

2024 AANR VOTER'S GUIDE

YOUR VOTE MATTERS TO AANR!

AANR exists for the enjoyment and benefit of its members. The choices you make on your ballot will help decide the future direction of the organization. AANR invites you to exercise your privilege to vote.

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This Voter's Guide shows you proposed legislative changes to AANR's Bylaws. The motions are written in their entirety, but you will only see references to them on the electronic ballot. It is advised that you keep this guide handy as you vote.

The candidate profiles are also included so that you can see who is running for positions of leadership. The only positions, other than the officers, are one Regional Trustee from each of AANR's seven regions. Your ballot will only show the candidate(s) from your region, along with the candidate(s) for President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The profiles are merely a small introduction to each candidate. Seek additional information from friends and colleagues or from websites for the candidates.

AANR has no official position on either the proposition or candidates, unless otherwise stated. This guide only offers assistance to you in casting your vote.

HOW TO VOTE

In 2024 you have two ways to vote: online or by telephone. Voting begins when you receive your May *Bulletin* and closes June 20, 2024, at 11:59 PM, EDT.

Voting Online – AANR has contracted the services of Vote-Now.com LLC to run the election again this year. They will email instructions for voting online to those for whom AANR has an email address. Voting this way is safe and secure. You will be asked for your "Voter Registration Code", which will be sent with the email.

Voting by Telephone – If you prefer to vote by telephone, the toll-free number and instructions for voting will be provided by email. Please note that you will only have certain hours to vote and that you must enter your Voter Registration Code when prompted to do so.

If you are willing to provide a personal email address, call the

AANR office (1-800-879-6833). Doing so allows you both voting information and access to your Profile at AANR.com from the privacy of your own computer.

Thank you for participating in the 2024 election for the American Association for Nude Recreation.

The email instructions will come from elections@vote-now.com. To ensure you receive the email instructions and that they do not go into your junk or spam folder, you can add this email address to your address book/accepted sender list, or you can send an email to elections@vote-now.com (Vote-Now will not reply), this helps to "train" your email program to recognize incoming mail from elections@vote-now.com.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

A motion for a proposed Bylaw amendment will appear on the election ballot that members may access either by computer or telephone. This proposition is printed here in its entirety but will not be printed on the ballot. Underlines denote additions, strike-throughs denote deletions. The pro and con statements are printed exactly as submitted by the author(s) and do not represent an official position of AANR.

BALLOT PROPOSITION

Bylaw Change 1 - President Qualifications

I MOVE to change the President's "Terms of Office & Limits" in the "Officials' Qualifications Chart" in the AANR Bylaws, as follows:

Term - two years or until a successor is elected. Limit on consecutive four years (two <u>full</u> terms) plus any preceding partial term.

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: To clarify that if an officer is appointed to a partial term for any reason, the officer may be elected to two more full terms. Note that terms and limits for other officers are currently stated as "Same as President".

Pro:

- Fairness and Opportunity for Contribution: If an individual assumes a role mid-term due to a vacancy, not counting the partial term allows them to serve two full terms, providing a fair chance to contribute fully and effectively to AANR's goals.
- 2. Merit and Experience Consideration: Individuals who

have completed partial terms might have gained valuable experience and knowledge during their tenure. Not counting partial terms acknowledges their contributions and allows them to continue leveraging their expertise for the benefit of AANR.

- 3. Flexibility and Adaptability: AANR can adapt more readily to unexpected vacancies or transitions without strictly limiting the ability of an individual who has served a partial term from contributing fully in two more terms.
- Increase Pool of Candidates: Finding a volunteer that is willing to fill a partial term may be more difficult if it means that it will restrict future service to a single term.

Con:

At present the office for AANR President is two consecutive two (2) year terms, with no additional years. There is no need to extend the number of years for the office of President. Four (4) consecutive years for this position is sufficient.

Bylaw Change 2 – Secretary/Treasurer Terms of Office

I MOVE to replace the Secretary/Treasurer's "Terms of Office & Limits" in the "Officials' Qualifications Chart" in the AANR Bylaws, as follows:

Terms of Office & Limits Same as President <u>Two years or until</u> a successor is elected. No limit on consecutive terms.

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: As this is a technical position, allow a competent trained person to stand for reelection and continue in the office.

