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To: AANR Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs, Regions, and Members  
From: Erich Schuttauf, Esq. AANR Executive Director and General Counsel  
Date: May 17, 2025  
Re: AANR Interim Report

*AANR Welcomes Secretary / Treasurer Mitch London...* AANR is delighted that Mitch London is re-joining the AANR Leadership Team – this time as its confirmed Secretary / Treasurer. Many of you will recall Mitch as former AANR President and President of the AANR SouthWest region. We look forward to working with you, Mitch!

*AANR 2024 Financials Prepared, Audit Concluded...* In April 2025 the Association's independent auditors concluded its review of 2024 financials, which have been supplied to AANR Finance Director Kathy Watzel and the trustees. A summary of the financials will, as regularly, appear in the July 2025 issue of *The Bulletin*.

*AANR Membership Committee Work...* I have deeply appreciated working with Chairman Joe Rives as his committee prepares proposed enhancements to the Association's dues and membership structure. Among these ideas: waiving dues on Legacy (under 18) memberships, stratifying and possibly lowering student and young adult membership dues, and assisting with dual direct memberships.

*AANR Membership System...* AANR has released its revised membership system with various refinements. It combines many of the features that clubs and staff appreciate within the current system as well as better functionality with the accounting structure of the Association. The next proposed upgrades to the system include the availability of auto-renewals for those who select it enabling them to join and not be inconvenienced with re-submitting their annual dues, plus improving upon the ability of club and region leaders to obtain information they need.

*Special Thanks to Bare Necessities for a Successful Cruise, Membership Promotion...* In February the Bare Necessities Tour and Travel company wrapped up another successful cruise to multiple islands. AANR appreciates Bare Necessities, as well as the volunteers who assisted AANR President Linda Weber with working a membership table on days at sea. Dozens of members joined or renewed. Promotional items and literature, as well as answers to questions about the work AANR does, were provided to those on the ocean.

*Welcome New Clubs and Club Resources... These include...*

*New Clubs Which Have Reached Charter Status:*

Bare RV – Florida

Rocky Mountain Naturist Club – Colorado (We extend the club leadership special thanks for helping to develop a revised handbook on building a successful nonlanded club. It is available for download on the AANR website.

*Participating Business:* Hotel Zipoliteville; Zipolite Beach, Mexico

*New Provisional Clubs*

Naturists in the Canyon – California

Nudist Clubhouse - Florida

TWC Naturist Events – Minnesota

*New Club Submissions under Review:*

Golden Valley Sun Club - Arizona

Bare RV

*Nude Recreation in the News...*

A few weeks ago the press reported an interview with AANR President Linda Weber for British News Outlets and to America Online. This was an incredible story with incredible reach. See [https://www.aanr.com/aanr\\_articles/ive-visited-nude-resorts-for-10-years-these-are-the-benefits-of-naked-vacations-linda-weber-the-president-of-the-american-association-for-nude-recreation/](https://www.aanr.com/aanr_articles/ive-visited-nude-resorts-for-10-years-these-are-the-benefits-of-naked-vacations-linda-weber-the-president-of-the-american-association-for-nude-recreation/)

Story on Buck Creek Streak – Al Gilewitz of the AANR East Region Board had a successful interview concerning the nude 5k run at Carolina Foothills Resort.

[https://www.postandcourier.com/spartanburg/news/spartanburg-nudist-resort-buck-creek-streak-5k/article\\_e0595bb3-d5f0-4153-9049-d4443c166453.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/spartanburg/news/spartanburg-nudist-resort-buck-creek-streak-5k/article_e0595bb3-d5f0-4153-9049-d4443c166453.html)

**Please plan to join us at the AANR Convention at Oaklake Trails (Oklahoma) in August, with activities to begin on the second Tuesday in August, 2025.**

## **Government Affairs and Legal**

**AANR Fights in Court for Clothesfree Parenting in Canada, Michigan** – Earlier this spring AANR assisted a member living in Ontario, Canada facing hearings to challenge her as a parent and to challenge visits with her minor child to nudist clubs within that province and within Michigan. The family is “third generation” nudist, but an ex-spouse initiated the challenge. AANR filed affidavits outlining the legality of family nudism and was prepared to present testimony where needed. The hearings judge denied a motion for temporary protective order finding no urgency for issuing it. That was a temporary victory for nudism, but additional proceedings are scheduled later this summer.

**Arkansas Case** – Speaking of nudist custody proceedings, AANR continues to assist in the case of Sarah, threatened with losing custody of her son after allegedly bringing her son to an event in Florida in which it was fully lawful to attend. I have completed paperwork / discovery answers related to appearing as an expert witness. Meanwhile, the original judge assigned to the case was replaced.

