

President's Report

AANR is an organization that is full of people with string desires to maintain and grow a vibrant community. We do not always agree on how that should be accomplished, but we are stronger together, than we are divided. Membership has been starting to rise across the organization in places that had been in decline. I hope it has in part been due to our efforts to be more open about who we are and what we do. In the past year our Public Relations Chair, Ronna Krozy has been interviewed at least twice. The AANR-West President, Cyndi Tendick was interviewed by a local TV station. I have been on two radio station interviews and even shot video for a CBS Sports piece due out this Fall. The saying 'Any press is good press' may be true, but *good press* is priceless.

Our website has gone through some changes this past year which you may have noticed. We have added a link to the Women in Nude Recreation website right on the main page that takes you to an amazing page developed by our WINR Chair Andee Rodgers who has also been instrumental in creating the 2024 WINR Calendar which you will hear about at the meeting. AANR is also working on other items throughout both the public facing site and the member's site. If you have not gone onto the members site lately, please do so and check out the additions.

This summer has all our regions holding conventions across North America and although I cannot make them all, I do try to at least attend online. Each of those regions has a Government Affairs team working to keep an eye out for any threats to nudism/naturism in legislature. With some new software acquired in the last year their work is more daunting with the amount of information they go through. One of these hard workers will be honored at the awards session for their work. There will also be a number of awards for many of our members, clubs and even some non nudist entities.

I hope you will join us during our meeting sessions whether in person or online to get an idea of what we do as a board. If you become interested in the board and what they do and feel you could contribute your time to being a board member, keep in mind elections are just a year away and we always welcome people interested to serve for the betterment of our organization.

Stay Naked!

Mitch London



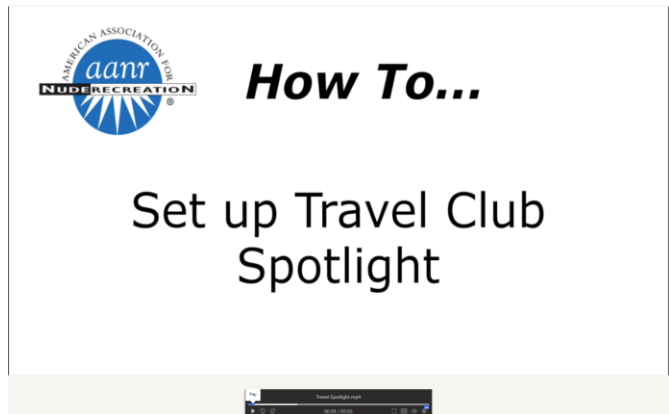
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To: AANR Officers, Trustees, Regions, Committees, Clubs, and Members
From: Erich E. Schuttauf, Esq. Executive Director
Date: July 17, 2023
Re: AANR Executive Director's Report to the AANR Convention

I deeply appreciate the opportunity to join AANR's leadership and members at Solair Recreation League in Woodstock, Connecticut. AANR and I are very grateful for the work of the volunteers at Solair and particularly Ronna Krozy, AANR's Convention Chair in preparing for this meeting. Thanks for their warm welcome. It is great to be heading back to New England again!

Ongoing Membership, Club Initiatives

AANR "how to" videos help members and clubs learn about Impexium software, and Passport program. Thanks to AANR President Mitch London and Max, beginning in early summer, AANR developed a series of helpful video demonstrations on topics ranging from adding club spotlights to the aanr.com web page, changing one's member profile picture, obtaining past publications such as issues of The Bulletin and more. AANR plans to showcase some of these short videos during the AANR convention. AANR also plans to unveil version 2.0 of the Passport program with a live demonstration.



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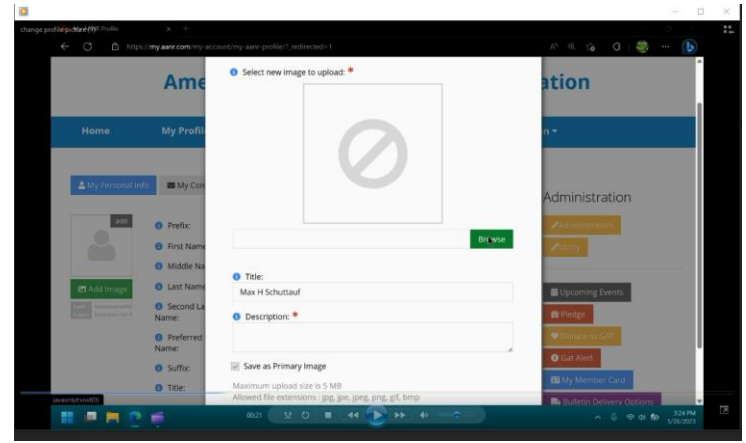
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AANR has continued implementing Impexium, the customer management system that facilitates membership information and sales and empowers club certifying officers to make changes reflecting member preferences, club policies, rosters of membership, and much more. Electronic payment systems via credit card or electronic check are available for convenience, albeit not within Canada at this time. Region, leadership, and committee tools are also features of this system. As of the date of this report, nearly all clubs have taken training in the system; more than one certifying officer may need training on different days.

Another Revised AANR Membership Brochure! Several volunteers within AANR, and particularly Andee Rogers of the WINR Committee and the AANR-Northwest region, have contributed another membership building tool. This rework of “Enjoy Life Naturally” provides basics of the nude recreation experience, as well as the important role AANR performs in protecting what we all enjoy. This adds to the materials developed previously, which were tailored to women’s issues and concerns. Electronic copies of all materials are available for download on AANR.com in the member services area.



Office and Infrastructure Upgrades

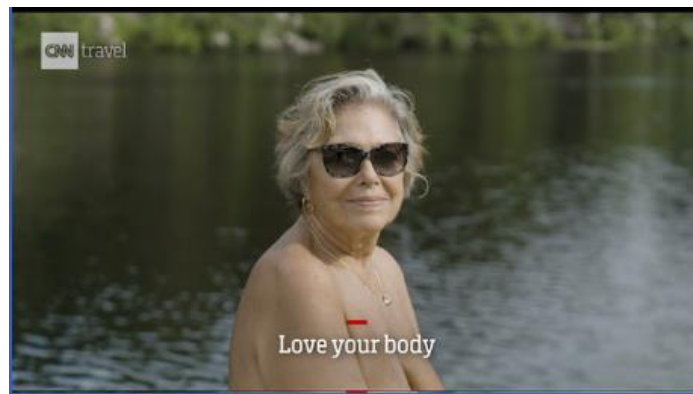
Several months ago the AANR headquarters completed an upgrade of the electrical meters, including better surge protection for equipment against lightning strikes.

Public Relations, Member Relations

AANR Bi-Monthly Zoom Calls Continue.

Well over 100 members often gather online a couple of times per month for sessions in which people from all of North America participate. Sessions begin with a general gathering, then move to “breakout rooms” that include writing, nudism and culture, women’s issues, advocacy, and others. Once per month a special segment “5 Minutes for Advocacy” conveys examples which most convey the work AANR is doing on behalf of members within legislatures, agencies, and the courts. To bolster participation, AANR regularly offers members a small gift/participation incentive to those who call the office the following morning. AANR deeply appreciates Walt Stevens, Karen Lahey, Ronna Krozy, Richard Dewey, and Linda Webber who do so much to help organize these events.

AANR PR Chair Ronna Krozy Featured in CNN segment “What to do at a nudist club.”



Congratulations are extended to Ronna for some excellent work with CNN to produce a short, yet effective, clip “Nude Beach Etiquette” which aired online as part of CNN Travel. You may access the 2:33 segment by visiting:

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/travel/2023/07/06/nude-beach-etiquette-newbies-contd-ff-mc-orig.cnn>

AANR 2023 Celebration of Nude Recreation Week and International Skinny Dip Day

Here is brief sampling of events from the week:

<https://www.fox26houston.com/news/emerald-lake-resort-in-porter-celebrates-national-nude-recreation-week-with-events>

<https://theosceolachamber.com/> (Cypress Cove after-hours event with the chamber of commerce)

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-nude-day-july-14/?fbclid=IwAR2mlskZLpBk2m2Ywa4VSTByvt2RfdUEXwEcjFN02YJ1AINWwjpsPN4FdH8>

Congrats to AANR W President Cyndi Tendick on an Incredible Story about Shangri-La’s Swim Clinic. Shangri La club in New River, Arizona hosted yet another successful event benefitting the nearby community: a swim clinic where neighboring parents could bring their (swimsuit clad) children for a few hours on special days when residents remained clothed. Swim workshops in the club pool taught even the smallest children basics of water safety. Local news coverage was very positive. See an interview with Cyndi by clicking the Swim Camp video button at <https://www.shangrilaranch.com/>

Feel the Freedom

AANR President Mitch London has been working with HBO Sports...

... on an upcoming segment to appear on the program featuring a variety of events hosted at nudist clubs across North America. The main program is hosted by legend Bryant Gumble. AANR members may read more about this in the July 2023 edition of The Bulletin.

2024 AANR Elections Just Around the Corner.

Please keep in mind that region and AANR-level positions will be available to qualified candidates elected in 2024. It is not too early to consider your respective nominations and campaigns!

Government Affairs and Legal

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) – Indianapolis, 2023.



As this report is being prepared, AANR is making final preparations for the Association's attendance at NCSL in Indianapolis, Indiana, to be held immediately in the week following the AANR convention at Solair. The theme for this year's souvenir pin will feature a happy topless driver and roadster with the aanr.com web address. Thank you to past AANR President Kathy Watzel and current AANR Secretary Treasurer David Levine, who plan to join me in staffing the booth. This year marks the thirtieth (30th) year of consecutive attendance and the 29th year offering a pin to help draw visitors.

Wreaths Across America Program Again to Help Fund GAT Efforts with Thanks to BG Parkes and SVR. Last year saw the successful launch of AANR's participation in the Wreaths Across America, a fitting way to honor veterans and the fallen for their service during the holiday season. Wreaths Across America have expressed their interest in working with AANR so that members will have the option of sponsoring a wreath to be placed on a service member's grave at several national cemeteries. Each wreath sponsored also helps to fund GAT work. Thank you to BG Parkes and the volunteers at Suwannee Valley Resort for their work to make this program possible. More information on ordering a wreath is available at www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/FL0995P

AANR Members, Clubs, Regions, and Staff Work to Help Address Legislation That Could Harm Nudists. AANR's Government Affairs Team tracks 50 state *legislation* including Puerto Rico, plus Canadian provinces, and even *regulatory* bulletins through software subscriptions. In particular AANR thanks AANR Vice President and Government Affairs Chair Tim Mullins, Bob Morton of the AANR SW region with experience of many years, and John Hunter of the Washington, D.C. Bob performs detailed

analysis of possible threats and flags these for GAT's attention. This allows us to spot trends and address legislation in early stages. Below are a few of the examples in which AANR members and clubs *played an integral role* in stopping measures in their respective localities. These are outlined in Tim's Government Affairs report (along with many other discussions of developments):

Arizona – In June, AANR West Region President Cyndi Tendick and AANR West GAT Chair Steve Schubert prepared an urgent call to action with AANR West members... asking their help to stop AZ Senate Bill 1698, which proposed restrictions on “performances” with nudity. AANR distributed President Tendick's message throughout the region, asking members to contact Arizona State Governor Hobbs. AANR is very pleased to report that over 2,000 AANR West members opened their message to learn more, and that many took further action. The collective efforts of nudists and many other groups convinced Governor Hobbs to veto SB 1698 and other measures later that month.

California – When the state budget bill passed including provisions mentioning “nudity” in sexually oriented businesses along with restrictions on such businesses receiving state funds, some highly qualified legal professionals, courtesy of the Swallows club, provided their expert opinion. They have expressed that the law is unlikely to be used against nudist clubs as written and in practice.

Florida – AANR Florida's government affairs professional and state GAT team succeeded in stopping a bill that would regulate nudity and massage. AANR also reviewed state legislation prohibiting performances in the presence of children that appeal to “prurient interests.” AANR helped provide analysis and guidance for what constitutes “prurient” according to US Supreme Court precedents dating to the 1950's.