Pro:

- Continuity and Experience: Serving in the role of Secretary/Treasurer for an extended period allows the individual to gain extensive knowledge, experience, and understanding of AANR's financial and administrative matters and ensures stability and consistency in managing AANR's affairs. Over time, the Secretary/ Treasurer becomes highly proficient in handling the specific financial and administrative tasks unique to AANR.
- Relationship Building: Long-serving officers develop strong relationships and rapport with other members which can be valuable in fostering trust and collaboration within the association, its regions, and clubs.
- Avoid Disruption: Introducing new officers frequently leads to disruptions in AANR's operations. There's a steep learning curve for the position. Continuity provided by a longer-serving Secretary/Treasurer can help prevent potential disruptions.
- 4. Election Choice: Members might prefer the option to

continue electing an effective Secretary/Treasurer who has proven their commitment and capability over time, rather than being limited by term constraints.

Con:

This motion is not needed for the position of Secretary/ Treasurer. The first part of this motion is currently the practice of the organization. If no Secretary/Treasurer has been elected the current Secretary/Treasurer will remain in office until that position is filled. What this motion does change is there will be no term limits for this position, meaning one person could remain Secretary/Treasurer for an unlimited number of years. At present this office is term limited to two (2) consecutive terms or (4) four consecutive years.

Bylaw Change 3 - Qualifications for Trustee

I MOVE to change the bylaws "Officials' Qualifications Chart" section for Board of Trustees.

"Trustee must be a member of the region from which elected, must have served the region as an official <u>or a member of the AANR Board</u> for at least one (1) year and must reside within the geographical boundaries of that region. With the consent of the Board of Trustees, an exemption may be made to the residency requirement."

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: To make clear the qualifications for a Board of Trustee Position.

Pro:

Previous service on the AANR Board does prepare a region member to further serve their region as a trustee. By including this service as a qualification, you are allowing a very qualified member of the region the opportunity to run for the office of region trustee as well as expanding the pool of applicants.

Con:

By allowing membership on the AANR Board to qualify as service years for the region trustee position, this person may have little understanding of the region's needs. The present qualifications are sufficient.

OFFICERS



President Tim Mullins

Credentials:

AANR Life Member
AANR Board Trustee - 6 years
AANR Government Affairs Chair - 14 years
AANR Vice-President (Current)
Jim Cossins Service to AANR Award 2017
Local Club Treasurer, Secretary, and President
Community Awareness Team member
AANR-West Director - 4 years
AANR-West GAT Chair - 3 years
Northern California Exposure Club member
Laguna del Sol member

Treasurer of a professional association with annual budget of more than \$100,000 - 6 years

Regional President, and International Trustee for the Region BA and graduate work from California State University, Northridge

Numerous Information Technology courses

Candidate Statement:

AANR is at a crossroads, we need to address our membership decline by addressing the issues the members have raised as their concerns. This will be a major focus in my administration.

Our website needs to be the launch site for member communication. We need to encourage AANR endorsed events that members initiate. Better support to individual members is key to organizing locally.

The Government Affairs Team (GAT) successes need to be promoted. We need to not only continue these efforts but also share that success with our fellow nudists, members, and nonmembers. We lead the fight for nudists rights.



President Linda Weber

Credentials:

Home Club/Direct Member: Direct Member
Credentials
AANR/Regional/Club offices held:
AANR-West Director (en dash) 2 terms, 2019-2024
AANR Chair for the 90th AANRversary celebration - 2021
AANR Family of the Year - 2023
Current member of the following AANR Committees: Social

Media, Public Relations/Member Marketing, Visible Altruism Other not-for-profit board experience:

Governor, B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation - 2023 to current Ten years serving on two different HOA Boards as President ending in 2018

Two years serving as Secretary and Treasurer on HOA Board - ending in 1998

Business/background experience applicable to position sought (please list positions held):

Manager for Secure Horizons Sales Team - 12 years Length of AANR membership: Member since 2019 Education background: AA in Business, Certificate in Conflict Resolution

Candidate Statement:

AANR is facing dwindling membership, regional disconnect, member dissatisfaction, and legislative threats that necessitate innovative and fresh ideas. I am proposing strategies to ensure AANR remains relevant and membercentric, delivering services that inspire pride in membership and reverence for our rich history within nude recreation. I can't do this alone. If you are ready for positive change, I would appreciate your vote to allow me to shape a brighter future for AANR. Let's unite and re-establish AANR into the organization we are all proud to be part of.



