February 6, 2026, Midwinter Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Date: Friday, February 6, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time

Place: Suwannee Valley Resort, Florida

AANR President Linda Weber called the Midwinter Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Eastern Standard Time

Host Welcome:

BG Parkes welcomed everyone.

Executive Directors Report: Erich Schuttauf

Erich went through parts of his report to the board highlighting some areas of interest. He also talked about the upcoming elections and how people could obtain nominations forms.

Government Affairs: Tim Mullins

Tim briefly went through some items in his report. He also mentioned the beach in Hawaii where there is a proposal for making sure there is access to Makena Beach. There will be an open comment period that folks can take advantage of to help keep the access open and not be further restricted.

Ambassador Program Introduction-Jenny Agee

Jenny described the new AANR Ambassador Program and its rollout. This program will use people that have fresh and new ideas and leadership of others skills. Ambassadors will go to clubs, or beaches to directly explain what AANR is and why people should join. There is a QR code that goes to the AANR page where people can learn more. If people are interested in becoming an ambassador, they can go to the website aanr.com/aanr-ambassadors/.

Club Value and Support-Joe Rives

Joe gave a PowerPoint presentation version of his submitted report and expounded upon some of his items. He talked about the 150% new member increase. The need to update membership forms. Update the Club portal. He also highlighted a proposed Gold Seal Program that was originated in the AANR Florida region that will offer a Gold Seal to Clubs that meet certain requirements and assurances. He showed a video produced to promote the program.

Meeting in Lunch Recess

Reconvene 1:00pm

Membership Marketing-George Oberle

George highlighted areas of his report such as the Naturist Choice Awards which has generated a good amount of interest. He also talked about the new AANR Ambassador Program which has a number of resources to ambassadors available online. There may be up to 50 ambassadors. They will have goals to meet each month and also perks of being an ambassador including a paid membership after one year of service. He also talked about the new AANR Social Clubs committee. There is also information available to people wanting to start a new club.

There is a new webpage for AANR events whereby clubs can promote their own events and regions can promote their conventions.

He also went through some of the pageview stats of the AANR website has gotten a good number of visitors. He showed what pages have gotten the highest visits. There is high hope that we will soon hit 100,000 page views a month and over a million in a year.

Bob Dixon- Is it part of your scope to go after the younger naturists that are members of AANR non 100 percent clubs that are not AANR members?

George- That is spot on and the motivating factor in creating the Naturist Choice Awards to try and create awareness.

Adrian asked about the Ambassador program. Jenny mentioned an upcoming ZOOM meeting for those that signed up.

Public Relations-Evan Nix

The PR committee strategic plan for 2026 include the My Nude Story campaign which enlists both members and nonmembers to submit videos of their testimonials about their nude journey. There is a YouTube channel with 20 of these videos and has nearly 1000 subscribers so far.

The new Speakers Bureau is also in the works to help find people willing to be speakers on AANR and its benefits. It is still in the early stages, but they are looking for applicant to this program being built from the ground up.

The Meet and Greets on ZOOM remain to be popular. There are more platforms AANR wants to get into to help engage with the younger crowd such as Discord. The PR committee uses it internal for their own needs already. Other clubs use it for voice and video chats as well.

Cyndi Faber-How is the speakers bureau different from the ambassadors program?

Evan- The speakers bureau won't be as focused on club liaisons and events as the ambassadors program.

Roll Call:

Mitch London, Secretary/Treasurer, took roll:

Officers:

Linda Weber – President	Present
Patty Faber – Vice President	Present
Mitch London - Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Trustees	
Sandra Cordell – AANR-East	Present
Ralph Collinson – AANR-Florida	Present
Richard Quigley-AANR Midwest	Present via ZOOM
Jenny Agee-AANR-Northwest	Present
Heather Cheney-AANR-Southwest	Present via ZOOM
Kathy Watzel-AANR-West	Present
Bob Dixon-AANR-Western Canada	Present via ZOOM

Declaration of a Quorum – President, Linda Weber

All Officers and 6 Trustees are present, and we have a quorum.

Introduction of Dignitaries- Patty Faber

AANR-NW- Andy Rodgers, AANR-Florida- Joe Rives, a number of Hall of Famers online and past Presidents Kathy Watzel and Mitch London.

Motion#1

I move to adopt the Rules and Order of Business.

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: NONE

Maker: Kathy Watzel **Second:** Jenny Agee

Discussion: None

Disposition: Passed Unanimously

Report of Interim Motions- Mitch London

Since the Summer meeting, we have had four Interim Motions which were brought forward and voted upon via electronic communications.

They are as follows:

Interim Motion #1, September 15, 2025

MOTION: Add the following wording to the AANR Governance Manual, Section 8.01.03 Jim Cossins Memorial Award as follows:
"3. The cost of a suitable plaque or award shall be paid annually by the AANR-Midwest Region.
4. Award will be announced as "Sponsored by the AANR-Midwest Region.""

Purpose: Per the AANR Office Operations Manual July 2014, "The cost of a suitable plaque shall be paid annually by AANR Midwest."