Idaho – ID HB 314 would have significantly restricted materials containing nudity in public and school libraries and created a civil cause of action against “offending” institutions. After a letter campaign to state legislative leadership secure their assurances to help stop HB 314, the state's governor ultimately stepped in to veto the measure. Special thanks to Steve Nolen and Dave Smith of GAT for their efforts on this one.

Indiana – In addition to attending the NCSL in Indianapolis this August, AANR volunteers are working against several proposed regulations that would add convictions for “public nudity” and “public indecency” to the list of offenses that could lead to delay or denial of professional licenses ranging from cosmetology to behavioral therapy. Volunteers have already agreed to attend an initial public hearing on the proposal(s).

Ohio – AANR reviewed proposed regulations regarding youth summer camp programs.

Texas – AANR SW GAT Chair Bob Morton and I reviewed legislation similar to that proposed in Florida hinging on the term “prurient.”

West Virginia SB 635 – proposed to increase penalties for indecent exposure. Working on the House side, AANR helped stop this bill before it could make its way through by expressing concerns to state leaders that AANR met at previous legislative conferences. AANR included the results of a recent American Bar Association three year study strongly disfavoring increased penalties that “force” plea bargains even from those who are innocent. I also obtained assistance from a national association of criminal defense attorneys to call attention to the bill's problems.

Hawaii Clothes-Free Beaches Still Threatened...

The status of Little Beach on Maui, Hawaii, and Secret Beach on the big island are facing changes in both their short-term and long-term futures. As many of you may know, Little Beach has long been a favorite of nudists and naturists who live on and visit the island. Short term, the beach was closed as state park authorities attempted to address health conditions and restrictions associated with Covid. Now state personnel issue tickets to nude beachgoers, although local groups including the Friends of Little Beach have successfully challenged numerous citations. The state of Hawaii is also proposing to “study” beach conditions, traffic, and usage. There remains a likelihood that data collected would provide fodder for further restrictions.

AANR Helping Members and Clubs in Specific Matters.

Here are some of the specific actions in which Carolyn and I have helped troubleshoot issues for nudists over the past six months. Names and identifying information are redacted for confidentiality reasons. Note that many situations require follow-up over several weeks or months (for this reason, a season such as “Winter 2023” “Spring 2023” or “Early Summer 2023 is indicated; those issues where a new jurisdiction becomes involved (e.g. from criminal to civil court) are given a separate entry below:

Winter 2023:

- Provided analysis of proposed bills to limit “performances” where minors may be present to clubs that could be affected.
- Addressed questions about an antiquated law on the books of a state regulating nudity among “unmarried persons.”
- Assisted a club courting potential buyers and sellers. Provided the results of a university study outlining the strong dollar value of nude tourism.
- Responded to a club concerned about prospective changes to its county’s nudity laws.
- Reviewed potential legalities associated with a new bed & breakfast allowing nudity under only certain circumstances.
- Provided data and support in favor of an International Naturist Federation initiative to obtain recognition of nudity / nudism as a cultural practice embraced by certain nations.
- Provided guidance and possible resources, including case law and information from favorable jurisdictions, to nudist parents seeking adoption.
- Addressed questions related to cameras in clubs... either on buildings or vehicles.
- Addressed questions related to mandatory nudity policies in some clubs.
- Helped brainstorm strategies for responding to issues created by a former employee(s) of a club.
- Participated in monthly Government Affairs Team (GAT) online meetings to frame strategies for dealing with pending legislation.

- Conducted moderated group conversations with members on advocacy topics during twice monthly zoom meetings.
- Addressed questions related to background check procedures.
- Provided information to government affairs professional(s) about nudity-related stories and events that could become an issue in upcoming legislative session(s).
- Addressed questions from a parent whose custodial visitation with minor child was challenged due to visits to a nudist resort.
- Provided in-depth strategy discussion to region leadership and prepared emails to state lawmakers used to help stop bills in two separate states.
- Provided legal guidance to an AANR region in an Internal Affairs matter.
- Conducted discussions with the attorneys and legislative staff who prepared bills pending within a state legislature to explain AANR concerns.
- Addressed questions from a realtor related to potential purchasers / sellers of a nudist club; note that this involved a different club than one mentioned previously above.

Spring 2023

- Addressed questions concerning written permission for minors accompanying visitors to a nudist club within the Midwest.
- Addressed questions about legal pros and cons of mandatory nudity policies. (This occurred in a club different from that in the Winter 2023 discussion.)
- Provided guidance to a club seeking to rent facilities for nude swim events. Addressed various legal issues including contracts, insurance requirements, etc.
- Participated in monthly Government Affairs Team (GAT) online meetings to frame strategies for dealing with pending legislation.
- Conducted moderated group conversations with members on advocacy topics during twice monthly zoom meetings.
- Drafted, then served, correspondence to social media company that suspended account over mere nudity not in violation of company's written policies.
- Provided guidance to a member seeking to enjoy his backyard in the nude.
- Provided guidance, and legal resources, and referral information about obtaining counsel to a parent with minor child whose ex-spouse filed to block visitation to nudist venues.

- Addressed issues and questions related to protection of intellectual property (e.g. copyrights).
- Met personally with a member who AANR and I assisted more than 15 years ago in a criminal investigation of the family's involvement in nudism as an "epilogue"/follow up with what worked well, take-away lessons, thanks.
- Addressed questions of grandparent rights / visitations in a nudist setting.
- Addressed questions concerning visitation / custody with a parent living in a nudist resort over summer vacation.
- Responded to a request from a club concerning basic disability act questions.
- Responded to request for guidance on issues of nudity in photography.
- Responded to an inquiry regarding nudist participation / persecution as a basis for seeking asylum in immigration proceedings
- Communications with an attorney representing an AANR member in child custody proceedings.
- Discussed potential effect of changes to law from recently passed legislation with general manager of a club.

Summer 2023

- Responding to proposed regulations that would delay or deny professional licenses for a variety of occupations if convicted of public indecency or public nudity.
- Discussed preparation of materials to be furnished to lawmakers by the government affairs professional working in that state.
- Responded to request for information on intellectual property (IP) issues in a different region involving different materials from other IP matters discussed above.
- Discussed matters with a club and member involving potential guest comfort and security issues.
- Addressed questions for an attorney concerning nude hiking laws in the US and abroad. Also discussed the legal standards used for applying those laws in a variety of scenarios.
- Participated in monthly Government Affairs Team (GAT) online meetings to frame strategies for dealing with pending legislation.
- Conducted moderated group conversations with members on advocacy topics during twice monthly zoom meetings.



Glen Miller Loan Committee

Date: July 14, 2023

Chair: Mike Parker

Members: Patty Faber, Jeannie Diehl, Mike Parker

Charter: Approve no-interest loans to qualifying clubs and oversee the loan program.

Status: Five clubs have current loan balances remaining. Three loans are from 2021 and they have made their payment for this year. There were no inquiries or loans made in 2022. Two new loans were made this year. The five clubs with current loans owe a total of \$35,791.68. No more is due this year.

Details: The investment balances as of July 10, 2023 are:

The Miller Loan Fund (Bank Of America) is at \$19,231.59. The amount in our Miller Fund investment account in Raymond James (if we needed to take some out) is \$182,370.72.

Total Fund Amount is \$237,393.99 including the owed loan amount.

There are sufficient funds in the accounts available for loan to give a number of \$5,000 to 10,000 loans to clubs that are interested and qualify. Only about \$105,000 of the fund is restricted to investment only. That leaves over \$100,000 available for loans, with the funds recycling as loans are paid back on up to a five year time frame.

I want to thank the office financial staff, the other volunteer members of the committee and president Mitch London for their cooperation and assistance.

Please talk up this loan program to your regional clubs as it is a fantastic benefit that is very valuable.



Date: July 13, 2023
To: AANR Officers, Trustees, Clubs, Staff and Membership
From: Kathryn J. Watzel, Finance Chair
RE: Finance Report for August 2023 Meeting

The 2022 Audit Report was distributed electronically to Association leadership in May 12, 2023. A review of the audited financials also appeared in the July 2023 issue of the Bulletin

The 2023 First Quarter Unaudited Financial Statements with Analysis were similarly distributed on June 9, 2023.

I am currently working with Judy Mason and Erich Schuttauf on the 2nd Quarter which should be distributed in the coming month.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Watzel
AANR Financial Chair
Kathy.Watzel@aanr.com

IA Report, as of 2023-07-17

--Bob Dixon

As of today's date, there is one open, active IA investigation. It relates to a matter in AANR Florida. It is in a preliminary stage.

I expect there will be an update available at the time of our 2023 AGM.

AANR Research and Education Committee Report
2023 Convention

National Nudist Leaders Interviewed (or attempted) Since the 2022 Convention

AANR presidents

(Walt Zadanof declined to be interviewed.)

(Julie Erlenmeyer declined to do it online, may possibly do it in person.)

(Kathy Watzel is scheduled for a few weeks from now.)

Hall of Fame

Richard and Shirley Mason by Evan Nix on Naked Age (audio only)

Paul LeValley, book talk on John Coleman's A Conversation With

Paul LeValley, book talk on Mark Storey's Exploring Nudist Culture

Others

Dennis Craig Smith, book talk on Mark Storey's Exploring Nudist Culture

T.A. Wyner, Florida activist by the American Nudist Research Library

Andee Rodgers WINR Chair
Interim Meeting June 17, 2023

It was my privilege to be a part of the Women In Nude Recreation's WOW campaign highlighting nudist women and their strengths during the month of March, Women's History Month. After a few chats with other WINR chairs, who thought the idea was awesome, I shared my campaign with the board at the midwinter meeting. And it was a go. I had a website up and running that people could view, or go grab each day's submission to share on their platforms if they so chose to.

The Women One Word, WOW, campaign was launched March 1st with yours truly as the first contributor. Emails were sent out the night before with the next day's submission to the WINR regional chairs and a few others who asked to be included in the WINR circle of women, to Jeff B. with photo releases for the office to file, and to Anna of *A Naturist World* who posted each submission on that forum. A huge thank you also goes to Linda Weber who posted daily on Twitter, MeWe and A Naturist Hub and was actually the one who came up with the WOW acronym. Linda also recruited three women of the Black Naturists Association to join in. Each morning I posted on the AANR NW Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts and many others retweeted and shared those posts. There has been such an incredible response that there were more submissions than the month of March allowed for. We continued sharing women's photos and their stories on what we have dubbed WOW Wednesdays.

Through this campaign women from all regions were able to share their stories and inspire other women across the nation and into Europe as well. Anna from *A Naturist World* joined in the campaign and encouraged other women in her corner of the world to join as well. Her submission on day #4 was thoughtful and powerful. She chose her journey going from self-conscious to self-confident.

The word(s) shared inspired people in many ways. Stories of heartbreak and survival were some of the posts readers responded most to. Overall there were over 500,000 responses across all of the forums and that number continues to rise as the posts are seen on a daily basis. Twitter is the forum most responses came from. Here are a few highlights:

- Fun and Friends and Family and respect create joy for everyone in NATURISM~Scott M Strand
- Glad this amazing woman has stepped up to help spread the message of nudism for women!~OkieNudist in response to SaLina SONshine whose words were Glorious Freedom
- That picture is a statement, Bravo!~Dave Watts in response to Bunny D's word Worthy
- It's an inspired story of becoming completely confident and comfortable with who you are. Eric Long in response to Ceera's words True Self.
- Such a devastating story and a tremendous story of courage and strength. Congratulations on your three year anniversary of being in remission.~duallen_ in response to Carla & Polly-My Hero/Survivor

- Great post & photo! Keep showing the world your strength and the importance of social nudity! Well done! ~baringitallinthewoods-In response to Anna's word choice self-conscience/Self Confident.

I took all the incredible submissions and turned them into a 2024 calendar. I applied to the Education Foundation for a grant and received that to purchase 300 calendars at a cost of just over \$2,000. Calendars are sold for \$20 a piece with all proceeds going back to the EF. I have no doubt all 300 will be sold with a profit of close to \$6,000. WOW indeed!