Vice President Patty Faber

Credentials:

AANR Life Member
AANR Board Trustee, Club and Region
AANR Vice-President
AANR-West President
AANR-West Vice-President
AANR-West Director
Shangrila Ranch Owner/Managing Partner 1997 - Current

Other non-AANR positions/experience: Active member of local Kiwanis club, Treasurer, Fundraising Event Coordinator, Management Certificates and Accreditation, Leadership Course Work

Candidate Statement:

The American Association for Nude Recreation needs to get back to its roots, being the credible voice of reason for nude recreation. This can be achieved by listening to our members and acting on their behalf, as well as the clubs and groups that help maintain the standards that this 90+ year organization was built on. Advocacy and member retention, through action and events, will get us into, and through, the next generation of this prosperous and accomplished culture that we have all grown to admire and appreciate.



Secretary/Treasurer David Levine

Home club:

Sunshower Country Club, Dayton Warm Breezes, Indiana Naturists

AANR Offices held:

Secretary/Treasurer AANR Board of Trustees Treasurer AANR Education Foundation

Membership: 6 years

Education: AB in Anthropology, Indiana University

I am the current AANR Secretary/Treasurer AANR Board of Trustees. I took over in mid-term because no one ran for the office last election and the previous Secretary/Treasurer wanted to retire. When I joined the Education Foundation Board that organization was in danger of folding. The new Board including myself revitalized it and now it's growing. I see the same evidence starting at AANR and hope my contributions can help reverse the trend and restore AANR to its former glory.

TRUSTEES



AANR-East Regional Trustee Sandra Cordell

STATE: NY

CLUB: Empire Haven, Moravia, NY since 2006 Whitetail Resort, Ivor, VA since 2020

Credentials:

Current AANR-East Trustee
Current AANR-East Finance Committee
Past AANR-East Director
Past President - Empire Haven Activities Committee
Past President and Treasurer/Secretary - Ladies of Moose
Past Secretary - Oneida's Civic Club
Accountant/tax preparer - 29 years (semi-retired)

Candidate Statement:

As the current AANR-East Trustee, I would like to continue for another 2 years. I have learned a lot in the past 2 years on the board, both positive and negative. There is work to be done that can better the AANR organization. I will continue to promote positive attitudes and convincing family, friends, and new acquaintances that social nudism helps people see their true selves and a more positive world. Getting more people to understand and accept nudism is an essential goal for AANR.

My accounting background provides expertise in financial matters. Open-mindedness to ideas/suggestions, weighing pros/cons, and getting desired results are personal attributes. I will continue to support board members and organizational diversification; foster collaboration between AANR, regions, and clubs; welcoming creative ideas and suggestions from others; and stay informed of legislature impacting our rights as nudists. The end result means a stronger AANR and our choice to being nude.



AANR-East Regional Trustee Albert J. Gilewicz

Home Club/Associate
Niagara Naturists, Cypress Cove, & AANR East Direct

Credentials:

President of the AANR Education Foundation – During my term we have increased the number and amount of scholarships awarded and grants to youth camps while increasing the amount of monies raised to support these efforts, all while increasing the awareness of the Education Foundation.

Director on the AANR East Region Board – I've worked to forge closer relationships between members, clubs, and the region promoting public-facing naturist outreach activities that can be implemented by any other club while explaining the benefits of AANR affiliation.

Past board member of various local organizations such as urban gardening organizations and book arts/printing.

AANR Member - since 2009

Educational Background

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering - Union College, Schenectady, NY

Master of Business Administration - Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Licensed Professional Engineer by Examination

Candidate Statement:

My fundamental belief is that the long term success of AANR & East Region will be to attract a more balanced and diverse demographic membership at a time when fewer individuals are joining groups. This can be achieved through a well-structured public awareness effort including public-facing projects such as the World Naked Bike Ride, Nude Figure Drawing Modeling, and Art Competition/Exhibition, etc. A component would be a robust club and membership outreach effort extolling the value of the AANR brand and relationships. This effort can be shared with all of AANR ensuring the continuity of landed and non-landed clubs.



AANR-Florida Regional Trustee Ralph Collinson

I have been a lifelong nudist starting in grade school in the 1950s. During the first half of my life, I enjoyed nude recreation on public lands in New England, Virginia, and Florida. Upon moving to Florida my wife and I became associated with the North East Florida Naturists (NFN) and were introduced to AANR, and we are now Elite Lifetime AANR members. I have been very active in AANR and naturist concerns in Florida over the last 15 years. I'm a past president and director of NFN, and current President and former Director of AANR-Florida. Over the last 15 years I have held the AANR President position for five terms (10 years which is the longest in AANR-Florida history). I was also a former Florida Member Trustee on the AANR Executive Board for two terms.

