



## Minutes of the Membership Meeting, Summer 2024

### Call to Order:

Date: Friday, August 15, 2023,

Time: 9:09 AM EDT

Location: Shangri La Ranch

AANR President Mitch London called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Arizona time.

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Officers	Mitch London	President	X	
	Tim Mullins	Vice President	X	
	David Levine	Secretary/Treasurer	X	
	Erich Schuttauf	Executive Director	X	
Trustees	Sandra Cordell	East Trustee	X	
	Joan Harris	Florida Trustee	Zoom	
	Richard Quigley	Midwest Trustee	Zoom	
	Karen Lahey	Northwest Trustee	Zoom	
	Heather Cheney	Southwest Trustee	X	
	Kathy Watzel	West Trustee	X	
	Bob Dixon	Western Canada Trustee	X	

Both Canadian and US anthems were sung.

Moment of Silence for all the people who have passed away recently.

## Dignitaries

Kathy Watzel – Past President

Stephane Deschenes President of INF

Max Schuttauf AANR Office

Arlette Lowery AANR Office

Carolyn Hawkins AANR Office

Carolina DeAldana AANR Office

Mitch London – Declaration of Quorum

## Business Motions

**Motion 1** I move to adopt the Rules and Order of Business as presented.

Date: 8/15/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: As stated,

Maker: Kathy Watzel

Second: Elizabeth Witte

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously, without objection

**Motion 2** I move to adopt the minutes of the Membership Meeting of August 10, 2023.

Date: 8/15/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: As stated,

Maker: Kathy Watzel

Second: Tim Mullins

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously, without objection

## Award Motions

**Motion 3** I move to nominate Kelly and Fred Roessler as AANR Family of the Year

Date: 8/15/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: As stated

Maker: Tim Mullins

Second: Heather Cheney

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously, without objection

**Motion 4** I move to nominate Minnie Carr as AANR Woman of the Year

Date: 8/15/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: As stated

Maker: Ted Peck

Second: Don Hawkins

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

**Motion 5** I move to nominate Harry Hanbury as AANR Man of the Year

Date: 8/15/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: As stated,

Maker: Kathy Watzel

Second: Tim Mullin

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

**Awards:** Young Woman of the Year

No nominations

**Awards:** Man of the Year

No nominations

Joan Harris brought a complaint that the agenda wasn't distributed at least 30 days in advance as stated in the ruling documents, so the meeting is out of order.

Mitch mentioned that he had not received any complaint until this meeting. David Levine, also mentioned in the complaint, has not received anything. Mitch wondered why the complaint was presented at the meeting instead of 29 days before when the agenda wasn't sent out. The meeting was scheduled a year and a half ago and advertised in the Bulletin several times. The agenda changes often, in fact 3 days ago so we don't know the final one until it's voted on, so Mitch isn't going to address it.

Peter Sewall challenged the decision of the chair and asked that the complaint be reviewed by a parliamentarian with evidence presented at this meeting.

Kathy Watzel mentioned that a parliamentarian, Bev Price, was contacted and indicated that there was no problem with continuing the meeting.

Kathy Watzel also stated that the only business to be conducted at the membership meeting are the 3 motions for Man, Woman and Family of the year.

Karen Lahey asked that online comments be read that pertain to the topic. The comments consisted of asking if any member had the right to submit motions and vote. Another comment was that the minutes were on the website but not 30 days prior to the meeting.

Karen Lahey also mentioned that the board was able to suspend the rules if they wanted to.

Kathy Watzel mentioned that this was a membership meeting, so any member has the right to vote.

Joe Rives, Florida Region president read the following complaint from Peter Sewall:

"Over the past several days, I have been inundated with inquiries and meeting requests from concerned AANR members, colleagues, and associates regarding the upcoming AANR convention. This heightened attention seems to have been triggered by the recent distribution of the meeting packet via email, as well as its posting at our communal mailboxes. I received a link to the convention packet for the annual event in an email titled *The AANR Weekly Report August 2, 2024*.

"Upon reviewing the packet, which can be accessed here: (<https://www.aanr.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/AANR-SUMMER-2024-MEETING-1.pdf>),

"I noted that it was dated July 22, 2024. To my knowledge, there had been no prior dissemination of this packet, whether digitally or in print. This discrepancy raises significant concerns that I feel compelled to bring to your attention.

"According to Section III of the American Association for Nude Recreation, Inc. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, specifically Article IX - Meetings and Conventions, A. Annual Membership Meeting: 3, it is stated: An agenda shall be prepared by the President for the membership meeting, and it shall be circulated to clubs, officers, trustees, the chairs of the committees, and the members \_not(sic) less than 30 days in advance of the membership

meeting.