We are in the process of writing a mission statement for Women In Nude Recreation to be added to the current website. Thank you Mitch for adding Women In Nude Recreation to the front page of the website as one of the main tabs. I am working to make the womeninnuderecreation.com website not just a WOW landing page, but one that is inclusive of what WINR is doing in all the regions.

Another project in the works is to take the WOW word ImPerfect which Diane Cheek submitted. I paired it with Anna's silhouette to make this great graphic. Looking at ways distribute that in the form of bumper stickers, t-shirts, mugs, sarongs, or anything else we can dream up. Wouldn't it be great to see it everywhere? I think so!



Thank you for the opportunity to serve the nudist community.

Yours Naturally,

Andee R
WINR Chair



AANR Convention and Facilities Report
July 17, 2023

As noted in the June Interim report, the 2023 AANR Convention to be held at Solair Recreation League in Woodstock Connecticut on August 7 - 14 is progressing slowly but surely. The AANR Convention Committee is working very hard to ensure that participants have a fruitful and enjoyable experience. A number of improvements have been made to the lodging, paid transportation to and from local airports has been arranged and soliciting local business donations is in process.

We have also encountered some challenges which we have resolved but which demonstrate the need for developing a detailed planning guide/checklist to augment the application. This might ensure that a club interested in future hosting understands what it involves, what the contract requires and whether they can meet those requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Krozy
AANR PR Chair
AANR Convention and Facilities Chair

AANR Ad Hoc Convention Contract Committee Report
July 17, 2023

Members:

Margie Cantlon, Ronna Krozy, Jim Lahey, Richard Quigley, Cyndi Tendick

This Committee was charged with reviewing the application and contract for hosting a trustees board meeting or convention. The goal: to update the old application in a more concise and organized way and to revamp the contract to reflect the changes that impact on hosting in today's world. A particular aspect was to enable smaller/seasonal clubs from more areas to be able to host AANR's leadership. At present, select large clubs have generally had the honor, benefit and opportunity to meet our leaders face to face. These factors need to be addressed and may hopefully impact on developing a more flexible contract.

As reported in the June, 2023 Interim meeting report, the Application to Host a Meeting or Convention has been updated and put into a much better format thanks to Margie Cantlon's efforts. Cyndi Tendick is creating a section that describes many of the 'hidden' tasks, costs and other considerations a club needs to be aware of *prior to applying*. This work is still in progress.

With regard to the contract, the Chair believes that the board needs to have more input in this important task. Given that times have changed with costs up, attendance down and many people preferring to attend via video conferencing, it is essential that these events are both cost-effective and cost-efficient for the organization and host club.

A positive change for the Solair convention was the waiver that was granted to eliminate the \$10 registration fee. A number of regions have put this practice into place particularly because it causes an 'administrative headache,' especially for a member-owned club, and has been deemed outliving its purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronna Krozy
AANR PR Chair
AANR Convention and Facilities Chair

July 17th, 2023

TO: AANR Officers, Trustees, Chairs, Clubs and Members

FROM: Tim Mullins, AANR Government Affairs Chair

SUBJECT: GAT Activity Updates December 2022 to July 2023

As I indicated in the midwinter report, I was looking forward to 2023 and the new bill tracking system. What we got was a deluge of new bills from new lawmakers intent on making their mark with bills to protect any group they felt would garner support for them by their actions. In reality many poorly worded bills were introduced in multiple states that were problematic for their impact on nudist venues and simple nudity in general.

Your Government Affairs Team (GAT) submitted objections and suggestions as necessary to make our position on these bills known. Our success rate is still unknown as some of these sessions are still pending.

Here are some regional highlights since the Midwinter report.

AANR-Southwest Report - Chair Bob Morton

GENERAL COMMENTS

Large-scale political issues, divisions, and crusades are affecting issues we care about

Family-friendly social nudism, of the type espoused by the American Association for Nude Recreation and its regional affiliates, is inherently neither conservative nor liberal. But it exists in world in which political labels are applied to everything. One thing that various nudist and naturist groups seem to agree upon is that personal and social nudity have something to do with "**freedom**." The word has shown up for years in the slogans, mottos and catch phrases of multiple clothes-free organizations.

**Feel the Freedom
Experience the Freedom
The Freedom to be Nude
... and so forth**

A single strain of "freedom" seldom exists by itself, in a vacuum. Freedoms travel together. For that reason, you will see nude freedoms mentioned in this report alongside other freedoms that are at risk. Simply put, some freedoms have become bellwethers for other threatened freedoms.

Political, social, and religious groups exist in bewildering numbers, and in

varying degrees of tolerance (or more likely, intolerance) for viewpoints other than their own. For that reason, this report will likely ruffle some feathers. That's unavoidable, if we're to be true to ourselves, as nudists. Often, other groups, sects, political parties, "defense funds," think tanks, and interest groups advance their status by counting the freedoms they can strip from individuals and groups they've marginalized. Those in the Southwest Region who have lived in Native American Indian Country will perhaps understand the significance of counting "coup," pronounced "coo," from the French word for "cut" or "strike." The historic practice of striking coup involved taking from an adversary something that's valuable, or dear, or personal. It could range from a string of ponies to a lock of hair - even to one's life. I heard the stories while I was growing up in Oklahoma, often passed along by members of my own family.

Taking away a personal freedom as a way of hurting an adversary is an ancient way of "keeping score."

Amazingly - and largely because social nudists are so broadly inclusive - we find nudists themselves among the ranks of groups who are working hard to marginalize the individual freedoms and personal liberties that nudists celebrate!

Friction and conflicts seem unavoidable, as certain political parties and movements stake out positions that support the freedoms that nudism implies - or seek to impinge drastically upon those freedoms. Here are other strains of freedom that may affect nudists and naturists in ways that are not immediately obvious:

BODY AUTONOMY. Simply put, this involves calling the shots for your own body. But of course, it's never quite that simple.

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM. This has been a recent focus, and it has become an excuse for the abandonment of established legal precedent.

GENDER TRANSITION. This matter is far more nuanced than whether a boy can compete with a girl on a school athletic team.

TRADITIONAL GENDER "ROLES" and APPEARANCES. The prospect of a governmental entity setting "dress codes" should be unwelcome.

SEXUALITY. As a matter of convention and policy, social nudists do not allow sex to be a central theme of nudist activities. However, we do recognize the freedoms associated with sexuality.

CHASTITY, MORALITY, AND DECENCY. Believe it or not, two states (Massachusetts and West Virginia) carry laws on their books, under the actual category of “Chastity, Morality, and Decency.

FREEDOM TO LEARN When loss of freedom can be measured by the numbers of books that are missing from library shelves, we have a serious First Amendment problem!

FREEDOM TO ASSOCIATE. This is a fundamental that some lawmakers would remove or limit. Taking away the “social” from “social nudism” is a frightening tactic.

PREEMPTION OF LOCAL LEGAL AUTHORITY IN FAVOR OF STATE CONTROL. When the State is said to “occupy the field,” in a legal sense, local laws and regulations are pushed aside. Imagine Hippie Hollow, a clothing-optional county park, being forced to abandon local standards in favor of control by the State.

2023: a very tough legislative session

Regular legislative sessions in many states across the U.S. have either concluded, or are nearing conclusion. Since this is an odd-numbered year, ALL FIFTY STATES will have been in legislative session during some portion of this year.

SUMMARIES OF SELECTED ISSUES

For the state-by-state portion of this report, I’m including excerpts from my personal notes and comments, as I made them during the legislative session.

Oklahoma Legislature

The first session of the 2023-2024 Oklahoma legislature convened on February 6, 2023, and it was scheduled to adjourn on May 26. That latter date was also the day by which this report had to be submitted for distribution, but I believe the lawmakers really did go home. However, it’s a certainty that they’ll return for at least one special session. In fact, bills for the first special session are already being pre-filed.

Overall, Oklahoma lawmakers introduced approximately 2,800 legislative bills. Some of the unsuccessful bills from 2023 will be allowed to carry over to 2024.

REGULAR SESSION BILLS

OK 2023 HB 1050. Internet content filters. Prefiled 01-11-23 by Rep Randy Randleman (R-Eufala), a fountain of moral strictures. This bill is DECEPTIVELY TITLED "Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation," but it's actually about Internet content filters. From the text of the bill: "directing retailers of Internet-enabled devices to equip products with certain filters; requiring retailers of Internet-enabled devices to ensure functionality of filters; establishing reporting requirements; directing retailers to submit reports of child pornography to a certain tipline; prohibiting retailers from blocking access to certain websites; prohibiting retailers from sharing filter deactivation information with consumers; requiring retailers to deactivate filters under certain circumstances; providing for a one-time filter deactivation fee. THIS IS DANGEROUS LEGISLATION.

05/26/23: This bill did NOT pass.

OK 2023 SJR 11 proposed State Constitutional Amendment - ex post facto. by Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City), an ad man. Section 15 of existing Constitution says "No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, nor any law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall ever be passed."

BUT THIS IS AN EX POST FACTO LAW! And no attempt to deny that, as included in this resolution, can change that hard fact. This resolution proposes an illegal change to the Oklahoma Constitution.

IMPORTANCE TO NUDISTS AND NATURISTS. We'd probably like to think that no nudist or naturist will ever be found to be a sex offender. But we know it does happen, and sometimes improperly. If so, will we just shrug? At the very least, we should be opposed to poor governance. If the Constitution itself says NO ex post facto law shall EVER be passed, why would we be okay with it, if some added wording says, "Well it'll be all right in this instance?"

THIS DOESN'T PASS THE SNIFF TEST!!!

OK 2023 SJR 11 stalled in the Senate rules Committee.

Arkansas Legislature

This year's installment of the Arkansas legislature was active from January 9 through March 10, 2023, and considered approximately 2,500 bills. Since 2010, Arkansas state lawmakers meet every year, instead of every other

year. That allows each session to have an intentional focus, and 2023 was supposed to be a year for considering general legislative matters. Bills from 2023 do not carry over to next year's session.

Here's a selection of Arkansas legislative bills from the 2023 session:

AR 2023 SB 43 drag show makes a place an adult-oriented business. by Sen Gary Stubblefield (R-Branch), a Baptist farmer and gun advocate. This was one of the earlier drag performance bills to have been introduced in the U.S. this year. It was modified, due to passionate and well-presented testimony given in committee hearings by the Arkansas chapter of the ACLU and by drag performers themselves.

Following its introduction, this bill has been amended twice. Today (02/01/23) at 10 AM CST, the bill was heard by a House committee.

CHANGED LANGUAGE: AS INTRODUCED: (i) Exhibits a gender identity that is different from the performer's gender assigned at birth using clothing, makeup, or other accessories that are traditionally worn by members of and are meant to exaggerate the gender identity of the performer's opposite sex;

NEW: (i) Exaggerates sexual aspects of the masculine or feminine body for entertainment purposes. Committee hearing on 02/01/23 was railroaded by Republican committee chair, who limited comments from public, after it appeared that there was clear public sentiment in the room against the bill. Voice vote seemed evenly divided, or at least very close, but committee chair said the bill passed favorably out of committee; DO PASS AS AMENDED.

02/24/23: signed by governor.

AR 2023 SB 66 protection of minors from distribution of harmful material . intr 01/17/23 by Senator Tyler Dees (R-Siloam Springs), a rookie lawmaker, sworn in just 10 days ago. "I am following a prayer where I asked God what can I do to uphold the conservative values in District 35," Dees said. In his bill, Dees writes "Pornography may" - and then he lists dire consequences that he KNOWS have not been proven. But they "MAY..." As with other ultra-right wing legislation, Dees posits, without offering proof or support, that " Pornography is creating a public health crisis and is a corroding influence on minors."

IMPORTANCE FOR NUDISTS AND NATURISTS. The impact is what you'd expect: ID requirement and proof of age the access online information. How

many adults are willing to feed their ID into a system that's looking to clobber those who access porn - adult or minor? From the bill: "A commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material that may be harmful to minors on the internet from a website that contains a substantial portion of material that may be harmful to minors is liable if the commercial entity fails to perform reasonable age verification to verify the age of the individual attempting to access the material." Interesting detail: "'Substantial portion' means more than twenty-three and one-third percent (23.33%) of total material on a website that may be material harmful to minors." That's "material on a website that MAY be material harmful to minors." Where did 23.33% come from, anyway, and how does one calculate it? THIS IS HORRIBLE LEGISLATION FROM A RIGHT WING ROOKIE WHO BELIEVES GOD TOLD HIM TO DO IT.

