose the cuts proposed. No decision has been made on this as of this writing.

The **Utah** legislature passed a resolution this year endorsing the idea of selling off public land for development purposes. The legislature has many proponents of the “open range” movement where some local radicalized ranchers do not want to pay BLM grazing fees for their cattle.

Top Freedom at Ocean City, Maryland

Chelsea Covington has been an advocate for “Top free Equality” with men for several years. Her position is that, almost a century after women won the right to vote, nudist organizations should help support her effort to let women take their tops off anywhere that men can, to if they choose.

The story made national news after Chelsea and some friends started going top free along the beachfront at Ocean City, Maryland. As one reported wrote in the *Washington Post*, “This family-friendly place with “No Profanity” signs along the boardwalk, guys selling Bongzilla outside its boardwalk shops; T-shirts stores with sex jokes printed on the front, and a Hooters restaurant. Also: twerking, thongs and foam dance parties galore. But please, save the children from breasts...Welcome to America, land of mixed messages and double standards.”

Maryland law is not entirely clear when it comes to the question of whether women are expressly prohibited from baring their breasts in public. So, the beach patrol told lifeguards not to confront bare-chested women or ask them to cover up while the issue was sorted out. Unfortunately, that order rippled through social media that proclaimed that “Ocean City is topless!”

On Saturday, June 10, the Ocean City Council convened an emergency meeting to pass a public nudity ban. The ordinance makes public nudity a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and once again enforceable by the local beach patrol. The quick action took everyone by surprise, and we could not respond in time with a response. However, we expect a court challenge to the ordinance so there may be an opportunity for AANR to respond at that time.

Special Election: Montana

In mid-May, it was brought to our attention that the Democratic candidate for Congress in the special election in Montana last month was Rob Quest, a frequent entertainer at the Sun Meadow nudist park near Coeur d’Alene. The Republican candidate made the nudism part of his “family values” campaign against his opponent. The AANR office along with other naturist groups decided this was an opportunity to respond to the media about the positive effects of social nudism. Quest lost this election in early June.

Idaho BLM Proposed Supplementary Rules Issue.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposed changes to its Statewide Supplementary Rules in Idaho in 2015. The full document can be found online at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2015/02/03/2015-02068/proposed-idaho-statewide-supplementary-rules>.

Due date for comments to be received was 04/06/2015. AANR learned about this proposal on May 31, 2017, from a BLM employee who was thoughtful enough to bring it to our attention during the Partners Outdoors meeting in Washington, DC.

Pertinent Extracts from the Document:

- “Public nudity: The BLM recognizes that some individuals and groups desire clothing-optional recreation. However, in areas where recreational opportunities and/or facilities draw large numbers of visitors, public nudity can create controversy and conflicts among users, and cause law enforcement concerns. The intent of the proposed supplementary rule is to prohibit public nudity at all developed sites, hot springs, and other high visitation areas. This would still allow lands with a lower concentration of visitors, such as wilderness areas, to be clothing-optional.”
- Definitions: “Developed recreational area or site means any site or area that contains structures or capital improvement primarily used by the public for recreational purposes. Such areas or sites include delineated spaces or areas for parking, camping or boat launching; sanitation facilities; potable water; grills or fire rings; tables; or controlled access.”
- Public nudity means nudity in an open place.
- “Public nudity is prohibited in all developed recreation areas or sites, visitor centers, hot springs and other high visitation areas located on public lands.”

After a phone conversation among the GAT representatives it was decided to submit the following letter to the BLM Idaho Office:

Dear Mr. McGrath, In February of 2015, the Bureau of Land Management published in the Federal Register a document entitled “Proposed Idaho Statewide Supplementary Rules.” Among other things, the proposed rules would ban public nudity in developed areas of BLM lands in Idaho. We were unaware of the proposed rules until we were informed last week, so did not submit comments on them by the stated due date. Nevertheless, we have a few suggestions to make and hope that you will consider them as a way to improve public understanding and compliance with the proposed rules. You can appreciate that we become very concerned whenever rules limiting nude recreation are proposed. That is why we paid attention to your proposed rules when we did hear about them. Nevertheless, having read and discussed the text in the Federal Register, we have concluded that overall your proposals make sense. We appreciate your desire to minimize controversy and conflicts among visitors and between visitors and law enforcement personnel. Even though we hope someday that nudity or at least clothing optional recreation will be allowed, if not common, in many recreation venues on our public lands, we recognize that we must be content with reasonable regulations in the meantime.