Fiscal Impact: None
Maker: Ralph Collinson, legislation Chair Second: none needed
Discussion: There was discussion via electronic means.
Disposition: **Passed 5 – 0 – 1 (1 Non-voting)**

Interim Motion #2, October 22, 2025

Add the following wording to the AANR Governance Manual, Section 3.02.05:

8. Reimbursement requests must be received by the AANR office no later than 30 days after the meeting or event occurs or by the end of the calendar year, whichever comes first.
9. Reimbursement requests must be accompanied by receipts and documentation of comparisons.
10. Reimbursement requests outside of this timeframe or without receipts supporting the costs incurred will not be paid.

Purpose: To clarify Reimbursement request guidelines with respect to timelines and due dates for submission, as well as the requirement for comparisons and supporting receipts.
Fiscal Impact: None
Maker: Ralph Collinson, Legislative Chair Second: none needed
Discussion: There was discussion via electronic means
Disposition: **Passed 5-0-2 (Not Voting, Ralph Collinson, Heather Cheney)**

Interim Motion #3, December 22, 2025

I move to accept the Confidentiality Agreement as an official AANR document.
Purpose: To add the Confidentiality Agreement to the list of AANR documents.

Fiscal Impact: None
Maker: Ralph Collinson, Leg. Chair Second: none needed
Discussion: There was discussion via electronic means.
Disposition: **Failed 1-5-1 Voting Against-Sandra Cordell, Ralph Collinson, Richard Quigley, Kathy Watzel, Bob Dixon. Not Voting- Heather Cheney.**

Interim Motion #4, January 13, 2026

I move to accept the AANR 2026 Budget as presented.
Purpose: Accept the 2026 Budget for the organization
Fiscal Impact: As usual
Maker: Kathy Watzel, Finance Chair Second: none needed
Discussion: There was discussion via electronic means.
Disposition: **Passed 4-3-1 Voting Against-Ralph Collinson, Richard Quigley, Bob Dixon. Not Voting- Sandra Cordell. President Linda Weber voting in favor broke the tie vote.**

Motion to Ratify the Actions of the Board

Motion #2

I move ratify the actions taken by the Board since August 2025 Membership Meeting.
Purpose: As stated
Fiscal Impact: None
Maker: Second:
Discussion: None
Disposition: **Passed – 7-0-0**
(With no Maker or Second the motion should not have been voted on and therefore is invalid)

Motion #3

I move to go into Executive Session
Purpose: To discuss matters concerning AANR
Fiscal Impact: None
Maker: Jenny Agee Second: Kathy Watzel
Discussion: None
Disposition: **Passed 7-0-0**

The meeting was reconvened at 10:00 AM EST on February 7, 2026

Executive Session Results
The Board accepted the report from the IA Committee and the Florida IA Committee. The Board also discussed personnel matters.

Moment of Silence
A moment of silence was held for members that have passed recently including Walt Zadanoff who was President of the American Sunbathing Association. He helped create the Florida region of AANR. Bruce Frendahl who also helped create the AANR Florida region passed. He was with South Florida Free Beaches and one of the original leadership.

President's Report-Linda Weber
The president recapped her written report.
There was discussion about the confidentiality agreement that the board is working on. The board has created a three-person committee who is writing the details of the wording as well as the consequences for violating the agreement. The Committee agreed on a two to three-month window for completion. It was generally agreed that we need to protect our members as best we can.

Internal Administration- Bob Dixon
Bob Read his report.
IA 2025B report – Main Report 2026-02-06 This report is to be delivered in two sections: the main report, for general release and a supplemental report, for Executive Session review

Executive Summary – Main Report Overview
• At the 2024 MidWinter board meeting, the AANR Board approved funds (either $30,000 or $50,000, depending on documentation source) to implement the Conetics program.
• The IA investigation found no evidence of project scope (including development, justification, revision, etc.), role responsibilities (including a project manager), or progress reports.
• The project went significantly over budget (a budget overspend of $99,000 or $79,000, again depending on documentation source).
• Deadline constraints (driven by scope expectations, staff timing, or capability) led to at least a portion of the increase in cost.
• The AANR Board was not provided written updates regarding project progress.
• Neither the AANR Board nor the AANR Secretary/Treasurer (David Levine) were informed of overspends as they happened. The overspend was announced only at the 2025 MidWinter board meeting.
Conclusions

The above information reveals the following:
• Serious financial reporting deficiencies.
• Serious management process deficiencies.
The AANR Board, elected by the members, has the responsibility to oversee and manage AANR affairs. The AANR Board must receive full and timely financial disclosure. The Finance Committee, specifically the Finance Chair, is responsible for reporting all financial issues to the AANR Board.
The AANR Board failed in its oversight responsibility. But those responsible for reporting information. including overspending, failed to do so. This must change.

Introduction

This investigation is named IA 2025B to differentiate it from other IA investigations. The investigating committee consists of Bob Dixon (current AANR Trustee and IA Chair) and Ted Peck (previous AANR Trustee) and Sharon Maclead (previous AANR Trustee, VP, etc.).