04/11/23: signed by governor.

AR 2023 SB 81 obscene material lent to minor by a library intr 01/19/23 by Dan Sullivan (R-Jonesboro), an educator (or so his degrees say) and veteran politician (since 2015). The effect of this bill will be to reduce the entire holdings of most lending libraries to a level of academic interest suitable for a 10-year old. Lowest common denominator is the GOP play book. THIS IS A BAD BILL.

03/30/23: signed by governor.

Louisiana Legislature

The Louisiana legislature was gavelled into order on April 10. It's scheduled to adjourn on June 6, 2023, but once again, that's *AFTER* the imposed distribution deadline for this report. Legislation from 2023 does not carry over to the 2024 session.

LA 2023 HB 77 AG investigation of publishers and distributors of material harmful to minors. intr 03/08/23 by Laurie Schlegel (R-Metairie), a marriage counselor. A previous bill, also authored by Schlegel and adopted as Louisiana law last year, already requires age verification prior to accessing a site containing pornography. This legislation doesn't change that, but, riding the wave of her victory just a few months ago, Schlegel proposes LA 2023 HB 77. HB 77 seek to provide for the attorney general investigation and pursuit of actions for commercial entities that knowingly and intentionally publish or distribute material harmful to minors and that fail to perform reasonable age verification. HB 77 seeks to provide that commercial entities that knowingly and intentionally publish or distribute material harmful to

minors shall be subject to civil fines if the entity fails to perform reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of individuals attempting to access the material. HB 77 seeks to provide that the attorney general may conduct an investigation and initiate a civil action in the 19th J.D.C. for civil penalties. Proposed law provides that the attorney general shall provide the commercial entity with no less than 30 days to comply with reasonable age verification prior to initiating a civil action. HB 77 seeks to authorize the court to assess a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each day of violation, and, for entities that knowingly failed to perform reasonable age verification, an additional civil penalty of \$10,000 per violation. The civil penalties shall be paid to the Department of Justice, in order to fund the investigation of cyber crimes involving the exploitation of children. HB 77 seek to provide that commercial entities in violation of proposed law shall be liable to the attorney general for all costs, expenses, and fees related to the investigations and proceedings, as well as legal interest as provided in present law (R.S. 9:3500).

IMPORTANCE FOR NUDISTS AND NATURISTS. The exceedingly conservative Louisiana legislature seems poised to pass this, in spite of anything a more reasonable person or group might do. I'm not saying we should throw in the towel, and I'm certainly not saying we distribute pornography. But this is Louisiana, where the social and political climate is unsettling, to say the least.

05/18/23.this bill was reported from the Legislative Bureau without amendment.

05/27/23, it was still pending in the Senate.

Texas Legislature

The 2023 regular legislative session for the state of Texas convened on January 10, 2023, and is scheduled to adjourn on May 29. Once again, that's AFTER the deadline for submitting this report for distribution. After the previous regular session (two years ago), the Governor immediately called a special session, which lasted for a month. In Texas, each special session of the legislature is supposed to be limited to issues specifically enumerated in the call issued by the Governor. However, the notion of "germaineness" is quite obviously a fuzzy concept among Texas lawmakers, and the Governor is allowed to add new topics to the special session at the last moment, as he did in 2021.

AANR-SW nudists may recall that during the first Texas special session of 2003, Rep. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) introduced a potent anti-nudity bill (HB 50), even though it was not responsive to the Governor's call. Rep.

Hughes declared that his legislation was a response to the *New York Times* article of June 18, 2003, that had been “carefully managed” by AANR [“Old Enough to Make a Lanyard, and to Do It Nude”]. Off topic or not, Hughes’s bill, HB 50, was granted a hearing, and nudists were forced to respond. The AANR-SW (then SWSA) Govt. Affairs Committee helped organize that response, which included hiring a professional legislative lobbyist.

In 2003, Rep. Hughes received vigorous (some would say strident) support for his anti-nudity bill from former Rep. Jodie Laubenberg (R-Parker), who was a key interrogator on the House committee that had been assigned to hear the measure. Both Hughes and Laubenberg were freshmen legislators twenty years ago, they had both been elected with TRMPAC money from Tom DeLay, and they shared an antipathy toward family-friendly social nudism. Although Laubenberg has since retired from the House, Hughes is now a state senator and remains an influential veteran member of the majority party of the Texas legislature. A couple of years ago, Hughes was considering an attempt to become Speaker of the House.

Legislative and executive opposition to social nudity in Texas is not unique to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party, but when one party enjoys a bulletproof majority and has demonstrated its enthusiasm for using that position for imposing social change, we must be able to recognize those who are in positions of seniority and leadership and who have already demonstrated a willingness to hurt us.

With that in mind, we turn to a consideration of Texas State Representative Bryan Slaton, who has more in common with Texas State Senator Bryan Hughes than a shared first name. Hughes and Slaton are both ultra-conservative Republican lawmakers from north Texas. Both have expressed concern about the “grooming” of minors to accept the sexual advances of others. In 2003, Hughes tried, unsuccessfully, to convince fellow lawmakers that such a threat would come from nudists. Twenty years later, the “other” Bryan, a married, 45-year old, former Christian pastor, according to official reports, had sex in his apartment near the state capitol, with a 19-year old female aide he had been grooming. He plied her with alcohol, until she was senseless.

According to the Texas Tribune, “Slaton was among the most socially conservative lawmakers in the chamber and had been one of this session’s loudest voices for cracking down on drag shows and decrying drag artists as “groomers” who want to sexualize kids.”

Slaton resigned in May, shortly before being officially expelled from the Texas House. Compare and contrast with another beacon of morality,

Oklahoma Republican State Senator Ralph Shortey, who was expelled from the Oklahoma Senate after he was arrested in 2017 in a motel room while having sex with a 17-year old boy.

Approximately 12,500 legislative bills were introduced in the regular and special sessions of the Texas legislature this year. Using the parsed results of each word of each bill, the AANR-SW Govt. Affairs Committee identified more than 100 bills for closest attention and tracked many more than that.

Here are a few from my personal notes and comments:

TX 2023 SB 476 drag performance causes a venue to be a 'sexually oriented business.' intr 01/17/23 by Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola), the cretin who sponsored TX 2003 HB 50 in the 1st spcl session of the lege 20 years ago. That's the bill that sought to kill nude youth camps in Texas, after then-Rep. Hughes read AANR's "closely-managed article" in the New York Times. With this current legislation, Hughes is merely jumping on a popular bandwagon. Taking a swing at what he perceives to be homosexual culture, while landing a symbolic blow on transsexuals.

Stuck in committee. Also stuck: duplicates TX 2023 HB 643, TX 2023 HB 708, TX 2023 HB 1266.

TX 2023 SB 12 sexually oriented performances on public property. intr 03/10/23 by Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola), a 53-year old lawyer and frequent filer of far-right legislation. This legislation seeks to add a new chapter to the Health and Safety Code. CHAPTER 769. SEXUALLY ORIENTED PERFORMANCES Sec. 769.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter: (1) "Premises" has the meaning assigned by Section 46.03, Penal Code. (2) "Sexually oriented performance" has the meaning assigned by Section 43.28, Penal Code. Sec. 769.002. CERTAIN SEXUALLY ORIENTED PERFORMANCES PROHIBITED ON PREMISES OF COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE; CIVIL PENALTY; INJUNCTION. (a) A person who controls the premises of a commercial enterprise may not allow a sexually oriented performance to be presented on the premises in the presence of an individual younger than 18 years of age. (b) A person who violates this section is liable to this state for a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation. (c) The attorney general may bring an action to: (1) recover the civil penalty imposed under this section; or (2) obtain a temporary or permanent injunction to restrain the violation. --- Also: Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 43.28 to read as follows: Sec. 43.28. CERTAIN SEXUALLY ORIENTED PERFORMANCES PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "sexually oriented performance" means a visual performance that: (1) features: (A) a performer who is nude, as defined by Section 102.051, Business &

Commerce Code; or (B) a male performer exhibiting as a female, or a female performer exhibiting as a male, who uses clothing, makeup, or other similar physical markers and who sings, lip syncs, dances, or otherwise performs before an audience; and (2) appeals to the prurient interest in sex. (b) A person commits an offense if, regardless of whether compensation for the performance is expected or received, the person engages in a sexually oriented performance: (1) on public property; or (2) in the presence of an individual younger than 18 years of age. (c) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

IMPORTANCE TO NUDISTS AND NATURISTS. As he did (as a state rep) twenty years ago with HB 50 of the 1st TX spcl session of 2003, now-Senator Hughes is playing his phony "think of the children" card. For him, that has always been simply a means to an end. The end, for HB 50 (which was defeated 20 years ago), was to cripple social nudity, naturism, and nude recreation. His target with TX 2023 SB12 is ostensibly "sexually oriented performances," but it's unlikely that Hughes actually knows the difference. Or cares. In his present bill, Hughes manages to slip in a prohibition against drag performances, without using the word "drag." I don't know if he believes he's a "stable genius," but he sees himself as quite clever. In person, the man smirks noticeably when he thinks he's pulled one over on an unworthy, and (of course) far-less-capable, adversary. THIS BILL AVOIDS OVERTLY TARGETING NUDISTS OR NATURISTS, JUST AS IT CLEVERLY AVOIDS USING THE WORD, "DRAG." IT IS DANGEROUS LEGISLATION, NONETHELESS.

Failed in conference committee. Senate reused to concur in House amendments.

TX 2023 SB 2290 warning signage for adult oriented businesses. intr 03/10/23 by Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola), a 53-year old lawyer and far-right puritan.

IMPORTANCE FOR NUDISTS AND NATURISTS. This bill seeks to require warning signs at the entrance of each "sexually oriented performance venue."

"HIC SVNT DRACONES" ... which was a Latin phrase appended to the periphery of some ancient maps, beyond which the responsible mapmaker felt obligated to warn a potential traveler. It means: "HERE THERE BE DRAGONS" Labeling toxic substances, whether they be nicotine, or mercury, or DDT, is the first step toward harsh regulation - and likely eventual elimination. Look for "lawgivers" like Hughes to seek labels on nude recreation, as a prelude to regulation, restriction, and elimination.

Did not move from first committee - Senate Committee on State Affairs.

TX 2023 HB 4675 indecency with a child. intr 03/09/23 by Bryan Slaton (R-2). This bill seeks to amend Section 21.11(a), Penal Code, by making it apply to "a child younger than 18 years of age, as opposed to a child younger than 17 years of age, as the EXISTING LAW reads now. A person could be guilty of indecency with a child if that person "exposes the person's anus or any part of the person's genitals, knowing the child is present. But ONLY IF the exposure is done "with intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person." This modification is not likely to be of much consequence. However, we should be aware of attempts to amend this law. Those could attract other amendments we wouldn't like at all.