On the other hand, we also recognize that the best interests of our members and of the general public are furthered only when those regulations are clearly written so they can be easily followed. Rules such as those you are promulgating should be as clear as possible so that visitors can know what is allowed and not allowed without having to learn them through an encounter with a law enforcement officer. While the proposed rules generally are well written, there are a few phrases that we believe are ambiguous enough to cause confusion. For example, in the paragraph headed “Public nudity,” you state that nudity is banned in areas that “draw large numbers of visitors” and in areas of “high visitation.” Those restrictions seem sensible but the terms “large” and “high” are imprecise. How many visitors must be present before some unstated threshold is reached?

Also, do crowds have to actually be present for that threshold to be met or is it necessary only that the site can have heavy visitation? Your language leaves it up to the visitor to decide if it is OK to be nude in a campground that is empty of other visitors or if s/he has to get dressed because two people show up at a site that has had no visitors for some hours or days. For visitors to have to make such decisions on their own is unfair and can create unnecessary problems for law enforcement. Another example: You state that nudity will be allowed in areas of "low concentrations" of visitors and in wilderness areas.

You also state that nudity will not be allowed in hot springs. If someone wanted to be nude in a hot spring located in a wilderness area, would that be allowed? Again, the statements are contradictory and should be clarified.

Your definition of "public nudity" also is ambiguous. It is defined as nudity in an open space. But what does "open" mean. If nudity is allowed in wilderness areas, does the nudist have to stay in the trees or can s/he be nude in a high mountain meadow, clearly an "open" area? If you intend to prohibit someone from being nude in a place where s/he would be openly visible to other people (presumably crowds of people and not just "low concentrations"), then the definition should be revised accordingly. Finally, we are concerned about the definition of "developed recreation areas."

Clearly any recreation site that contains buildings, camping pads, sanitation facilities, and other such capital improvements rightly can be considered "developed." However, we have to wonder if that definition is intended to cover minimal or primitive features that the average visitor would not necessarily recognize as structures or typical capital improvements but that obviously have been constructed by man (as opposed to naturally occurring).

For example, would trails constructed and maintained by BLM or the presence of such features as steps, handrails, or other constructions intended to guide users or to provide safety qualify that site as "developed?" We believe that your definition needs to be clarified to eliminate confusion in the mind of the visitor who wonders whether or not a sign or rail fence along a steep trail side puts him in a "developed" area. Before closing, let me say that we do very much appreciate your acknowledging the appropriateness of allowing nudity in wilderness area and other places where there are few if any other visitors. That is a very realistic position to take and we applaud you for it.

Dan Whicker Executive Director

In closing, I apologize for the length of this report. Some have criticized me for being so detailed. I think our Board and regional members deserve to know all the things we do on their behalf. This government action team is one of the primary functions of both AANR and AANR-West!

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REPORT

I have been quite busy working with the Legislation Committee regarding the latest round of proposed By-Law changes. A lot of good work has been done by all involved and the proposed changes certainly move the AANR West By-Law further along and help clarify multiple sections. I look forward to further efforts in this regard and stand ready to assist as needed.

Recently the Federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decided the case of "Gypsy" Taub who was arrested in San Francisco for public nudity. This court ruled that there could be compelling government reasons to institute nudity bans. While this case is not helpful it is not the end of the legal story. Many nudity events could still be valid and protected under the 1st amendment's right of free speech. However specific facts (where, timing, why, the purpose of the event, etc) are still important. This makes consulting legal counsel even more important than ever if you are planning any such events. Attached is the actual case for further reading.

I have been working with Walt Stevens in regards to ways AANR West can coordinate and share information with the national AANR organization to better serve AANR West members. In this effort, we are also in discussions with multiple officials at AANR on such things as website access and cross promotion.

There has also been some legal issue with the AANR West website hosted by Earth Village which I have been assisting with but due to the confidential nature of those items, no details can be provided at this time.

Finally, I want to thank all the board members and officers of AANR West of the opportunity to serve as legal counsel. You are a great group of folks who truly care about AANR West and all of its members.

Gregory L. Wilkinson, Esq

Nominations and Awards Report – June 23, 2017

By Gary Mussell

One of my tasks as Vice President is to organize and coordinate the annual Nominations and Awards Committee. We seek out new volunteers who want to serve on the Region's Board of Directors, and we collect and vote on any nominations for our numerous awards.