(<https://www.aanr.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/AANR-Bylaws-July-2022.pdf>)

“Given the apparent lack of prior distribution, receipt of the packet on August 2, 2024, falls significantly short of the 30-day advance notice required by the bylaws. Moreover, I question whether the weekly newsletter is an appropriate and sanctioned platform for distributing such critical information, particularly to clubs, officers, trustees, etc.

“Further, the AANR Governance Manual, Chronology of Deadlines:

(<https://www.aanr.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/AANR-Governance-Manual-April-2024-4.pdf>) specifies: Deadline Date: July, second week / Item Event: Agenda for Annual Membership Meeting to be circulated to clubs. (BL Article IX.A.3)

“The second week of July this year was from the 7th to the 14th. The packet, however, is dated July 22nd, which is clearly after the deadline. It was only recently uploaded to the AANR website in the past several days.

“In previous years, this information was either mailed directly to clubs via post or electronically distributed. These methods, being date-specific, are indisputable. However, in the absence of sufficient notice this year, certain portions of the agenda will be prohibited from proceeding. I ask that you evaluate this concern carefully. If deemed valid, our position is this: On behalf of the AANR members represented by Cypress Cove, I formally request the intervention of AANR's Secretary, David Levine, with the assistance of a designated parliamentarian, to identify and exclude any portions of the 2024 convention agenda affected by insufficient or improper notice.

“Additionally, I request that Bob Dixon, as Internal Affairs Chair, conduct a thorough investigation into this matter, report his findings, and provide recommendations to prevent future occurrences. Given the urgency of this matter and the numerous inquiries currently outstanding, I would greatly appreciate your prompt attention and any additional insights you may have.

“Thank you for your time and consideration.

Peter M. Sewall  
General Manager  
Cypress Cove Resort"

Ralph Collinson agreed with Karen Lahey that the board can suspend the rules and recommended that the board do that.

Kathy Watzel moved that the rules be suspended.

Karen Lahey mentioned that she thought that only the trustees could suspend the rules.

Kathy Watzel disagreed.

Patti Faber also disagreed with Karen Lahey saying she thought that since this was a membership meeting the members could suspend the rules but if Karen Lahey insisted on a trustees vote all the trustees were present so a vote could be taken.

Art Vernon stated as a former parliamentarian this motion to suspend the rules was a procedural motion which was not debatable and required a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the membership present and voting to pass.

Joe Rives asked if the motion was for the membership meeting only. Kathy Watzel replied that, yes it was. He also mentioned that if the vote was favorable that he objected to the vote.

Peter Sewall said the suspending of the rules was suspending Robert's Rules of Order, not the associations by-laws.

**Motion 6** I move to suspend the rules for the Membership Meeting, August 15, 2024

Date: 8/15/2024

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: To proceed with the meeting at hand.

Maker: Kathy Watzel

Second: Heather Cheney

Disposition: **Passed**, 39 yes votes and 3 no votes.

Question was asked about the age limit for the young Man and Woman of the year. The answer was 18 years old.

Patty Faber welcomed attendees. Also stated that an indoor pickleball tournament was going to be run and mentioned that this was the first time such an event has been run at a nudist resort. Mitch presented the AANR host award to Patty Faber on behalf of Shangri La Ranch.

Mike Parker online mentioned that the rules for Man, Woman and Family of the year is supposed to be a secret vote with the option of no reward available on any of them.

Karen Lahey mentioned that we suspended the rules, so this vote need not be taken.

Art Vernon said suspending the rules was for one specific situation, not the whole meeting. The rule suspended previously was for the 30-day notification of the agenda. Any other suspension of the rules would require another motion.

Karen Lahey disagreed.

A secret ballot was taken, and the result was that the nominations were approved.

Family of the year, 45 yes, 0 no.

Woman of the year, 45 yes, 0 no.

Man of the year, 12 yes, 0 no 1 none of the above.

Motions passed.

## President's Comments

"The past year has seen a lot of changes, some good, others not so good. I have never been one to toot my own horn as the saying goes, but I will sing the praises of AANR, its staff and volunteers until the cows come home, as the saying goes.