This investigation was commenced as a result of a decision made during an AANR Board zoom call in the spring of 2025. It was initiated because of messages sent from either or both David and Myra Levine (the Complainants). Both David and Myra Levine were AANR members (current state unaddressed); David was AANR Secretary Treasurer from 2024 until 2025-02.

There was an inordinate amount of delay in getting this investigation completed. The reasons for the delay are not relevant to the outcome.
There are two parts to this report. The basic report is for release to the AANR audience (outside of confidentiality). There is a supplemental report that covers issues that the committee felt should be retained within the bounds of confidentiality. It will be released in Executive Session.

Initial Process

The committee reviewed the initiating documents and conducted an interview with David and Myra Levine.

1. The primary topic deals with the implementation of the Conetics system. It includes the capital costs, the approvals and the management of the implementation.

   The investigating committee determined that there were four AANR people to interview (the Respondents). These include Kathy Watzel – Finance Chair throughout the 20242025 period; Mitch London – President and member of the Finance Committee, from 2024 until 2025-08; Linda Weber - President and member of the Finance Committee, from 2025-08 until the end of 2025 and Erich Schutauff – Executive Director throughout the 2024-2025 period.

The committee developed a set of questions that were forwarded to each of the Respondents. Each Respondent replied – all by email. The Committee felt that further interviews, by Zoom, would not likely produce more detailed information.

Conetics

With regard to the implementation of the Conetics program the committee determined the following:

1. Initial approval for the implementation of the Conetics program was given by the Board as part of the budget approval during the midwinter meeting in 2024-02. The approved budget amount was either $30,000 or $50,000 – depending on documentation source. (Note – the minutes for the meeting did not contain precise wording for what was approved; based on our interpretation, the total capital budget, for many items, was $54,000 – thus $30,000 for Conetics seems more likely).
2. Although all Respondents were queried, none were able to provide evidence of any project progress, or cost estimate reporting, to the Board – at any time during 2024. There were comments that the Board was informed verbally (not all had the same understanding), but no one could provide documentation (reports or emails). Apparently, there was reporting to a select committee, but the Board was not informed. The Board provided no approvals, during or after 2024, regarding the Conetics implementation.
3. Under normal circumstances (as well as regular reporting), the reporting of the progress of the capital spend in 2024 would have been reported as part of the draft 2025 budget – issued in 2024-12). The total capital spend for Conetics, of $128,990, was belatedly announced at the 2025-02 midwinter meeting. This capital spend represents a budget overspend of $99,000 (or $79,000).
4. The investigators did receive a full listing of the disbursements related to the $128,900 expenditure. There was no evidence that any staff time or other internal costs were charged to this project.
5. In addition to regularly informing the Board, this 2024 capital spending information should have been made available to David Levine at the budget meetings in 202412. He was AANR Secretary Treasurer and a member of the Finance Committee at the time.
6. Although all Respondents were queried, none were able to provide evidence of any solid project management process. There was no evidence of any project scope (including development, justification, revision, etc.). There was no evidence of role responsibilities. There was no evidence of progress reports. One Respondent replied that it was “kind of a group effort”. Multiple people were suggested to have been the Project Manager.
7. Evidence was provided to the committee that there were deadline constraints (driven by scope expectations, staff timing or capability) that led to at least a portion of the increase in cost.

Interpretation

As we are a member-organization, little of our financial information should be withheld from our members (see Addendum). The Board, as the elected representatives of our members, should receive full and timely financial disclosure.

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee, and specifically, the Finance Chair, to report to the Board on all financial issues. With regard to the issue of materiality, the committee understands that some items are too small to be reported-on individually. Further, it is understood that the budget is a guideline and the office staff has some leeway to make adjustments. However, the committee feels that the lack of reporting on the $99,000 overspend (both the magnitude and the related analysis) is a failure that needs to be acknowledged and addressed. The committee cannot determine whether the failure to report was due to carelessness or willful intention, or both.

The failure to have management processes in place (to manage a full-scale software replacement) is not surprising in a volunteer organization. However, the lack of oversight is not excusable. The oversight failure is the Board's responsibility; however, the responsibility has to be shared, to a large extent, with those who did not provide appropriate reporting, keeping the Board in the dark.

Apparently, there are no rules in the AANR governance documents that specify the requirements for financial disclosure to other AANR bodies or the membership as a whole. In absence of such provisions, we should be guided by reasonable business principles - for a not for profit, member-owned organization.

The issue of whether $128,990 was well spent, or not, is an appropriate one to consider. However, the issue is out of scope for this investigation.

The auditors provide a high-level assurance that the affairs of the organization are reasonably reported. Their assessment provides us with no reporting on the issues being considered here.

Other Issues

The committee received information regarding the choice to move from Impexium back to Conetics. Some of the information provided justification for the change; some of the information raised serious concerns about implementation. Some of the information related to the earlier implementation of Impexium.

The committee felt that the choice to move from Impexium to Conetics topic was out of scope for this investigation.

There was commentary provided, from multiple parties, about the interpersonal relationships between David Levine and other parties. The committee acknowledges these issues did occur but does not consider them material. The issues were not investigated further.