All of the officers' terms are up and they must stand for re-election. Here is a list of nomination forms I have received to date. I understand there are other who are thinking about it but we have not yet received any paperwork confirming their candidacy:

AANR-WEST OFFICERS

2017	President	Gary Mussell, SCNA, currently Vice President Cyndi Faber, Shangri-La, currently member Bd. of Directors
2017	Vice President	Walt Stephens, Associate Member, currently President
2017	Secretary	No nominations submitted
2017	Treasurer	Russell Lucia, Arizona Wildflowers, currently Treasurer

Election of Directors

At present, we four of the nine director positions up for election. Three of the current directors, if they choose to run, may run for re-election and another two-year term. One director position is for a one-year term to replace the spot vacated a few months ago when Craig White resigned. Director Cyndi Faber is termed out and cannot run for the Board again.

There are five announced candidates for Director whose nomination papers have been received:

Mike Glinzak, Olive Dell, CA
 Andy Walden, Hangin' Loose, HI
 Ernie Wiese, Mountain Air Ranch, CO
 Claudia Kellersch, De Anza Springs, CA
 Jeff Tendrick, Shangri-La

The three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to a two-year term. The fourth-place candidate will be elected to a one year term and must stand for election again in 2018. Any candidates receiving fewer votes will be declared Alternates and will receive first consideration should a future vacancy occur.

Directors not up for re-election whose terms expire in 2018:

Rolf Holbach, SCNA
 Dave Utter, Glen Eden
 Ricc Bieber, SCNA
 Tony Wilkinson, Glen Eden
 Kimberly Wolfe, De Anza Springs

EX-OFFICIO

Regional Trustee Tim Mullins, of *Northern Exposure*, also sits on the Board as an ex-officio member. He was re-elected to a two-year term by the entire region in June 2016. His term expires in 2018 and he is ineligible to seek reelection at that time.

A quorum to hold a legal Board meeting requires six of the nine directors be present. The election will be held at the Convention in July by the Regional Assembly.

HONORARY AWARDS

The following names and clubs have been nominated for these various AANR-West honorary awards:

Hall of Fame

Horst Krause, nominated by Cyndi Faber, Shangri-La

Family of the Year

Ron Mercer with Bella and Jacob Rodriguez, nominated by Rolf Holbach.

Man of the Year

Carmen Calco and Richard Hirst, co-nominees, for their outstanding work at the Western Nudist Research Library, nominated by Art Bell of Glen Eden.

Woman of the Year (Peggy Pickett Award)

No nominations submitted

Host Club

De Anza Springs

Young Man and Woman of the Year

Male: No nominations submitted

Female: No nominations submitted

Bill Hawk Sportsmanship Award

No nominations submitted

Bob Page Memorial Award

No nominations submitted

Membership Increase Awards:

Highest Percentage Gain

Highest Number of Members Gain

The 2016 AANR membership figures indicate the winner of the highest percentage increase is Mohave Sun Club (212%). But since they only started last June, they are ineligible. The actual winner is **Las Vegas Naturists (32%)**. Second place was Hawaii's Hangin' Loose clubs at 23.08%.

Highest increase in actual numbers is **Mountain Air Ranch** (61 new members) followed by Laguna del Sol (52 new members). Congrats! Awards will be given out at the July Convention.

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HANGIN' LOOSE

As a small clothing-optional retreat near Pāhoia on the Island of Hawai'i, HANGIN' LOOSE is a small AANR-chartered club owned and operated by Michael and Jan Smith, self-described *Punatics* who just returned from a well-deserved holiday on the Mainland to visit family. They welcome nudists from across the United States, Canada, Europe and a growing Asian interest. Jan and Michael are now ready for the summer visitors after a strong *snowbirds* season. Its name stems from an expression suggesting a relaxed, carefree attitude. Lending to the local Island dialect, the final G is dropped in favour of an apostrophe.

The weekly *Sunday at Kehena* continue to be a highlight in spite of a news story from last November (see below). The black sand beach is a minute drive from HANGIN' LOOSE and is a place for an eclectic collection of local *granola* and the curious — all in various stages of undress. Be to hike a short but vertical path and heed the locals' advice about the rough waters.

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This small black sand beach was briefly in the national spotlight last year as this Board prepared to meet in California. On the morning of 1st November, Mountain View resident Paul O'Leary was making good time on one of his regular swims at Kehena when he suddenly felt like he had caught his right foot on something under the water. It wasn't until the 54-year-old got out of the murky water that he learned he had become another statistic in an unusually grisly year for shark attacks in Hawai'i. O'Leary was brought to shore and rushed to hospital where he received more than fifty sutures to close a gash on his ankle and repairs to two torn tendons.



O'Leary was being interviewed by a group of journalists when he was quoted as saying, "If you've never gone swimming nude, you *gotta* try it. You feel very free ... there's very little resistance." His doctors expect him to make a full recovery after some physical therapy.