Did not move from first committee, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

TX 2023 SB 13 school district library and catalog. intr 03/09/23 by Angela Paxton (R-McKinney), a 60-year old guidance counselor, former educator, present wife of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. Angela is every bit the right-wing bigot that her husband has shown himself to be. Related bill: TX 2023 HB 5251 (Toth) This legislation amends EXISTING § 26.004(b), Education Code, which lists a student's school records to which parents are entitled. To the existing list, Angela adds "records relating to school library materials the child obtains from a school library." But SB 13 also addresses "harmful material," as defined in EXISTING § 43.24 of the Penal Code. "Texas Penal Code - PENAL § 43.24. Sale, Distribution, or Display of Harmful Material to Minor "(a) For purposes of this section: "(1) "Minor" means an individual younger than 18 years. "(2) "Harmful material" means material whose dominant theme taken as a whole: "(A) appeals to the prurient interest of a minor, in sex, nudity, or excretion; "(B) is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for minors; and "(C) is utterly without redeeming social value for minors. "(b) A person commits an offense if, knowing that the material is harmful: "(1) and knowing the person is a minor, he sells, distributes, exhibits, or possesses for sale, distribution, or exhibition to a minor harmful material; "(2) he displays harmful material and is reckless about whether a minor is present who will be offended or alarmed by the display; or "(3) he hires, employs, or uses a minor to do or accomplish or assist in doing or accomplishing any of the acts prohibited in Subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2). "(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the sale, distribution, or exhibition was by a person having scientific, educational, governmental, or other similar justification. "(c-1) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the actor was the spouse of the minor at

the time of the offense. "(d) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor unless it is committed under Subsection (b)(3) in which event it is a felony of the third degree." The estimable Madam Paxton also seeks to create a "local school library advisory council" for each school district in the state, so that school libraries must remove: "any library materials that the council determines to be: (A) harmful material; or (B) inconsistent with local community values. ... which will, of course, become yet another matter of "lowest common denominator," sharply curtailing diversity, knowledge, and free speech. Here's the final blow: TX 2023 SB 13 / TX 2023 HB 5251 seeks to remove significant protection. To wit:

EXISTING: "SECTION 6. Section 43.24(c), Penal Code: (c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the sale, distribution, or exhibition was by a person having scientific, educational, governmental, or other similar justification.

PROPOSED: SECTION 6. Section 43.24(c), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows: (c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the sale, distribution, or exhibition was by a person having a bona fide judicial, law enforcement, or legislative scientific, educational, governmental, or other similar justification. Sure, just remove "scientific" and "educational," because you jokers obviously have no use for those! But be sure to substitute a "bona fide judicial, law enforcement, or legislative" justification. How self-serving can you be?

IMPORTANCE TO NUDISTS AND NATURISTS. If this book-banning measure passes into law, expect the resulting censorship to remove all (positive or affirming) references to nudity. It's hard to exercise the delivery of free speech when the receiving of speech is horribly crippled, as it would be, upon the implementation of this bill.

TX 2023 SB 13 passed the Seante, but became stuck in the House Committee on State Affairs.

BUT WAIT !!! THERE'S MORE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL INMPEACHED

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton was impeached on May 27 for corruption in office. Paxton's own hired right-hand senior staff at the Office of the Attorney General reported the misdeeds, and Paxton reportedly retaliated against them for attempting to hold him accountable under the law. Paxton, like all statewide Texas political officeholders, is a conservative Republican.

Alleging corruption, for which Paxton has already asked Texas taxpayers to pay \$3.3 million in settlements, the Texas House of Representatives, which is strongly Republican itself, finally took action after the end of the regular legislative session.

Supporting Paxton are U.S. senator from Texas, Ted Cruz, and former President Trump.

special issues

- The privatization of public lands
Some corporations and organizations are pushing for the sponsorship, management and operation of recreation and other activity on public land. AANR-SW leadership must be aware of the ramifications of such proposals.

- Children
Our adversaries continue to attack us, both directly and indirectly, on the generally supposed negative effects of nudity on children and on the matter of our including our children in our family-friendly nudist activities. Some attacks have come from within our own ranks. Ignorance is a key stumbling block that we ignore at our peril. Without addressing the cause of adverse legislation, regulation and policy, we will find ourselves responding to increasingly restrictive situations.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND THANKS

In an arena that has turned the task of keeping up with legislation into a test of technical expertise, I acknowledge the American Association for Nude Recreation for investing in the technical tools that allow relevant legislative bills to be identified and tracked. Such tools are not cheap, and some naturist or nudist organizations are unable - or unwilling - to make such a commitment. Specifically, I thank AANR President Mitch London, AANR VP / head of the Government Affairs Team Tim Mullins, AANR Executive Director Erich Schuttauf, and AANR GAT member John Hunter.

I express continued appreciation to AANR-SW President Lucy Heide, and to David Heide.

Special thanks to committee members Gary Spangler and Heather Cheney.

AANR F-GAT - Chair John Hunter

No new items to report at this time.

AANR-Florida – Chair Jonathan Duffield

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, FLORIDA REGION Report of the Chairman

In 1788 -- after talking about majority-rule through the eleven Articles of the newly minted *Constitution for the United States of America* -- the delegates to the Congress of Confederation realized that they had also created a system whereby the majority would be able to tyrannize minorities. To check and balance that power, they then set about developing the first ten Amendments to the *Constitution*. The *Bill of Rights* was ratified by the states on December 15, 1791.¹

On November 8, 2022, the citizens of Florida saw fit to award more than 66 percent of all the seats in the state's legislature to Republicans -- giving that party a veto-proof super-majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

In the same election, the voters also returned an incumbent Republican to the Governor's office.

With the Republican party now firmly in control of the Legislative, Executive, AND Judicial branches of our state government², it has the power and motivation to do *anything* it wants -- literally -- and get away with it. At the present time, there is neither any meaningful debate nor bi-partisan consensus in Tallahassee. The Democratic party has, effectively, been rendered irrelevant -- the Democratic voters, voiceless; their elected Senators and Representatives, powerless. This is not Democracy.

Our forefathers saw the danger in this. The people of Florida have not.

Since assuming office, The Republican legislature has been quite busy flexing its muscles -- taking aim at a wide variety of [in the opinion of the majority party] unpopular philosophies, ideas, and causes. Chief among them are those that have been deemed to be either part of the "woke agenda," or incompatible with the Governor's own personal moral values.

Could social nudism be the next cultural casualty? YES!!

It is within the realm of possibility that all Florida nudist/naturist resorts, parks, campgrounds, beaches, clubs, and supporting organizations could

cease to exist at the hands of the current administration. Consider this worst-case scenario.

The wrong word in the wrong ear at the wrong time triggers the drafting of legislation to ban all nudist/naturist venues in Florida, and the organizations that support them. Identical bills are filed in the House and Senate and immediately reported out of their referred committees as favorable. The companion bills are then introduced on the floor of their respective bodies, passed by the conservative majority following little to no discussion or debate, reconciled into one law, and sent to the Governor for his signature. And he signs it!

But the Governor can also do this even without the help of the legislature with the stroke of a pen on an Executive Order. And this can all be accomplished *in one day*.

At this point, the reader might be tempted to think that we are being unrealistically alarmist, overreacting, and that it can never happen. Really? Please show us an example of social nudism anywhere in the state of Arkansas.

Nudists and naturists are, have always been, and will always be a lightning rod for the self-righteous indignation, moral criticism, and prejudiced judgment of conservatives. When you're standing in the middle of a golf course, in a raging thunderstorm, the last thing you want to do is climb to the top of the highest hill and wave a golf club over your head.

This is an extremely dangerous time in the history of our fight for acceptance. Wanting very much to put a finer point on this, this is no time to be on the public radar. There exists a GREAT risk of becoming vulnerable right now -- of putting our entire way of life in jeopardy. Should we be tried in the court of public opinion, the final verdict could potentially destroy everything we've built over the past 92 years -- not only our project to Petition the Department of Environmental Protection, but our entire nudist/naturist community -- our annual contribution of \$4.3 billion to the state's economy notwithstanding!

We don't think we are a target -- yet. But if any of our various entities, thought leaders, or other personages do anything to attract attention or publicity -- negative *or* positive -- we could well wind-up with a target on all of our collective backs. For the time being, and until the political climate in Tallahassee regains some semblance of balance and rationality, *all* nudists and naturists *must* be on the down-low, keep their heads down, and have zero public presence.

We are recommending that you be as invisible as humanly possible.

To that end -- and only after exhaustive discussions with the most wise, most prudent, and most experienced observers of legislative and administrative behavior we have on the Government Affairs Committee -- our legal team has reluctantly placed our initiative to establish clothing-optional beaches in our state parks, and on other public lands held in trust by the DEP, on an indefinite administrative pause until such time as circumstances are deemed more advantageous for success.

We are now more than three years into this project and have expended huge amounts of time, labor, and money on it. We are all understandably disappointed and frustrated over this delay -- as we know you are. But right now, and for the foreseeable future, we feel that the potential risks far outweigh the potential rewards.

If we have to, we can live with the beaches we have now -- we don't want to live without our nudist/naturist community.

As this report went to press on July 17th, AANR-Florida's Board of Directors had elected to flout the advice of the GAT and participate in the annual Governor's Conference on Tourism -- a large scale trade show for the owners, operators, and marketing directors of Florida's hotels, motels, resorts, tourist attractions, and other related industries. A second vote to establish its level of financial support was still pending.

¹ In the interest of complete truth, it must be known that the creation of a *Bill of Rights* was not only contemplated during the writing of the Constitution but, through negotiations, was actually made a condition of its passage by the Congress of Confederation.

² Governor Ron DeSantis has also appointed 5 of the 7 Justices on the current Florida Supreme Court.

AANR-Midwest - Chair Fred Roessler

Tremendously successful kids camp program continues unabated by the current political conditions others are experiencing. Fred attributes this to community involvement. It is the key to keeping nudists on the positive side of the equation.

AANR-Northwest – Chair Steve Nolen

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Summary

This report covers staffing, GAT activities, current legislative climate, and opportunities to contribute to advancing policy. It amends the report to the AANR-NW Spring Meeting, with results of the various legislative sessions for the five-state region.

Transitions in GAT staffing and tracking systems have occurred since the last AANR-NW Annual Convention report in July 2022. At that time, I volunteered to assist with GAT legislation review. In my professional life, I have had three decades' non-partisan experience writing, amending and tracking legislation, as well as advising elected officials. I believed that GAT would be a place where I could use my experience in support of the nude recreation. In October, AANR-NW President Donna Jennings and longtime AANR-NW GAT Chair Dave Smith asked me if I would consider assuming the role of GAT Chair. I accepted the role, and Dave agreed that he would support and mentor me.

I know from experience that many bills are introduced but never gain sufficient traction to be enacted. The magic of lobbying legislators — if there is any magic — is to provide the correct information and apply the right kind of political pressure at the right time with the right legislators. That requires 1) identifying and keeping a close eye on the relevant bills to see how or if they are moving and 2) keeping track of what is being said about them in the media and by whom. 3) Engaging early in timely communication with likely legislative allies and their staff. 4) Engaging strategically with bill sponsors and supporters. 5) Considering making a contribution to the reelection of legislators who appear willing to consider and support AANR positions.

I started participating in the monthly GAT meeting in October as the national AANR GAT team was transitioning to a new legislation tracking software: StateNet by Lexis Nexus. I was in the first group trained on the more robust system in January and began tracking legislation for the five-state AANR-NW region.

Fortunately StateNet has powerful search capability and quick update times. A variety of tracking tools are built into the system, including algorithms for predicting passage of a bill based on the speed it accomplishes each phase of the journey.

This helps with satisfying the task of identifying and tracking bills. My greatest challenges have been keeping up with media outside Washington State and identifying effective advocates, especially in Idaho, Alaska and Montana.

Using the new software, I routinely searched for bills using AANR-generated search terms. I scanned 100+ bills for content and effect. From those, I tracked 14 bills that appeared to have the greatest potential negative implications for nudists/naturists, nude recreation or nudist/naturist publications. I may have missed some bills that didn't contain the AANR search terms.

During the legislative sessions, consequential bills were adopted in Idaho and Montana. None affected social nudism directly, but several could have negative effects for nudists, who are parents or may be cited for "indecent exposure."

Bills that would criminalize provision of photos or drawings depicting nudity and bills that increased the penalties for indecent exposure were introduced in Montana and Idaho. One Idaho bill that we worked with AANR leadership to address was vetoed by the Governor. The veto override lacked a single vote, thus defeating the bill, which likely will resurface next session.

Session Trends and Challenges

As AANR-GAT members tracked bills in Legislatures across the country, we noticed a consistent trend in GOP dominated Legislatures to adopt similar cookie-cutter bills, often with newly elected sponsors.

Several bills with overlapping themes were introduced in Montana, Oregon and Idaho that seemed to be of greatest concern. None of the bills appeared to be targeting nudism directly, but a few could have impact, depending on application of the new laws, and broadened concepts that are being incorporated into several of the bills.