Addendum (excepted from AANR Governance documents)

02.03.02 Membership Rights. Any voting member of the Association shall be permitted to attend any open meeting of the Board, committees or subcommittees and shall have the right to inspect the records of such bodies whether executive, legislative, or administrative, provided that such inspection shall take place at the convenience of the body concerned. Confidential membership files and minutes of executive sessions shall be excluded.

Roll Call:
Mitch London, Secretary/Treasurer, took roll:

Officers:	
Linda Weber – President	Present
Patty Faber – Vice President	Present
Mitch London - Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Trustees	
Sandra Cordell – AANR-East	Present
Ralph Collinson – AANR-Florida	Present
Richard Quigley-AANR Midwest	Present via ZOOM
Jenny Agee-AANR-Northwest	Present
Heather Cheney-AANR-Southwest	Present via ZOOM
Kathy Watzel-AANR-West	Present
Bob Dixon-AANR-Western Canada	Present via ZOOM

All Trustees and Officers are present and there is a quorum.

Conventions and Facilities- Jenny Agee

Jenny mentioned applications for Midwinter and Convention are being accepted for 2027. The 2026 National Convention is at the Willamettans. Jenny's husband is the chair for the club and gave information. The theme is Past, Present and Future, so a sort of steampunk theme with costumes and fun. The meetings will be Wednesday and Thursday August 12 and 13. Games will start Tuesday and go through Sunday. A live band Saturday night. There will be blind golf cart races, golf cart jousting, a tie dye area, plus lots of games. There will be a GAT live auction as well as a casino night fundraiser.

Legislation- Ralph Collinson

The committee went through the governing documents to make sure everything was current and only a recently discovered discrepancy needs to be fixed.

Glenn Miller Fund- Mike Parker

A couple clubs paid off their loans early so there is money available for clubs to get loans.

Strategic Planning – Cyndi Faber

No report

Finance- Kathy Watzel

Stands on written report

Region Presidents

AANR-East- Charlie Bliss

Report submitted

AANR-Southwest- Dan Hawkins

The SW midwinter was a week ago and budget approved. Icy weather made lots of people attend via ZOOM.

He gave a brief recap of his report.

AANR NW- Andee Rodgers

Andee highlighted a few items from report. A big goal is to get a bigger AANR presence at each club. Created a video for use on the website. Thanks to Jeff for his work with social media. The question of landed vs non-landed came up and to get a new name for non-landed clubs the idea of "We Go Places, We Do Things"

Several Certifying Officers had issues with some of the "clunky" working of doing memberships.

Kathy Watzel mentioned several improvements were made and they should contact the office.

They are working on a writer's retreat to make some money in a clothed setting.

AANR-Florida- Joe Rives

He said it was important for the board members to go to the resorts and engage with members. 4 of the top 10 clubs with growth came from their region. A round of applause for BG and SVR for their hospitality.

WINR- Andee Rodgers

The WINR women of the Western region came up with the initiative Bottoms and Bottles to fill boxes with get baby item needs and each club with a box can decide what shelter or outreach center to donate these items.

WINR has some 30 women to figure out what needs to be done in their regions.

There is a new social media presence for WINR. All the calendars have sold.

There was discussion of who would take over next year and Sarah Woodson's name came up. She is the woman who is being helped by AANR with her custody case and she would be good to handle the social media side. The other duties of WINR committee might be divided among others to make it more manageable as there is the calendar, the WOW campaign, and keeping the core group of women together.

Nominations- Richard Quigley

This is an election year, all seven positions are up for election. Download the application, get the endorsement signatures. The deadline is March 15th. Forms can be mailed or emailed to the addresses on the form.

Recess at 11:35 a.m.

Meeting resumed at 12:01p.m.

Motion #4

I move to accept the Confidentiality Agreement as an official AANR Document

(Attachment reprinted below)

"AANR VOLUNTEER CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made effective as of the date of signing and is by and between the American Association for Nude Recreation (hereinafter AANR), and______________________ , (hereinafter, Volunteer). The purpose of this Agreement is to safeguard the confidentiality and privacy of AANR members and AANR.

Volunteer agrees that Volunteer will not at any time or in any manner, either directly or indirectly, divulge, disclose, or communicate in any manner to any third party any customer or member list or any membership Information, including, but not limited to, personally identifiable information regarding, or images of, any AANR member, or use any such information for Volunteer's own benefit. Volunteer agrees to return all files and property of AANR to the AANR office upon request of AANR.

Volunteer agrees not to disclose, share, or distribute any AANR document marked "Confidential," or any other information, data, or material that is considered confidential or proprietary to AANR, whether or not such information is expressly designated as confidential. This obligation applies to all forms of communication and documentation, including, but not limited to, written, electronic, verbal, and visual information.

Volunteer understands that in the event of a violation of this agreement, AANR shall be entitled to all applicable legal and equitable remedies to include, but not limited to, equitable relief of any nature, injunctive relief, and monetary damages. Furthermore, the Volunteer agrees that in the event of an intentional breach, AANR will also be entitled to recover all legal fees associated with enforcing AANR's rights and/or recover from losses resulting from a breach of this Confidentiality Agreement. Additional information regarding steps to be taken is outlined in the Governance Manual.