AANR-West salutes Paul O'Leary for his bravery, his sense of humour through this ordeal and his positive endorsement for enjoying the surf naturally. As for those morning swims, O'Leary says he expects they will continue as soon as allowed, albeit not on days when the water is murky.

19° 23' 41" N ... 154° 55' 44" W

Club Liaison Report – June 23, 2017

By Gary Mussell

Bates Beach, Carpinteria, California

We are happy to report that after many years of community and political involvement, the western section of North Rincon Beach has finally been allowed to return to its traditional clothing-optional status in Santa Barbara, California.

The Friends of Bates Beach, a division of the Southern California Nudist Association (SCNA), started work on this in earnest about 2007 after the beach was swept clear of nudists in 1999 and 2000 despite a 40-year tradition of “live and let live” nudity there. The northern half of Rincon Beach, at the boundary of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, was always referred to as Bates Beach, named after the freeway exit road that took people to the beach. All that changed when local homeowners complained, and the sheriff deputies swept the beach issuing tickets to finally drive the nudists away.

The county hoped that the textiled beachgoers would drift up the beach and replace the nudists there, but they didn't. Instead local gangs came in and sprayed graffiti on the walls, and drug dealers took advantage of the lack of people to do their drug sales there. After five years the nudists had had enough and approached SCNA to help get the beach back. The club, centered in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, created a new fictional business name for itself in Santa Barbara County: Friends of Bates Beach (FOBB). They budgeted over \$1500 to the cause each year, joined the local **Chamber of Commerce**, and became active in local community events. Each year, FOBB coordinated the annual California **Beach Cleanup Day** each September, attracting dozens of local volunteers to clean up the trash at the beach and other nearby creeks. The publicity was very positive.

FOBB demonstrated the purchasing power of nudists by paying for everything with **\$2 bills**. After a few years this marketing gimmick became well-known all over town as people realized how many nudists lived in the Carpinteria beach town. FOBB also became active in local politics and supported several friendly candidates for city council., the state legislature, and for county candidates.

We also created a **Beach Ambassador** program at Bates. Based on the successful program at Haulover and Gunnison beaches, we trained volunteers to be a “neighborhood watch” to reduce drug and gang activity in the area and to prevent any inappropriate behavior on the sand. All we asked in return was an amendment to the county anti-nudity ordinance allowing a legal nude beach at Bates. This campaign took a lot of time, work, patience, and money. But we persevered.

Finally, because of all of our community activism, we convinced the County Supervisor in the south county that nudists deserved to have their beach back. But he wasn't interested in formally changing the law, as that was still politically a step too far. Instead he contacted the County Sheriff's department and the County Parks Department and convinced them to agree they would no longer issue tickets for simple nudity at Bates unless there was a complaint for lewd conduct or something more serious than just minding our own nudist business. This is the same arrangement that exists at many other nude beaches around the country. We accepted.

Our first major beach party was June 17 and it was very successful. About 30 nudists showed up for the first time in 17 years to test the waters and the reaction of other beachgoers. We were pleasantly surprised to receive a warm greeting. Some, upon seeing us ditch our clothes, decided to join in the naked experience also. Over the coming year, as word spreads that we have the beach back, we expect that number to grow to about a hundred on weekend days. Volleyball games and BBQs are already being planned.

AANR-West was very helpful for the past dozen year, contributing badly needed money to the cause. Several of the nudists at that first beach party were AANR members who lived locally. The Nudist Action Committee, associated with the Nudist Society, gave lots of legal advice over the years. Last, we need to thank both Shirley and Richard Mason of Haulover Beach, who were pioneers at reclaiming a piece of Florida beach for nude use. Their advice and mentoring over the years was always helpful.

In summary, this was a **group effort** with many organizations working together to bring us success. But the courageous nudists in Santa Barbara never lost hope, and their “feet in the sand” on the beach and staffing information booths, and working the crowds in community parades are what got us the eventual victory.

Pirate’s Cove, Avila Beach, San Luis Obispo

Leaders of the Whales Cave Conservancy (WCC) remain frustrated with the San Luis Obispo County Parks Department. Despite the Coastal Commission decision to keep the beach area undeveloped, the parks department continues to push for new park development to increase tourism in the area.

Meanwhile the parking situation is becoming worse with “a constant stream of cars driving up, finding no parking and leaving or parking illegally.” On March 11, WCC counted 164 cars parked above the beach and on adjoining Cave Landing Road despite No Parking signs placed there by the county. WCC fears the sheriff may focus on parking violations once summer approaches as a way on reducing nude use at the beach.