"In the past year we have seen our website go through several changes. We added a news feed at the bottom, we created the Women in Nude Recreation page that gets several hundred page views per month and also links to the women in nude recreation website started by the WINR chair Andee Rodgers. The website now has a search capability, we started creating How To videos for various aspects of the website and also the members page with more to come later hopefully. We now have a page dedicated to nudist podcasts which also has several hundred views that give many different views on nudism and naturism. The join AANR page in a recent month received over 10,000 views and the home page was viewed 23,000 times that month. We are also changing our whole membership system to a much more customized system to better serve our members.

"The office staff have helped hundreds of AANR members with questions or concerns that crop up throughout the year whether it is about membership or getting assistance in a legal matter and they work with multiple entities in their daily office activities often with very little recognition or appreciation for their efforts. They monitor severe weather conditions such as the recent hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico that went across part of the Southwest Region, and they made contact with the clubs to check on their wellbeing. They also send out condolences or cards of sympathy when they hear of the passing of one of our members.

"We saw the WINR Committee go to amazing lengths to spread the word about AANR across the northwest with the ImPerfect campaign as well as a Women One Word Calendar that raised funds for the Naturist Education Foundation.

"AANR with the help the Government Affairs Team and many of its members and regions was able to work with lobbyists to stave off an attack on the World Naked Bike Ride in Wisconsin, a bill in Florida that would have hurt nudist resorts that offered massage therapy as well as protecting a beach in Hawaii and we saw the creation of a new clothing optional beach. Even in Canada there are far (sic) stories being put out with little to no basis in fact causing stress and fear in clubs. Plus there are dozens upon dozens of individuals that contact the AANR office for advice on how to handle legal issues with regard to nudism. Recently, with the help of several clubs and individuals, we created a raffle that raised nearly \$4500 for the Government Affairs Team.

"Very recently, we had discussions with a board member in the Southwest Region who had a member going through legal troubles concerning custody of a child and they stepped up to set a gofundme (sic) account to help cover legal costs. In less than 24 hours our members and others

donated well above the original asking amount, and the limit was soon raised to help cover other unforeseen costs. This is an example of our members really looking out for the welfare of others.

“Our Public Relations Committee and its team has done an incredible job of staffing the bimonthly meet and greets that are able to introduce people new to nudism in the same online space as AANR members to share stories, ideas and fellowship. Some AANR folks had a rare opportunity to sit in on a conference for the World Social Science Association that had a lengthy discussion about social nudism and its benefits.

“The Membership/Marketing has been crazy busy finding ways to get AANR and its mission of destigmatizing nudism out to the masses via interviews, podcasts, articles and more. Even when a story arose with negative tones towards nudism was found, a call for members to write in and express their opinion to give our side of the story a fair shake. Ronna Krozy, the chair was interviewed on CNN about nude beach etiquette.

“AANR has been mentioned in the latest issue of Car and Driver Magazine about the nude car show that has been running for 35 years. I have been interviewed a number of times myself including an Ask Me Anything on Reddit, 3 interviews on Naked Nudists and naturists, once of the New Nudist Podcast and most recently with Authority Magazine. Some of our clubs were targeted by groups that sought to sully the name of the club with a misinformation attack, but in true nudist style they chose to look at it as a way to educate their community as to what nudism really is. Nudists even made national news recently in San Francisco as a blowtorch wielding “pirate guy” was attacking a tourist and a nudist just walking by stepped in to protect the tourist. File that under, do not try this.

“We have created plaques that are available only to Premier and Elite Life Members that they can order and that allow them to proudly display their pride in AANR.

“I could spend a lot more time on the changes we have made over the past year, but I would be remiss if I did not also point out some of the bad that went with the good. Our membership numbers have not been where we would like them, but hopefully, with ideas that have been worked on recently it will help as well as having some fresh eyes on the problems that clubs face in getting and retaining members. There have been disparaging remarks made towards AANR online and via email that has created stress in the office.

“In short, we are not perfect. But we must work together to achieve success. It is difficult enough to defend ourselves from attacks on our community from the outside, we do not need the same coming from within. We must realize we are not here to achieve our own personal agenda; we are all here to do the best we can for our members. But through all the hardships and all the successes we are surrounded by a lot of people that all want the best for AANR, and I want to thank everyone who worked so hard and was there to help me and help AANR during the past two years.

**“In the AANR office:** Erich Schuttauf, Judy Mason, Carolyn Hawkins, Arlette Lowery, Darlene Mills, Jeff Baldassarre, Carolina DeAldana, Dianne Watkins, Melissa Sigman, Frances Johns, Max Schuttauf

**“Your executive Board Members:** Tim Mullins, David Levine.



**“Your trustees:** BG Parkes, Sandra Cordell, Joan Harris, Richard Quigley, Karen Lahey, Heather Cheney, Kathy Watzel, Bob Dixon.