This form shall bind Volunteer by his/her signature affixed to this Agreement. Volunteer acknowledges that the restrictions on nondisclosure of confidential information are fair and reasonably required for the protection of the interests of AANR and its members.

So agreed this ______ day of _____________ 20_________

Printed Name ____________________ Signature ________________________

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American Association for Nude Recreation Executive Director or President "

Fiscal Impact: None

Legislation Chair: Ralph Collinson

Maker: Kathy Watzel **Second**: Jenny Agee

Purpose: To add the confidentiality Agreement to the list of AANR Documents.

Discussion:

Kathy: We discussed it earlier, and I have no problem with the way its been written.

Bob Dixon: I don't have a copy of it in front of me.

Linda Weber: It's the one we've been, you guys have gotten it. We haven't made any changes to it.

Sandra Cordell: I don't have a problem with the form, I have a problem with, let's get it into the Governance Manual, let's make it concrete for those that are signing it, so they know what they're signing and what the repercussions will be.

Kathy: The motion is to approve the form, that's all we are voting on.

Bob: Back to the same, cart before the horse. We are approving the form, but not yet approving the policy. Am I correct.

Linda: Yes.

Bob: And this form is not going to form part of the Governance Manual until the policy is put in place.

Linda: The second motion has the wording that you have seen that is going into the Governance Manual. The trustees agreed that it would go to an IA, that's where it starts.

(unknown) This is different from the one a year ago?

Linda: Yes.

Ralph Collinson: Let me speak in favor of the motion. This is a motion to get the form approved and we can wordsmith this form for the rest of our lives if we like. I don't see anything in the motion that really is appalling. What we need to do is get the form approved. As far as the policy, that's the second motion, there may be some issues with that, but I think that we can move forward and at least get the form approved. How the form is implemented, how the form is used, that is going to be part of the policy. We just want to get the form done. This form is as good as any other form that anyone has ever come up with.

Bob: I have two comments to make. The issue of keeping members personal information confidential is not the concern of any of us I don't think. I'll bring it forward though and I'll quote the words that are of concern, "or any other information, data, or material that is considered confidential or proprietary to AANR, whether or not such information is expressly designated as confidential." This refers to information other than personal information, as your IA chair, I am expecting there to be fights in the future about whether particular information is deemed to be confidential or not. Somebody may think some financial information is confidential. I'll make no judgement now whether it should or shouldn't be. But the fact that it's not written down here means there is a fight coming in the future. My second point, Ralph, I'm going to defer to you, you have been working on this longer, if you think this is ok to go with, I'm with you. If you don't, I'm not.

Linda: The original agreement I did, had a list of everything, and that's the one thing that you guys rejected. It had a comprehensive list of everything that we consider confidential and you guys rejected that so we made it streamlined to make it easier for the people that did not sign it.

Bob: I signed it. I do not recall that definition, I'll go back and look.

Ralph: My opinion is that information should be in the Governance Manual. That will be in policy, it will show what is confidential.

Bob: Good.

Kathy Watzel: I call the vote.

Disposition: Passed 6-0-1 Abstaining- Richard Quigley

Motion #5

I move to change the term "non-landed club" to the term "social club"

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: To clarify the nomenclature we use as the descriptor for grass-roots, non-resort-based clubs.

Maker: Jenny Agee **Second:** Ralph Collinson

Discussion:

Bob Dixon: When we talked about this a few weeks ago, months ago, I'm not sure. I have the memory Linda, that you were going to contact all of the non-landed clubs that currently exist to see what their feedback is on what they thought of the idea. I'd like you to expand on that, before you do that I'll pass on my own research, that is I have had communication from one club that they do not like the change from non-landed to social club.

Max Schuttauf: As working from the AANR office putting the list together of non-landed club contact information, I can say it was sent out to non-landed clubs.

Bob: How many did it go to, how many responded?

Max: I don't have that number off the top of my head.

Linda: I'm gonna guess and say it was about 60 and we got 5 responses.

Cyndi Faber: What were the responses?

Linda: Two were for social, two said I don't care non-landed, and the other was late way late and it was social. I did put out that I was disappointed that I asked the non-landed clubs what they wanted to be and they didn't even respond.

Bob: Seasonality counts. It's winter time for a lot of them.

Linda: I don't know what to do, because if I send out the email if they aren't reading their emails, there's really nothing I can do.

Jenny Agee: I did an inquiry on our Facebook group. About 25 people liked it except Mike Parker who has the history of the term. In the poll that I took it was a very positive response.

Ralph: I think the issue really is that non-landed club doesn't mean anything to the outside world. Social club is a little more understandable to the average person. Which is why I am in favor of making the change.

Andee Rodgers: I sent it out to my non-landed clubs, one was very much opposed to it because he equated 'social' with swinger and did not care for that aspect of it. I didn't get a response from any of the others, except for Mike of course and he'll talk to that. I do not know what is a good fit for that but I am tired of explaining what the heck a non-landed club means. I think we've been travel club before.