Overall the beach saw fewer night parties than the year before. Sheriff and Harbor patrols have come down on several occasions and that has helped. College students still party at one end of the beach, leave behind beer bottles and trash that WCC must haul up the cliff to the parking lot, where it sits for days waiting for pick up by the county.

WCC is keeping a running commentary about its frustrations at www.facebook.com/whalescc/.

On Cinco de Mayo weekend, the club led an organized beach cleanup. Another will be held after July 4 weekend, and yet another on the September 16 California Beach Cleanup day.

AANR-West has assured the WCC we are available to help if called. I said I was personally happy to drive up to speak to anyone if that is necessary.

The Olympian Club

The Olympian Club enjoyed a four-day weekend at DeAnza over Memorial Day Weekend, where they celebrated their 64th Anniversary. June featured a Brunch/Bingo Day with the club providing a full breakfast, followed by a round of Bingo with cash prizes. Everyone enjoyed the pool and hot tub. To top off the day, they had an Ice Cream Sundae bar with all the toppings.

July’s big event will be an 8th of July pool party with free hot dogs and a Chili Cook-Off. In August, the club will host their annual free picnic/pool party with hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings. They’ll finish off the Summer Season in September with their last home pool party, and finally a day trip to Olive Dell.

The club is attempting to bolster participation by offering more new events and more outdoor activities. Their current calendar includes monthly house parties, trips to landed clubs, and special outings. Membership dues are only \$35 per single and \$55 per couple.

	CLUB LIAISON REPORTS			
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Date: June 22, 2017
To: AANR West Clubs, Officers, Directors, and Members
From: Oliver B. Ellsworth
Re: Liaison Report

The heat has arrived at Mountain Air Ranch, as it is throughout the west, so summer activities are in full swing. There are numerous repair and renovation projects going on at the ranch to improve that facilities, and the club is continuing its efforts to attract more young members to the ranch, and a couple of family events, with free ground fees and food for families, have been planned. For more information on events, see the calendar tab on the recently redesigned club webpage (www.trynude.com).

June 2017

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

FROM: Tim Mullins

SUBJECT: Club Liaison Report

Updates from my assigned clubs since our last meeting.

River Dippers Website: <http://www.RiverDippers.org>

TNS Affiliated club, which I also belong to, has on-going meet and greets through Meet-Up.Com.

Scheduled events are on their calendar on the website. The annual Laguna del Sol weekend and Ice Cream Social are both coming up this summer.

Contact members@Riverdippers.org for further information. All items are on their website or on MeetUp.com site.

Their newsletter is available to members and clubs who request to be added to their mailing list. Send request to Editor@RiverDippers.org

American River Canyons Clubs – Inactive.

Family Skinny Dippers – Inactive

Northern California Exposure – website: www.norcalexposure.com

Our website is still down and I am the webmaster. I am supposed to meet with a member this month to update the website. In the mean time going to the website sends you to the Aanrwest website. All club activities have been combined with River Dippers.

Mira Vista Resort

No update.

Laguna Del Sol website: www.LagnadelSol.com

All their activities are on-going and on their website .

Tahoe Area Naturist

Inactive since North Swanson's passing

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mullins

AANR West Member Trustee

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ClothesFree International — CFI produces the Nudes in the News video show for its membership audience. They also are prominently promoting AANR membership to their audience on their website. No news on the planned nudist resort CFI was planning.

The Sequoians — they are celebrating their 70th year of operation this season with a big luau at the end of July. The event will also include a pudding toss. Where have we heard that before? Many guided hikes both on and off property are planned including night hikes throughout the summer. They participate in the Oakland First Friday events to build their visibility in the community.

Bay Area Naturists and South Valley Travel Club — no report but websites with contact information still active.

Lupin Lodge — Very active recreation and cultural program. The wet winter has brought green grass and hillsides to this forested resort. Many activities are aimed at younger nudists and Lupin gets a good turnout of these young adults.

Olive Dell Ranch – ODR again had their 8th annual Bare Burro 5K run in April. About 250 runners participated on a new course that was a more technical trail run than in previous years. A 1 mile Beer Run was run on the day preceding. Memorial Day weekend brought back the popular Rockin’ the Ranch event with plenty of live music and great BBQ ribs for all to enjoy. July 1 will feature an Independence Day themed dance and more BBQ. Mid-July will be the Artrageous Festival weekend which will feature painting, pottery making, sports, and plenty of outdoor activities. Early August will begin with the ODR/SCNA sponsored Nude Summer Games with many Southern California nudist clubs competing for the now much coveted club trophy.

AANR-WEST GIVEAWAY ITEMS INVENTORY CONTROL see attachment

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