The target of the bills typically was performances, materials, activities and images that the sponsors deem "harmful to minors": drag shows, nudity, depictions of alternative lifestyles, etc. Simple non-sexual nudity in some cases is equated with "appealing to prurient interests" or "harmful to minors". This was part of a GOP national "anti-trans," "anti-grooming" agenda to legislate a narrow vision of gender and morality that has been adopted by the party, sponsors and supporters.

The most concerning bills were in Idaho and Montana — both with GOP Governors and large GOP majorities in both houses of the Legislature. Both adopted several concerning — and perhaps consequential — bills. Though not directly affecting nudism, Idaho and Montana took an aggressive approach to criminalizing activities considered morally unacceptable. This included bills we didn't track that criminalized transgender focused healthcare and assistance with procuring out of state abortions for minors. The following examples illustrate this trend.

IDAHO

House Bill 314 would have made it a crime for an employee or any school, library or museum receiving state funding to make available to minors any images portraying nudity. President Donna Jennings, Dave Smith and I discussed the bill and decided to involve Erich Schuttauf, legal counsel for AANR. He contacted several lawmakers who we hoped might assist in addressing our concerns.

We don't know if this outreach changed any votes, but we were able to establish communication with the Senate Majority and Minority leaders, which could be helpful in the future.

The bill was adopted with large majorities. Fortunately it was vetoed by Governor Brad Little, citing its ambiguity, impact on patrons and employees, and cost.

Gov. Little, explaining the veto, said: "Allowing any parent, regardless of intention, to collect \$2,500 in automatic fines creates a library bounty system that will only increase the costs local libraries incur, particularly rural libraries."

The Legislature narrowly failed to override the veto. House vote 46 yea, 24 nay (2/3 required to override).

However, Gov. Little indicated he supported the intent of the bill, so expect something similar to resurface next year.

Montana

House Bill 359 was passed and signed by the Governor. It prohibits anyone under 18-years-old from attending nude performances in private or public settings and would prohibit drag shows in public schools and state funding libraries.

"Drag shows" is very broadly defined. The "Sexually Oriented Business" definition could be interpreted to include nudist resorts and gatherings.

"AN ACT PROHIBITING MINORS FROM ATTENDING DRAG SHOWS;
PROHIBITING MINORS FROM ENTERING SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES;

PROHIBITING DRAG PERFORMANCES IN LIBRARIES OR SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDING; PROHIBITING DRAG PERFORMANCES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WHERE CHILDREN ARE PRESENT; PROHIBITING DRAG PERFORMANCES IN A LOCATION OWNED BY AN ENTITY THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDING;

(1) "Drag performance" means a performance that features topless dancers, exotic dancers, strippers, or male or female impersonators who provide entertainment that appeals to a prurient interest, regardless of whether or not performed for consideration.

(2) "Nude" means: (a) entirely unclothed; or (b) clothed in a manner that leaves uncovered or visible through less than fully opaque clothing any portion of the breast below the top of the areola of the breasts if the person is female or any portion of the genitals or buttocks.

(3) "Prurient interest" means having a tendency to excite lustful thoughts.

(4) **"Sexually oriented business"** means a nightclub, bar, **restaurant, or similar commercial enterprise that:** (a) provides for an audience of two or more individuals: **(i) live nude entertainment or live nude performances;** or (ii) a drag performance; **and (b) authorizes on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages.**

Montana Senate Bill 38

Montana Senate Bill 38 added indecent exposure to a list of Sexual Offenses with many longterm ramifications for anyone convicted, including DNA capture and longterm probation and reporting requirements. This bill was adopted.

Alaska, also with GOP political control, has had fewer similar bills introduced or progress toward adoption. Oregon and Washington legislatures and governors are Democrats, and while a few bills introduced, none progressed, and died in committee.

Strategy/Considerations

Based on our experience, and on discussions with the national AANR Government Affairs Team, we are in an especially tricky legislative environment. That said, if we believe we can successfully lobby legislators without creating nudism as a target of negative legislation, we should do so. However, these "morality" issues are already being pushed by 2024 candidates for President. Our GAT consensus this session was to engage strategically and "tread lightly."

Involvement

So what can you and other AANRs members and clubs do to assist in government affairs?

1) Contact me or AANR-NW President if

- you hear of a bill of concern
- you have an interest in lobbying legislators

We will coordinate with the GAT legal counsel, develop a response, and provide consistent, coordinated information to you that supports AANR positions.

2) Discuss with us who should be contacted and how you can assist.

3) Use that information to contact your Legislators and their staff, and other elected officials.

- When doing so, keep it short, pleasant and to the point.
- Please consider your audience, and be careful not to make political, value or moral statements in presenting yourself or about their policies or positions
- Please make it clear that you are one of thousands of nudist/naturist voters in your state that would be potentially harmed or oppose something about the legislation of concern.

4) Provide amendment language — if suggested language has been provided by the AANR-NW GAT Chair and President.

5) Copy us on communications with Legislators and provide us a summary of your contacts and any feedback you receive.

A listing of the tracked bills follows:

Tracked Bills Summaries, Current as of July 6, 2023

1. Idaho House Bill 139 (2023)

State Affairs; House Education Committee; **DIED**

Add to existing law to prohibit distribution of certain materials to children.

2. Idaho House Bill 314 (2023)

Passed Legislature; Vetoed by Governor; NO OVERRIDE

Add to and amend existing law to prohibit certain materials from being promoted, given, or made available to a minor by a school or public library and to provide a cause of action.

3. Idaho Senate Bill 1105 (2023)

Enacted; Signed by Governor

Sex Offender Registration

Amend existing law to revise provisions regarding applicability. Indecent Exposure (excludes misdemeanor conviction) requires sex offender registration.

4. Idaho Senate Bill 1187 (2023)

State Affairs: **DIED**

SENATE

Minors

Amend and add to existing law to revise an affirmative defense regarding disseminating material harmful to minors and to provide for the establishment of provisions regarding policies to protect minors from harmful materials.

5. Idaho Senate Bill 1188 (2023)

State Affairs; **DIED**

SENATE

Amend existing law to provide that certain institutions may be enjoined for selling, distributing, or promoting material harmful to minors and to provide for the abrogation of existing ordinances, rules, and regulations.

18-1521. UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT-- ABROGATION OF EXISTING ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS --FURTHER LOCAL ORDINANCES, RULES, OR REGULATIONS BANNED. ... it is the intent of the legislature to **preempt.... schools, museums, public libraries, public health districts, taxing districts, or any political subdivision of this state, the regulation of the sale, loan, distribution, dissemination, presentation or exhibition to a minor of material that is obscene or that is harmful to minors and depicts in whole or in part nudity, sexual conduct or sado-masochistic abuse.** To that end, it is hereby declared that **every city or county ordinance, rule, or regulation adopted before the effective date of this act which that deals with the regulation of the sale, loan, distribution, dissemination, presentation or exhibition to a minor of material which that is obscene or which that is harmful to minors and depicts in whole or in part nudity, sexual conduct or sado-masochistic abuse, shall stand abrogated and unenforceable** on or after such effective date; and that no city or county government, school, museum, public library, public health district, taxing district, or political subdivision of this state shall have the power to adopt any ordinance, rule, or regulation relating to the regulation of the sale, loan, distribution, dissemination, presentation or exhibition to a minor of material that is obscene or **that is harmful to minors and depicts in whole or in part nudity,** sexual conduct or sado-masochistic abuse, on or after such effective date.

6. Montana House Bill 234 (2023)

[Bob Phalen \(R-036\)](#)

Enacted, Signed by Governor

Obscene Material To Minors

Prohibits public display or dissemination of obscene material to minors; provides for exceptions, including if the person is an officer, director, trustee, or employee of a public library or museum and the material or performance was acquired by the library or museum and disseminated in accordance with policies approved by the governing body of the library or museum and an exhibition in a state of nudity is for a bona fide scientific or medical purpose for a bona fide school, library, or museum.

Current Definition of **Obscene Materials** includes:

(b) masturbation, excretory functions, or **lewd exhibition of uncovered genitals or female breasts;**

7. Montana House Bill 359 (2023)

[Braxton Mitchell \(R-003\)](#)

Enacted, Signed by Governor

Minors Attending Drag Shows

Provides that a sexually oriented business may not allow a person under 18 years of age to enter the premises of the business during a live nude performance or drag performance; provides that where drag performances are prohibited, a library that receives any form of funding from the State may not allow a drag performance on its premises during its regular operating hours.

8. Montana House Bill 525 (2023)

[Amy Regier \(R-006\)](#)

Enacted; signed by Governor

Enhances penalties for certain sexual crimes; relates to crimes; relates to professions and occupations generally.

9. Montana Senate Bill 38 (2023)

[Bob Brown \(R-007\)](#)

Enacted; signed by Governor

Sex Offender Level Designations Revision

Revises sex offender level designations; relates to criminal procedure.

(10) (a) "Sexual offense" means: any violation, attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a violation, or flight after the attempt or commission of the following: (3), Indecent exposure;

10. Montana Senate Bill 368 (2023)

[Jeremy Trebas \(R-026\)](#)

Died in Committee

Minors

Revises laws related to minors; requires interviews of a child in parenting plan proceedings; provides additional rights for children in parenting plan proceedings and child abuse and neglect proceedings; revises the definition of best interests of the child in child abuse and neglect proceedings; provides an exception and additional penalties in parenting interference cases.

(30) (a) "Sexual abuse" means the commission of sexual assault, sexual intercourse without consent, aggravated sexual intercourse without consent, **indecent exposure**, sexual abuse, ritual abuse of a minor, or incest, as described in Title 45, chapter 5.

11. Oregon House Bill 2309 (2023)

[Rick Lewis \(R-018\)](#)

Died in Committee

Law Enforcement Agencies to Take DNA Sample

Requires law enforcement agencies to take DNA sample of person arrested for certain crimes.

Status:

(2) A law enforcement agency, immediately upon the arrest of a person for a crime listed in section 1 (1) of this 2023 Act, shall obtain a blood or buccal sample from the person in accordance with section 1 of this 2023 Act.

137.076. (1) This section applies to any person convicted of:...b) Sexual abuse in the third degree or public indecency;

12. Oregon House Bill 3388 (2023)

[Jami Cate \(R-011\)](#)

Died in Committee

Crime of Harassment by Display of Pornographic Material

Creates crime of harassment by display of pornographic material.

SECTION 1. (1) A person commits the crime of harassment by display of pornographic material if the person:

(a) With the intent to harass, degrade or humiliate another person and without the consent of the other person, displays pornographic material to the other person;

(b) The person knows or reasonably should have known that the other person does not consent to the display;

(c) The person is harassed, degraded or humiliated by the display; and

(d) A reasonable person would be harassed, degraded or humiliated by the display.

(2) Harassment by display of pornographic material is a Class A misdemeanor.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Image" has the meaning given that term in ORS 163.472.

(b) "Pornographic material" means an image depicting sexual conduct as defined in ORS 167.051 or uncovered human genitals.

13. [**Oregon Senate Bill 957 \(2023\)**](#)

[Bill Hansell \(R-029\)](#)

Enacted; signed by Governor

Types of Prior Convictions that Increase Offense Level

Expands types of prior convictions that increase offense level for crime of public indecency.

163.465. (1) A person commits the crime of public indecency if while in, or in view of, a public place the person performs:

(a) An act of sexual intercourse;

(b) An act of oral or anal sexual intercourse;

(c) Masturbation; or

(d) An act of exposing the genitals of the person with the intent of arousing the sexual desire of the person or another person.

(2)(a) Public indecency is a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, public indecency is a Class C felony if the person has a prior conviction for public indecency or a crime described in ORS 163.355 to 163.445 or ORS 163.665 to 163.693 or for a crime in another jurisdiction that, if committed in this state, would constitute public indecency or a crime described in ORS 163.355 to 163.445 or 163.665 to 163.693.

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14. [**Washington Senate Bill 5614 \(2023-2024\)**](#)

[Rebecca Saldana \(D-037\)](#)

Pending Carryover to 2024

This is the only tracked bill sponsored by a Democrat. It is directed at preventing abuse of adult entertainers, and its sponsor is has spoken positively about non-sexual nudism. It simply adopts the current law regarding indecent exposure. We are not concerned that this bill will cause harm for AANR members, despite the ambiguity of the current law in 2(b) below.