**“Your Region Presidents:** Robert Roche, Ralph Collinson, Amy Rollins, Donna Jennings, Lucy Heide, Cyndi Tendick, Mark Huenison.

“As well as all the people on the Government Affairs Team, The Naturist Education Committee, All the Committee Chairs as well as all the boards in all the regions. Every single AANR club and affiliated business. And lastly, but most importantly, every single AANR member who has taken their hard-earned money to purchase membership in an organization that they believe in and wish for its success for generations to come! Thank You.”

## **Executive Director’s Comments**

Thanks to the Shangri La Ranch, the Tendick family, and all the members who have made everything possible. The previous evening an expert brought some examples of the wildlife in Arizona. The king snake was especially interesting. They are brought in to control the rattlesnake population. They are non-venomous and friendly. That is a great analogy for AANR. AANR and its members are non-venomous and friendly, and we keep down the people who attempt to infringe on nudists’ rights.

## **Awards**

Karen Lahey presented the following awards.

**Membership Increase by Percent:** Forest Hills for 144.12%

**Membership Increase in Numbers:** Turtle Lake Resort for an increase of 82 members.

**Hal O’Neill Award:** Shangri La Ranch for its swim clinic

**Rick Athearn Photography Award:** Hidden River Resort for enjoying Nature Naturally

**Erwin Koch Award:** Cypress Cove Nudist Resort

**AANR Social Media Award:** AANR Florida Region

**Nudist Influence Award:** World Naked Bike Ride

Ronna Krozy presented the following awards

**Iisley Boone Best Club Newsletter Award Group A:** Buff-A-Teers for the Buff Flyer

**Iisley Boone Best Club Newsletter Award Group B:** Southern California Naturist Association for the SCNA Newsletter

**Public Relations Non-nudist Media Award – TV Presentation:** Cindi Tendick for the Fox 10 interview

**Public Relations Non-nudist Media Award – Newspaper Article:** The Loyola Phoenix for Spare the Clothes featuring the Chicago Fun Club

**Newspaper Photograph:** Dyer Woods Nudist Campground

**Magazine Article:** Governing Magazine for The Naked Truth about Unintended Legislative Consequences by Carl Smith

**Online Article:** Sask Today for Green Haven Sun Club Marks 50 Years by Ryan Kiedrowski

Tim Mullins presented the following award

**Government Affairs Memorial Service Award:** AANR – Northwest Region for the Denny Blaine effort

Eric Schuttauf reported a conversation with a Washington State lawmaker and his family who approached our booth at NCSL and said they knew about AANR because of Denny Blaine Beach and they fully support AANR in that.

Mitch London presented the following awards

**Host Club Award 2024 AANR Convention:** Shangri La Ranch

**Hall of Fame Elections:** Ronna Krozy

Tim Mullins presented the following award

**Hall of Fame Elections:** Carylton Hawkins

Mitch London presented the following awards

**Best Original Article in a Club Newsletter:** Southern California Naturists for Bare to Breakers 12K Across San Francisco

**Serendipity Park Web Award Developed and Maintained by a Professional Webmaster:** First Coast Naturists for [www.firstcoastnaturists.co](http://www.firstcoastnaturists.co)

**Jim Cossins Award:** Andee Rodgers

**President's Award:** Judy Mason

**President's Meritorious Service Awards:** David Levine, Kathy Watzel, Arlette Lowery, Tim Mullins, Eric Schuttauf, Bare Necessities, Carolyn Hawkins, Bob Morton

**Special Thank You Award:** Andee Rogers for WINR

A note was presented to recognize the CNN London reporter Marianne O'Hare for the article Nude Beach Etiquette, Lose Your Clothes Not Your Manners

Mitch London thanked Bare Bottom signs for the award plaques

### Business specifically referred to this meeting

None

### New Business

None

### Good of the Order

Mitch London mentioned the GoFundMe account set up by the Southwest Region for the custody battle in Arkansas. GoFundMe automatically adds a 17% tip unless you specifically turn the tip off or change it.

Ted Peck stated that next year's convention is at Oak Lake Trails, and they will start taking reservations on January 1, 2025. If you don't get on the grounds, there are nearby motels in Stroud OK, 15 minutes from Oak Lake Trails. Recommended ones are Western Country Inn, the Hampton, and Cattle Country Lodge

Joe Rives wanted to recognize Eric as for the good of the order

Joe Rives also wanted to ask that the Florida Region be referred to Florida Region, not just Florida.

### Meeting Adjourned