Joe Rives: I was one of the people of the five or six, I got the survey, and this is just me, a resort is where you have the opportunity to spend the night, a club is a club. I think we are get too caught up in nomenclature. I think we need it a simple as possible. A resort or club, with an info graphic on the website that says you can stay here in an RV, or hotel it would become more self apparent. Whether it's social club or man on the moon club, you are always having to explain what it is. So resort or club is my humble vote, that I don't get.

Jenny: I have to say on behalf of the Willamettans we are a club, not a resort because that affects our taxes. And it affects out 501(c)(7) status. We can't be a resort, we have to be a club.

Mike Parker: We did get the email, and our meeting is in November and the email came after that and our next meeting is in January was beyond your deadline to give any feedback. Our club was much against making a change to 'social'. Part of the reason as a person who receives many of the requests from people online, they want to know where we are located. I tell them we are a non-landed club. We don't get as many of those as we used to get until we put the non-landed into our nomenclature online. As for social, all AANR clubs should be social, that's just the way we should be. It shouldn't be just a designation for certain clubs that they are social clubs. My club and I believe that non-landed is a better nomenclature for what we are, until something better comes up that's descriptive. Social is absolutely not descriptive.

Kathy: What was the phrase you use?

Jenny: “We go places, we do things”

Kathy: Why not ‘Non-landed Clubs: We Go Places, We Do Things’. If we all learn that, because it takes a little time. I love that, I thought that worked, it really works. It tells you what you’re doing.

Max: A discussion I had with someone that is not part of the organization in any way, they did not care about either. As long as there is a good description, they didn’t care what it was called.

Jim: When I joined in the 1980’s I joined a travel club. Nobody had a problem with the term travel club. I think it’s better than social club.

Tim Mullins: We use travel club and non-landed, I agree with Mike we are all social clubs.

Mitch London: My two cents is that 90 percent if not more of this is in documentation and probably the biggest place its seen is when you go to the club search on the website, otherwise there is not a single club out there that says, “I’m with Hill Country Nudists non-landed club.” Nobody says that, not one. Nobody says “we’re Suwannee Valley Landed Club” It doesn’t make a huge difference in my opinion because you can be a non-landed club and still call yourself a social club. I think it’s a moot point.

Paul LeValley: The designation Landed and Non-landed have never been adequate because some clubs fall between the two. My own club Tallahassee Naturally for twenty-seven years rented a lake and woods that was only available on weekends. We called ourselves semi-landed because we had a place to go. Now we have some land but it is also available only on the weekends and so we never changed it to a landed club because if somebody shows up on Tuesday they are going to find locked gates and nobody there.

BG Parkes: I will say this, in military we have social clubs, in the textile world. In the nudist world, ‘social’ can mean a swingers club and we fight that every single day to not be affiliated with that. I get like ten calls a week asking if we are a lifestyle club. We are not a lifestyle club and we fight that all the time. I think the word social, is not good in a nudist club at all.

(unknown) It brings the same meaning, social club in my eyes is the same as lifestyle club, it’s too close.

Ralph: I have to agree with what he just said. I started out agreeing with his, but after hearing everything, I think it’s safer to say non-landed.

Kathy: I call the question.

Disposition: Failed 2-5-0 Voting Against: Ralph Collinson, Sandra Cordell, Kathy Watzel, Bob Dixon, Richard Quigley.

Linda: All the people that said no, I would like to see what you would want the name to be because 'non-landed' doesn't work. When you have to explain what that is to a non-members, that's wrong. That's our internal.

Bob: I disagree with you.

Joe: Team Mitch here. The only place we differentiate is on the club locator. Why are we making this so hard?

Linda: Because when we talk about non-landed club somebody said, "non-landed, but I own land. I have land, and he was a social club."

Joe: Can't we just explain it on the club locator? You can't stay overnight here, or something.

Linda: But when you're talking to them on the ship, 'what's non-landed, what does that mean?' That's why this whole thing came up and they kicked it down the can like two years ago, they didn't want to deal with it because they knew that everybody's got an idea what it should be but there is no consensus and Jeff Jackson did a lot of work asking the clubs what they want to be called. He said mobile social clubs and the Trustees said 'no'. So they went back and cut it down to 'social club'. "Club' doesn't work because a resort can be a club, so we have to come up with something better and for those people that said 'no' please say what you want it.

Joe: Again, team Mitch here. We don't call it Suwannee Valley Landed-Club Resort, talk about the club and what it offers or how it offers.

BG: Landed or travel works, travel explains.

Linda: They said 'no' to 'travel' because it meant that you had to travel.

Cyndi: You do.

Linda: You don't. If you always go to the same place you're not travelling. Everybody's got a reason why they don't want something, no one has given me a good reason about what it should be.

Kathy: They just did. You're rejecting it.

BG: The comment, which one said it. Travel Club, they go places they do things.

Kathy: Can we use that?

Patty Faber: Yeah, they haven't registered it.

Linda: If I were to write a motion for Travel Club, would that be acceptable?

Kathy: You don’t need a motion.

Linda: Yes we do because it’s supposed to be going into the documents.