**AANR Turns Back, Amends, Catastrophic Bills in Florida** – SB 1180 (Gaetz) and HB 757 (Redondo), as originally introduced, would have banned any image(s) of a minor displaying genitals and punished it at the felony level. Thanks to government relations professionals that your dues and donations have helped make possible (with significant thanks to BG Parkes of Suwannee Valley Resort), AANR and AANR Florida were able to get the bills reworded in a form that is much improved. Now, exhibitions must be “lewd and lascivious” to be actionable and the bill, which is slated for passage (HB 757) provides additional guidance by referring to helpful case law. Meanwhile a proposal to restrict minors from venues with alcohol and nudity was headed off after the government professional met multiple times with state leadership to address possible questions and concerns with materials supplied by our office. Additional steps to address those concerns are being developed within AANR as well.

**Canaveral National Seashore Legal Representation** – A ranger on this historically nude beach issued a citation to a father after he and his young daughter appeared nude in the area set apart for its use and the ranger took exception to it (we suspect is out of personal convictions). AANR and I have made arrangements to provide my legal representation if it becomes necessary in future proceedings.

**Louisiana HB 103 (Rep. Gadsberry)** – If passed, this bill would have severely restricted showings of “intimate parts” including “fully unclothed, partially unclothed, and transparently clothed genitals, pubic area, vagina, vulva, or anus, or partial exposure of fully developed or developing breasts...”

AANR and I prepared a detailed legal memorandum citing numerous case precedents and research material. (With thanks to Bob Morton and Tim Mullins of the GAT team also.) The memo was sent to nearly 20 members of the House committee considering this bill. Two days later we had received an acknowledgement of AANR’s concerns by the Vice Chair of the committee who is also an attorney and law school professor. The efforts paid off. In early May during the committee’s hearing on the bill (which we monitored) its own sponsor requested that his bill be “deferred” noting there was further work needed on its wording and for study.



**Rhode Island “Freedom to Read” Bill Championed** – RI HR 5726, sponsored by Rep. Morales, proposes a “hands off” approach to local libraries. AANR wrote to contacts made in previous years at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) who hold positions of state leadership to request that they do whatever possible to advance the bill.

**Colorado Indecency Bill** -- CO HB 1231, sponsored by Rep. Keltie, sought to punish even “organizations” that made “explicit” materials available to minors with hefty penalties and fines. See e.g. <https://legiscan.com/CO/text/HB1231/2025>. The bill has been "postponed indefinitely" (i.e. failed in committee). Prior to that action being taken, AANR had lined up communications with friendly lawmakers met at NCSL, including a former lawmaker who now serves as Mayor of Ft. Collins, Colorado, home to the case about top freedom that reached the US Court of Appeals for the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Thanks to Bob Morton for alerting us to the bill early on and to Steve Schubert and Cyndi Tendick for their help strategizing on this one.

**Reaching Senate Leadership on Idaho Bill # HB 270** -- Succinctly, HB 270 would change the state’s law on indecency by outlawing the female breast (other than in cases of breastfeeding) as well as male breasts that appear, in some way, to be “augmented.” AANR wrote to friendly lawmakers in state senate leadership who had been helpful to AANR in the past following productive NCSL conversations. Regrettably, persons opposing HB 270 were greatly outnumbered in both chambers and the bill is passing. The situation is a strong example of the dangers posed by “supermajorities” within state legislatures where measures are virtually veto proof and committee votes a foregone conclusion.

**Washington State – Denny Blaine Beach** – Members will recall that AANR NorthWest volunteers including Karen Lahey made impassioned speeches during local government meetings about this beach to preserve its nude use and protect the safety of children from unsupervised use near the large body of water in the park. Those efforts succeeded in preserving nude use. Regrettably, recently there has been an increase in complaints about lewd activity, prompting an area homeowner lawsuit on the subject as well as efforts to deal with the activity. AANR has responded to members who have expressed an interest in helping to improve conditions at the beach, including distributing AANR’s *Guide to Creating and Managing Clothing-Optional Parks and Beaches*.

**2025 National Conference of State Legislatures Preparations Underway** – Boston Massachusetts - As we prepare for the AANR Convention we also prepare for the annual National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit. AANR has attended and staffed a booth each year where the Association educates lawmakers and staff from throughout the US, Canada, Puerto Rico and beyond. As in many

years, volunteers will join me in distributing commemorative pins that celebrate the host city. In 2025 the pin celebrates the Boston Tea Party featuring people from all walks of life as well as the AANR logo and the [aanr.com](http://aanr.com) web address. NCSL is expecting a heavier turnout this year than has been in recent years.

**AANR Advocacy Work Regularly Featured on Zoom Meet n Greet Sessions** -- Every two weeks AANR hosts an online Meet and Greet program where hundreds of members and prospective members may gather for introductory remarks before adjourning to breakout rooms on a variety of topics. For about five minutes I present a summary of recent work as well as inviting attendance at one of the breakout rooms dedicated to advocacy. I deeply appreciate the work of volunteers who make these sessions possible.