Concerns adult entertainment establishments.

...(1) A person is **guilty of indecent exposure if** he or she intentionally makes any open and obscene exposure of his **or her person or the person of another knowing that such conduct is likely to cause reasonable affront or alarm.** The act of breastfeeding or expressing breast milk is not indecent exposure.

(2)(a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this subsection, indecent exposure is a misdemeanor.

(b) Indecent exposure is a gross misdemeanor on the first offense if the person exposes himself or herself to a person under the age of fourteen years...

AANR-West – Chair Steve Schubert

The primary responsibility of the Government Affairs Team (GAT) is to monitor proposed legislation for the AANR-West Region. AANR uses "StateNet", a program which gathers information from every state and allows the user to input key words to search for items of interest. Although legislative sessions began in January, I was not able to train on StateNet until April 2023.

In the interim, I was able to monitor legislation in Arizona by checking the website for the Arizona State Legislature. In doing so, several bills were identified which could pose a threat, through unintended consequences, to nudist rights.

The Legislation:

Several bills aimed at regulating drag shows were introduced this last session. Among these were SB-1026 and SB-1028, each of which contained language that if strictly applied, could cause problems. For example, a portion of SB-1028 contained a provision stating that a performance wherein an individual dresses opposite their birth gender, and a minor happens to see, would constitute a criminal violation.

The most troublesome bill was SB-1698, which would add a new section to the Arizona criminal code (Sec. 13- 3508), making it a felony to allow a minor to see any performance involving nudity or semi-nudity. Additional provisions would require imprisonment – up to 16 years if aggravating factors were found – and registration as a sex offender. Further, if the custodian of a minor or the minor him~/herself fails to report a violation, others witnessing the violation would have the duty to report the supervising adult or face criminal charges themselves.

The overly broad language could easily be applied to nudist venues as well as nudist activities at non-landed clubs. The sponsors of the bill stated the purpose was to protect children and to keep them out of strip clubs, even though there are already several laws that criminalize such behavior.

GAT Response:

It was initially agreed that the foregoing bills – as well as a few others that were of concern – would be monitored. In February, it appeared that SB-1698 was advancing through the Senate and, in March, it was presented to the House. AANR-West President Cyndi Tendick and I had a phone conversation with AANR's counsel, Erich Schuttauf, wherein it was agreed that a letter would be prepared and sent to the bill's sponsor, as well as

several committee heads, and to Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs. A letter was prepared and emailed (follows this report). No response or acknowledgement was received.

Arizona's legislative session was scheduled to end on April 30, 2023, at which time any bills still pending would die on the floor. However, the session was extended. SB-1026 and SB-1028 were amended and were considered to be no longer a threat. SB-1698 continued and passed the House, returning to the Senate. On June 12, 2023, SB- 1698 was sent to the Governor

A social media post was prepared and posted on the Facebook pages for SHANGRI LA RANCH and also sent to AANR-West members urging them to contact the Governor and ask that she veto the bill (follows letter to Governor). The bill was vetoed on June 16th.

Future Action:

As the new legislative sessions start up this Fall and with the help of StateNet, proposed legislation for the entire AANR Western Region will be monitored. Any potential threats, once identified, will be discussed with the appropriate individuals and will be addressed accordingly. This may include not only letters, but also contacting elected officials, addressing committees, and/or enlisting members to contact elected officials to voice their concerns. Any further suggestions are always welcome. Thank you

AANR-East - Paul Wernersbach

Welcome to our newest member!

Hello GAT team, just an FYI, I subscribe to a daily email, like 'trivia today' and this one below, 'Honest Opinions' **which today's** question was insightful. They poll different subjects like 'Cake or Pie', etc, almost a Jerry Seinfeld episode. In any case, there are tens of thousands of people answer these questions daily. The results show over 2/3's of the population has admitted to experiencing and admitting to a form nudist. Our job, to have greater acceptance, awareness and most importantly more AANR membership should be much easier. Getting our member numbers up should be paramount, but getting more venues available to participate and enjoy is equally important. We need more free PR awareness, and advertise our website to direct people who are looking for alternate vacation destinations.

AANR Office

Erich's items are covered in his report to the Board.

Summary:

That covers some of the key items since the last report. Thank you to the members who contributed to this report. Please read the weekly updates from the AANR office for current and breaking Government Affairs items. Opinions expressed in the reports are those of the respective authors and may not represent AANR policy. If you want change you must initiate it. The members of your GAT team are here to make that happen.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Mullins
AANR Government Affairs Chair



Joint Committee Report:
Membership Marketing (M&M) - Public Relations (PR)
July 9, 2023

Since the AANR summer meeting and interim meeting, the committees have met on the first and third Mondays of the month, with Social Media Subcommittee on the first, and PR/M&M the third. A subset of committee members and AANR officials and staff consistently attend and provide valuable input into the successful projects that are accomplished. After the convention, a note will be sent to determine if any current member wishes to withdraw and/or to identify an alternate.

Public Relations (PR)

Ronna Krozy, Chr	Evan Nix	Lee Vaughn	Rick Turrentine
Bob Dixon	Jay Summers	Mark Amyotte	Stephanie Brown
David Berry	John Waldron	Mark Sprong	Timothy Sargent
David Skaggs	Karen Lahey	Maryanne Rettig	

Membership Marketing (M&M)

Karen Lahey, Chr	Charlie Bliss	Linda Weber	Ted Peck
Andee Rogers	Gary Mussell	Margie Cantlon	Walt Stephens
Arlette Lowery	George Oberle	Richard Dewey	
BG Parkes	Gloria Waryas	Ronna Krozy	

Invited Officials and Staff

Amy Rollins	Erich Schuttauf	Lucy Heide	Richard Quigley
Bob Roche	Jeff Baldasarre	Mark Huenison	Tim Mullins
Cyndi Tendick	Judy Mason	Mitch London	
Donna Jennings	Kathy Watzel	Ralph Collinson	

Social Media Subcommittee:

Since establishing their mission (see [Social Media Subcommittee Mission](#)) and revising their guidelines (See [Social Media Guidelines – 2023 Update](#)), the committee is creating a guide to help clubs and members better understand and utilize various platforms of social media.

The committee is working on trying to unify the regional social media accounts as a service to regions without or with minimal social media to improve the consistency, quality and frequency of social media presence. It is a totally voluntary effort designed to offer help. Some concerns have been raised regarding ramifications of relinquishing accounts, regional autonomy and ceding this function to AANR staff. These are valid issues that require resolution. It is hoped that a trial period with evaluation of outcomes will help to demonstrate the benefits or barriers of this endeavor.

Regional communication is improving through concerted and continuous effort. To make attendance more convenient, the SMS has made one of its two monthly meetings just for its core member group; the other for wider regional participation. The SMS meetings take place on the first Monday of the month, the PR meetings on the third Monday of the month.

Reddit continues to have close to 98,000 nudists on the r/nudism subreddit. It behooves AANR to be represented in this niche market in a positive light and to contribute to the posts.

Brochures: Andee Rodgers collaborated with the Florida region to produce a well received new brochure entitled *Enjoy Life Naturally...Feel the Freedom* and can be found on the AANR website Members section.

Associated Press Stylebook: The submission to eliminate use of 'nudist colony' and to be aware of alternative uses of the term *lifestyle* were not published in their 2022-2024 edition. The submission was probably too late but hopefully will appear in the 2024-2026 edition. We were apprised that submissions could take weeks, months or years.

AANR Online – Meet and Greet:

As reported in the June Interim Report, over 2150 people have signed up to get notifications for our meetings. This number grows by 50-100 people each month. At a typical meeting, there are around 120 people who are located within and beyond the US. We conducted a survey during the third week of May. At that meeting, about half of the attendees responded, 95% of whom were already AANR members. Of the few non-member respondents, most were planning to join. We have also recruited several people to serve on AANR committees and to volunteer for their regions.

Next year, we will need to include the Zoom taxes in the budget as they exceed our budgeted amount by \$75. The \$75 amount was covered by donations.

Because of the importance of advocacy, especially in today's climate, Erich is offering a 5-minute overview of AANR's work in advocacy on the 3rd Thursday of every month to all participants at the beginning of the meeting. We really want everyone to appreciate how much AANR is doing for their privilege to be nude whether it is a beach, club or one's backyard. One of the most popular rooms is the Nudist Advocacy room and we appreciate Erich's participation in that room each session.

At each session, we offer a room for Women in Nude Recreation. There was some consternation from a man about not being invited to the room. So, we compromised. On the 1st Thursday of the month, it is for women only. On the 3rd Thursday of month, men can be present, but they must be respectful to the women. Similarly, we have a Young Adult Room dedicated to those 40 and under.

One thing that we would like to improve is the amount of time it takes to set up a meeting so that people can get into the chat rooms quickly. Our new website <https://www.aanronline.com> will hopefully speed things up. The website will list the topics of the week, with descriptions of the chat rooms if we have them, and answer questions if possible. We would like to create a page with directions for the various platforms as well as pages for the moderators if they want them.

A small number of dedicated volunteers have offered to be moderators for the chat rooms. We appreciate their help and would welcome others willing to moderate a chatroom. A moderators' guide has been developed and can be found on our website at <https://www.aanronline.com>. It may be useful for other meetings as well.

Thank you to the volunteers who have helped make this so successful and the participants who have enthusiastically joined us.

Membership Levels

As noted in the June Interin Report, our membership numbers continue to decrease. We saw a small increase (22) in April over February. Because of the cyclic nature of how nudists renew their memberships, it makes sense to look at comparisons from the previous year. When we compare it with April of 2022, and April of 2021 we have fewer members. Direct Members show an increase over 2021. When we look at the Club Member Loss since the start of the Pandemic (Dec, 2019) we are at 13.34% vs a Direct Member loss of 1.74%. This shows a trend of more Direct Members and fewer Club Members.

	AANR MEMBERSHIP COUNTS	Directs	Club Members
April, 2021	27770	12017	15716
April, 2022	28317	12196	16089
April, 2023	27657	12135	15489

The M&M Chair commends the work that the planning committee has done and would like to recommend that each trustee identify a club that may be struggling and diligently work toward helping that club grow its membership.

I have been working with Tiger Mountain in Washington. Admittedly, they have much room for improvement. But with a bit of help, we have improved their membership by 50% since December. I would really like to see if each trustee would pick a club to mentor. I did find out that we do not have any promotional signage or standup to give to a club encouraging membership. I recommend that we create a poster.

Budget requests and Proposals:

The funded proposal for a student/young adult membership award for a nudism-positive project was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. (See [AANR Student Project Proposal Application](#) and [Student Project Proposal Requirements](#))

Proposals for two new PR Awards from the PR Committee were informally presented at the June interim meeting with general approval and will be presented formally for a vote at the Summer convention.

The first award is to create the AANR Social Media Award. Awardee must be an AANR club or official AANR account. Purpose: To recognize and honor the hard work, time commitment, advocacy and creative contributions made to the nudist community through social media in line with AANR's mission and philosophy.

The second award is to "create the AANR Nudist Influencer Award. Purpose: To recognize and honor the hard work, time commitment, advocacy and creative contributions made to the nudist community

through social media in line with AANR's mission and philosophy. Any social media account may be considered provided it follows the eligibility criteria.

The detailed process for nomination, selection and evaluation by AANR judges may be seen at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OBRsbRYzHN595gLEQhTBcAJ09Avaw_hF/view?usp=share_link

The fiscal impact is minimal for both awards, i.e., cost for creating a plaque or certificate for awardees.