Ralph: It wouldn’t be Travel Club, it would be Non-Landed Club We Go Places, We Do Things.

Kathy: We don’t need a motion for it. We just put the thing on the webpage, things are done, see how it goes.

BG: In the old travel books there were logos. One for non-landed and one for landed.

Arlette Lowrey: I think we are nitpicking over little things. “Landed Club” has a set of specific criteria that they must meet in order to be called a landed club. The club that Paul referred to as a semi-landed club did not meet the requirements for a landed club because it had no facilities. There is a list of things you must meet in order to be a landed club. Whether you are a full blown resort or you are a rustic club with just a few little cabins, as long as you have the other things you are a landed club. You have land, you have facilities and people can go and visit according to your rules and opening times. Non-landed club has none of it. It doesn’t have any facilities, it doesn’t have any lands, they do travel to other clubs or to one of the member’s homes or they have meetings in other places but they do not have any facilities. So, to me, explaining non-landed to landed is very simple. One has properties and facilities, the others don’t.

Motion #6

I move that we terminate the charters for the following Clubs in the AANR-W Region:

Las Vegas Naturists Pacificans SunTree Travel Club

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: Current membership for these clubs are below contracted minimums as set forth in the AANR Governance Manual and Termination of Charter paperwork sent was not contested. In addition, this was approved by Tom Stark, AANR-W President.

Maker: Kathy Watzel **Second:** Jenny Agee

Discussion: Bob Dixon: I think it’s better if they were three motions, but I won’t hold them up.

Linda: We did this before where it’s all by region.

Disposition: Passed Unanimously

Motion #7

I move to adopt the AANR Gold Seal Certification logo to be used by AANR HQ, the Regions, and for clubs that, as determined by the designated regional officer, have published policies with regard to the admission and supervision of minors, use of background checks, limitations regarding the moderate consumption of alcohol and legal drugs, photography and video recordings only by written consent of all parties involved, no sexual activity, and club expulsion/membership revocation and potential legal proceedings for violation of club and/or AANR polices.

Fiscal Impact:

Operating Costs to Clubs and Regions: None for electronic logo replacement on websites, social media newsletters, letterhead, etc. or for showing the AANR produced video on existing media. Inclusion of the electronic new logo bears no additional project costs to new or modified printed materials, unless previous materials were not printed in color.

Operating Costs to AANR: The Gold Seal Logo was developed by an AANR volunteer.

Purpose:

The new logo is designed to help in membership recruitment and retention by signifying that the club displaying the logo has published policies to promote, provide, protect, and preserve wholesome, family-friendly nude recreation.

Maker: Joe Rives, Club Support and Value Cmte. Chair **Second:** none needed **Discussion:**

Bob Dixon: What kind of feedback have we gotten from the clubs about whether they like this or don't like this?

Joe Rives: There are thirty-one clubs in Florida that this would impact and I originally sent it out by email requesting published policies or club commitments to uphold and in the first round about twelve of the clubs had everything ready to go. After sitting down with them I would travel to the clubs, not ZOOM, not a call, but actually go and explain the intent and how volatile Florida's legislature could be if we didn't self-regulate there would be legislation imposed upon us. The clubs have been really receptive. I'm up to about twenty-two. Some of the smaller clubs don't have an individual for the web right at their fingertips like the bigger clubs might have. So, I anticipate by August we'll have all in. I found reception to be very good and equally important, as Erich reported yesterday, it's been an effective strategy in Tallahassee.

Bob: So you talked to thirty-one Florida clubs, but there are more than one hundred clubs across the continent that haven't been exposed and then provided feedback.

Joe: It's a regional demonstration Project, and yesterday the conversation was the Trustees with a regional President could propose it to their regions for their use and adaptation. We're just providing you the template if you choose to move forward.

Bob: But right now the motion is asking for AANR to adopt to make organization wide.

Joe: Correct, so that we have the tool.

Linda: It was a trial in Florida. That's what he was explaining. It was in Florida and now people are asking to bring this out to all, make it available to the rest of the regions.

Bob: Getting the self-regulation in place, I'm concerned about the amount of bureaucracy the goes around Gold Seal and the time you have to spend explaining why a club is not Gold Seal when a club in the South doesn't know anything about why they are or are not.

Kathy: You don't have to do this for your region. We are trying to do this for Florida to show the legislators that they are all in. I'm fully in favor of voting yes on this.

Ralph: Nobody is telling you, you have to do it, it's gonna be out there, you can do it if you want to but Florida needs to do it and we're gonna do it and it worked in Florida so we're just telling you it could work in Canada just as well, but that's up to you.

Bob: Ok.

Max: We're not going to go after you just because you're not. That's not in the plan of it at all. It's like a celebrity being verified on a social media.

Disposition: Passed Unanimously

Upcoming Bylaw Change

Linda: Paul LeValley has asked to do a bylaw motion but those can only be presented in odd years to be voted on in even years when we have elections. So this will be voted on when you do all the other votes. All members would vote on this. So I will read it.

"I move to amend the Bylaws Article IX.A.1, omissions are struck out addition are bold.