Throughout this period, I have worked to enhance nude recreation in Florida. During this time, we have gained a new naturist beach and solidified our hold on several others. We have gained acceptance by the State of Florida as a special interest tourist industry with a significant economic impact. We are active members of Visit Florida dedicated to attracting nudists worldwide to nude recreation in Florida. During my tenure in Florida, we have been able to unify the various nudist organizations to speak with one voice. In addition to AANR I'm also a member of South Florida Free Beaches, First Coast Naturists, Northeast Florida Naturists, The Naturist Society, and a member of AANR's Hall of Fame.



AANR-Midwest Regional Trustee Richard Quigley

Credentials:

I joined AANR over 20 years ago while a member of Oakwood Club in Minnesota. At Oakwood I was either the President or Vice President for 10 years through 2011. In 2011 I was elected to the AANR-MW Board and spent 3 enjoyable years serving our Region. In 2016 I was elected President of AANR-MW. I served two 2-year terms as President of AANR-MW, our 13-state Region which I immensely enjoyed. I would have loved to continue as President but term limits brought that to an end in 2020. Graduate of University of Wisconsin - River Falls Majors in Business Administration and Economics. Successful business owner of Minnesota Computers I started in 1987. I sold the company 10-1-2015 and retired.

Candidate Statement:

I know that my background and extensive experience with AANR at all levels, local and regional, will be a tremendous benefit to our Region at the National level. I ask for your confidence and vote as our next AANR-Midwest Trustee.



AANR-Northwest Regional Trustee Margie Cantlon

My name is Margie Cantlon and I am running for Northwest trustee. I joined AANR in 1992 when I became a nudist and joined Kaniksu Ranch. Eventually I helped friends build Sun Meadow Family Nudist Resort, and in 2008, actually joined others in purchasing Sun Meadow Resort. We sold the resort in 2022 and formed a travel club called the Sun Meadow Sun Seekers.

I was the AANR club trustee for two years, and then the AANR Vice President for four more. I'm currently the president of the Sun Seekers, and have been certifying officer of the club at Sun Meadow Resort 2008-2022, and for the Sun Meadow Sun Seekers since its organization.

I am on the board of the AANR Education Foundation and serve as chair of the gifts and grants committee, which includes the scholarship committee.

I want to see AANR continue for many years to come, and hope to help in that effort.



AANR-Southwest Regional Trustee No nominations received.

Heather Cheney, the current AANR-Southwest Trustee, will remain interim trustee until a successor is appointed by the AANR Southwest region.



AANR-West Regional Trustee Kathy Watzel

Kathy has been a nudist all her life and a member of AANR since 1991. For 33 years Kathy has supported her home club Mountain Air Ranch, in Colorado by serving as a member of the Board of Directors. She has assisted in writing and presenting proposals for MAR to state and county government offices to assure the clubs future. Kathy has been a member of the AANR board for the past eleven years serving as Planning Chair, Strategic Planning Chair, a member of the Budget Committee, Finance Chair, and for four years she served as the AANR President. She is currently serving, on the AANR Board, as the AANR-West Trustee.

As President of AANR Kathy has worked to secure financial stability by supporting the first dues increase in over 10 years. This was also achieved by giving every member the option of a printed *Bulletin*, electronic eBulletin, or both.

"I want to continue moving AANR in a positive direction. Supporting nudist, members, and clubs by protecting their rights, promoting nude recreation through education, providing support services to our members and clubs, and preserving financial viability and integrity of the AANR organization. We need to repeatedly inform the public that AANR defends nudist rights." Kathy Watzel



AANR-Western Canada Regional Trustee Bob Dixon

Club: Sunny Chinooks Association

AANR offices: 5 two-year terms as Trustee; 1 two-year term

as Vice President

AANR-WC offices: 8-plus two-year terms, holding the offices

of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President Club offices: 3-plus two-year terms as Treasurer Other offices: Treasurer of local charities

AANR member since 1983

Education: BSc (Civil Eng), MBA

Candidate Statement:

I am a strong believer that we need the AANR organization to help protect the rights of nudists everywhere. A single, cohesive voice is much better than many dispersed voices. As your trustee, I will continue to speak up and to work for all nudists, especially Canadians. I would appreciate your support as western Canada's voice at the AANR level. Thank you!