The PR Chair submitted a proposal for a non-nudist publication award to recognize Lori Crofford, the Brand Manager of 101.9 The Bull in TX, for writing and posting the follow up article about nudism and resorts in Texas. Ms. Crofford initially posted an article that mixed in a swingers' club along with AANR clubs and used the term 'colony.' She was deemed a perfect candidate for a PR non-nudist award given her enthusiasm in interviewing both the PR chair and AANR President and following up with the new and informative article where she admitted having first written without sufficient knowledge about social nudism. <https://krod.com/theres-more-to-being-a-nudistnaturist-than-you-think/>

Membership and Club status: In analyzing the membership count numbers, we have noticed some unexpected statistics. Membership count is down about 7.52% since the beginning of the pandemic. However, direct membership is only down about 1.77%, while club membership is down 11.5%. Additionally, club membership has been falling since about 2008, while direct membership has stayed relatively steady over the last 20 years.

Impexium: As of July, 2023, all clubs will be expected to be using Impexium, per Erich Schuttauf. Those clubs unable to follow through will be offered assistance through the AANR office.

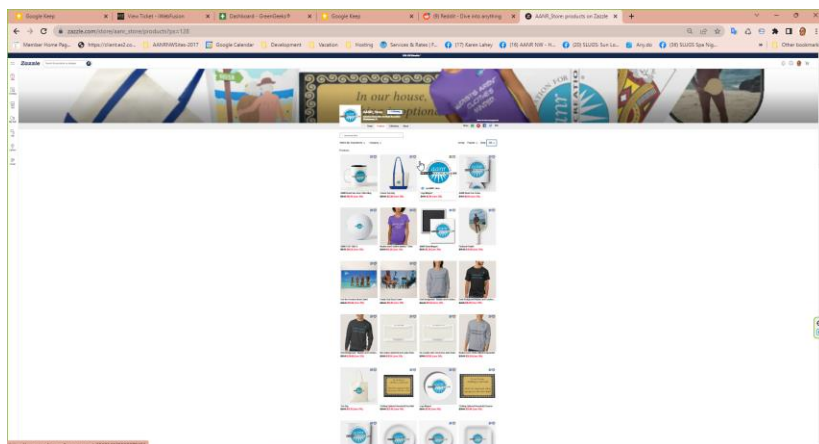
Club Support Subcommittee: The subcommittee was created and is chaired by Ted Peck. Its goal is to investigate ways to encourage more active AANR support from non-100% clubs and it is ongoing. More information will be available in the coming months.

Modifying club contracts: We have discussed but have not yet investigated making modifications to the contracts that we have with our clubs. The rationale for modifying contracts is based on ascertaining that clubs follow the AANR antidiscrimination and behavioral standard rules.

Other Recommendations: We need to continue to seek opportunities for a) promoting and advertising naturist businesses which would be mutually beneficial in terms of revenue and educating the public; b) reaching out to Twitter users, Naturist Bloggers and Instagram users who may be interested in affiliating with AANR; c) supporting AANR influencers who will drive visitors to our site, and d) republishing Bulletin articles edited for public view.

AANR Branded Merchandise: Approval was granted to use Zazzle for individuals to order AANR branded merchandise. The regions have been apprised of this and anyone desiring a shirt, towel, cup, cards, etc. with our AANR logo can purchase it at www.zazzle.com/store/aanr_store

So far, there are 85 branded products on the AANR Zazzle store at https://www.zazzle.com/store/aanr_store. If you want to be able to see all of them you must set your Content filter settings in your Account Settings to Off. Some of the products are restricted because of nudity. The store has had no advertising via social media or on the website, but still AANR has earned over \$60.00.



CNN Digital Interview with Ronna Krozy

The CNN interview on *nudist etiquette for newbies* on June 12-13, 2023 at Solair aired on July 9th. The two young producers' skills were evident in the final product...a tasteful, less than 3-minute video whittled from two days of interviewing and photo shoots. They were professional, respectful and easy to work with. They were also impressed with the camp's friendliness and beautiful environment. I believe they are worthy of an AANR award in recognition of their fine work.

One disappointment was the lack of mention of AANR, which I frequently referenced. However, this was intended as a generic video, which has now been seen in Britain, Ireland and France. There appears to be thousands of 'hits' and comments have been overwhelmingly positive along with some questions. I have asked the producers and their managers to consider doing a feature on why diverse people choose to be nudists and why we need to foster public understanding and acceptance. Perhaps CNN will find the theme valuable at some point but I am grateful for this opportunity and thank the office for recommending me.

Mary Jane Kolassa, AANR's media consultant, continues to pitch to various news media to apprise them of AANR's initiatives and to spark interest in their writing about us. Her monthly reports in the following links demonstrate the wide range of her outreach.

[AANR PR Report June 2023](#)

[AANR PR Report May 2023](#)

[AANR PR Report April 2023](#)

[AANR PR Report February 2023](#)

[AANR PR Report January 2023](#)

[AANR PR Report December 2022](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna E Krozy, Chair, AANR Public Relations Committee
Karen Lahey, Chair, AANR Membership Marketing Committee

During the last few months around the US we have been working together as a team to reach out to clubs to help them with different needs and trying to focus on our membership in supporting AANR. Cyndi Tendick has done a great job I must say. I truly feel that people may not understand the importance of supporting this organization. Not only for the purpose of supporting our Nudist rights but to help with the ability to keep our resorts. Do you know that insurance companies ask when insuring resorts if we are affiliated with AANR? Do you know that many of our county commissioners and state officials also ask the same thing?

We need to talk to everyone we know about joining AANR, it doesn't cost that much actually it is less than a good bottle of bourbon.

Support your rights today and join an organization that is the best bang for your buck. Many people are focusing on different issues right now but the bottom line is membership.

I do not have a lot to comment at this time on Florida, I will leave this to the President. We have been facing many challenges during the last 6 months. I truly hope that all things get settled soon.

I am again this year working with Wreaths Across America. This fundraiser will help to fight for our rights within the nudist community and I hope that each and every one of you will take a moment to make this a win win situation for both our Organization as well as to help us remember those Veterans who fought and gave their lives for our FREEDOM.

Naturally, BG Parkes AANR Florida Trustee

Andee Rodgers
WINR Chair
National Convention
August 2023

It continues to be my absolute privilege to be a part of the Women In Nude Recreation's WOW campaign highlighting nudist women and their strengths. With all those incredible submissions I wanted to keep the momentum of empowerment and education going, so I turned the submissions into a 2024 calendar. I used Canva as my medium and Cunningham's Printing which is the same company that prints The Bulletin. Several women are on each page with just a snippet of their original story. Some women chose to have their word speak entirely for them, and they are powerful words indeed.

Calendars have gone out to every region, with the exception of Canada, and have been received with incredible enthusiasm and gratitude. One such source was sent to me by Ronna Krozy in which the author states almost exactly what my thoughts are concerning the calendar, "In a world that often bombards women with unrealistic beauty standards, it's essential to find ways to embrace self-love and body positivity. The Women in Nude Recreation (WINR) 2024 Calendar aims to do just that, empowering women to see themselves in a positive light and promoting body acceptance.

For many women, loving their bodies can be a lifelong struggle ... By shedding the societal constructs of beauty and perfection, nudism allows individuals to embrace themselves authentically, without judgment or shame. The WINR 2024 Calendar captures the essence of this transformative journey. Featuring images of confident, empowered women, the calendar serves as a visual celebration of self-love and body acceptance."

All of the women who submitted their photos and stories are to be heralded as a hero. Their courage to put themselves out there is beyond admirable. Primarily all comments have been positive and uplifting. There were a few men who chose to make vulgar, sexualized comments. One such comment frightened one of the women profoundly and prompted me to make all photos on the womeninnuderecreation.com website nude but not nude to protect the women who put their trust in me. Now the only way to see the beauty that each participant expressed with their photo is through the calendar.

The proceeds from the calendars go to the Education Foundation who graciously sponsored our upfront expense for printing. If my calculations are correct, and they most likely aren't since I don't math well, we should be able to give back \$4,375.75. With the original expense of \$2,135.89 and a 2nd printing of 40 @ \$288.36 for a total of \$2,424.25 for 340 calendars that sold for \$20 a piece.

At the time of this report, I have only 75 calendars left. If need be, I can put in another order to Cunningham's. They have been amazing!

Another WINR project in the works takes the WOW word ImPerfect Diane submitted and pairs it with Anna's silhouette to make this graphic. Look for more information on this concept on social media and hopefully in The Bulletin before years end.

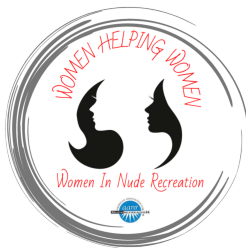


Using the online company, Zazzle, I've made many products that can be purchased with this design and the WINR logo to create bumper stickers, t-shirts, mugs, or anything else we can dream up. Wouldn't it be great to see it everywhere? I think so! If you wish to look at all the products go to Zazzle.com and create an account. In the settings you must check that you wish to see PG-13 products. Apparently the word nude puts the WINR store in that category. Type WINR in the search bar and you'll see the WINR products come up. Thank you Judy Mason for helping me set up the \$\$\$ account. Also a thank you to Erich and Carolyn for helping me with the rights to use the AANR logo for the WINR store. ALL proceeds from the Zazzle WINR store go to the WINR account at headquarters, perhaps to fund our next calendar. :) We don't make much more than a dollar of profit from each product, but it will add up. So buy LOTS!!! If you have an idea for something you'd like, email me and I'd be happy to make it.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Women In Nude Recreation!

Yours Naturally,

Andee R
WINR Chair
andee.rodgers@aanr.com





AANR MOTION

Motion # 1

Amendment # _____

Date: _____

Time: _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

Date submitted to AANR office: _____

() Membership Meeting, Day _____

() Mid-Winter Trustee Meeting

() Convention Trustee Meeting

() Fall Trustee Meeting For

help in drafting motions, consult the AANR Legislation Chair.

MOTION: Please print legibly in both upper and lower case letters:

I move to accept the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

PURPOSE: Same

If this motion amends any of the ruling documents, it should bear the signature of the legislation chair:

Legislation Chair: _____

Print Name/Signature

Maker: Kathy Watzel Finance Chair

Second: _____

Print Name or Committee

Print Name

Signature

Signature

RESULTS: () Passed () Failed () Tabled () Referred () Out of Order



AANR MOTION

Motion # 2

Amendment # _____

Date: _____

Time: _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

Date submitted to AANR office: _____

(____) Membership Meeting, Day _____

(____) Mid-Winter Trustee Meeting

(____) Convention Trustee Meeting

(____) Fall Trustee Meeting For

help in drafting motions, consult the AANR Legislation Chair.

MOTION: Please print legibly in both upper and lower case letters:

I move to change associate member references to direct member references in Governance Manual sections 2.01.01, 2.04.04, 2.05, 2.06 and 6.03.06

FISCAL IMPACT: None

PURPOSE: _____

To bring the governance manual up to date with bylaw changes voted into place in 2022.

If this motion amends any of the ruling documents, it should bear the signature of the legislation chair:

Legislation Chair: _____

Print Name/Signature

Maker: Legislation Committee

Second: _____

Print Name or Committee

Print Name

Signature

Signature

RESULTS: () Passed () Failed () Tabled () Referred () Out of Order



AANR MOTION

Motion # 3

Amendment # _____

Date: _____

Time: _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

Date submitted to AANR office: _____

(____) Membership Meeting, Day _____

(____) Mid-Winter Trustee Meeting

(____) Convention Trustee Meeting

(____) Fall Trustee Meeting For

help in drafting motions, consult the AANR Legislation Chair.

MOTION: Please print legibly in both upper and lower case letters:

I move to add a new item 7. to the Governance Manual sections 3.02.05 to read:

All AANR officers, trustees, and appointed officials required to be at AANR meetings shall be reimbursed up to an average of \$35.00 per diem for meals purchased at the Host Club during Annual Meetings/Interim Board Meetings. Verifiable receipts from the Host Club must be presented for reimbursement.

FISCAL IMPACT: _____
\$2100.00 per year

PURPOSE: _____

To assist in covering the meal costs of volunteers who serve the association during AANR's meetings. To take effect starting with the 2023 AANR convention.

If this motion amends any of the ruling documents, it should bear the signature of the legislation chair:

Legislation Chair: _____

Print Name/Signature

Maker: Legislation Committee

Second: _____

Print Name or Committee

Print Name

Signature

Signature

RESULTS: () Passed () Failed () Tabled () Referred () Out of Order