A convention, including a membership meeting, shall be held annually and shall commence on the second Wednesday a Friday in August. If necessary, this date may be changed to the first Wednesday in August. Any decision to that effect shall be made by the trustees at the Midwinter Meeting 30 months prior to the convention in question. Notice of the change shall immediately be circulated to all clubs and regions. Each regional division may hold a regional convention which should be completed at least three days prior to the opening of the AANR Convention.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

PURPOSE This amendment can solve two problems of membership ageing: 1. Remote attendance opens new possibilities. But scheduling the main events on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, when only retired people can participate, is organizational suicide. They need to happen when people young enough to work for a living can participate—either in person or remotely. 2. If the board chooses the first Friday, that could also avoid the problem of many schools starting in mid-August, so that families need to be back home."

There is no vote on this at this time. This will be on the ballot during elections. It basically changes the date so we can try to get younger people to go to the meetings because right now it's a little more restrictive. There will be a pro and a con statement.

Bob: I like the intent of where he's going with this, moving from Wednesday to Friday. I will not speak for or against the idea of moving it earlier in August. I will note that AANR-WC traditionally always held their annual meetings on the August long weekend the first Monday in August. That makes for some travel issues sometimes in being able to get to an AANR meeting especially if you try to put the AANR meeting ahead of a regional convention. There are rules in our documents about the regional convention or meetings have to be held prior to the AANR Annual Meeting. If impacted this way it would force an unintended change on AANR-WC. I'm not saying for or against it. AANR-WC might be able to adapt, I don't know.

Heather Cheney: This is directly impactful to me. I probably brought it up. I would love to bring my kids to the convention every year whether I am on the board or not. In the past I haven't been able to bring my older son because he always in school at that time. I'd love to bring my whole family to Oregon this year but I probably can't because of school. This is not only something that would impact me but AANR would benefit because I would be bringing my children to the convention as long as I can make it.

Mike Parker: I was on the committee when we set up our rules when we went from club vote to individual votes. I believe the President has to rule whether the motion is deleterious or not and the board decides whether to overturn that decision or not.

Linda: I probably should have said that by bringing it to the Trustees I ruled that it was not deleterious.

Cindy: I disagree with Mike in the sense that it has to go to the board. The way that I read it and I read it several times because this came up last year at convention and how you go about making a bylaw change. It has nothing to do with the Board. There was a date that it had to go to the Executive Director and the President. If the ED approves it and the President approves it, it goes on the ballot.

Kathy: You are correct.

Cyndi: Thank you. Number two. My question regardless of the content of this, who is responsible for the pro and con statements that go along with such a motion?

Kathy: I wrote the con.

Mitch: I did the Pro.

Cyndi: For clarification, in the future who is responsible for collecting the pro and con statements?

Patty Faber: The President is responsible for collecting it.

Cyndi: Thank you very much.

Linda: The reason I brought this up, and maybe it's not Robert's Rules is for transparency because if this went on to the ballot and the Trustees didn't see it, I think it would be very unfair.

Cyndi: I absolutely disagree with that because it has nothing to do with the Trustees. No offense, this is a membership dynamic so it has to do with the members. Hearing that pro and con statements, you sought them out, also brings something else into question that is in our ruling documents that I will go back and look at because as it pertains to the members, I think that it is fair that members should have an opportunity to view these things before hand and be part of the pro con process.

Patty: But it is a member.

Cyndi: I understand that. However, if you were not sought out by the President to write either a pro or con statement, you wouldn't know about it until it came out on the ballot.

Erich Schuttauf: I that is part of what's going on here is letting members know that this ball is in play. And therefor perhaps soliciting input from them. I think that's the spirit that the President has offered this.

Cyndi: For those that are online, members, if they are hearing this and they want to write a pro or con statement, do they have the ability to or has that deadline already passed.

Kathy: I do remember there is a word limitation depending on space to print, so in my mind if you have two pro you need two con. You can't do one and five of the other.

Cyndi: OK.

Kathy: That's what we always based it on when we were writing it before.

Linda: The pro and con statement have to printed along with this and so it has to have already been formulated. So if you put it out to the members you are just letting them see this. But then by the time they do the pro and con statement, you already have to have it in the Bulletin.

Cyndi: I got you.

Linda: Paul is the one that brought this forth, Paul do you have any more inout on it?

Paul: This amendment only moves the public part of the meeting to Friday evening and Saturday when members of the public can attend by ZOOM from all over the country or others can be there in person. Unlike most of us at this meeting, some people do work for a living. It leaves up to the Board which week that is. Some people wanted this amendment to cover the problem of school starting early and nobody came up with a real solution to that and so it's still left to the Board, whether they want to move it to an earlier week or if they want to keep it where it is. The only important thing is that the participatory public part take place when more people can participate.

Motion #8

I move to change the governance manual section 02.01.01- Membership Dues.

02.01.01 Dues for membership, will be as follows:

1. National Membership will be ~~increased by $1~~. $37 annually per member.

2. Legacy Membership $25 one-time fee and $5 to reissue lost paperwork.

3. Basic Membership will be ~~increased by $1~~. $37 annually per member.

4. Direct Membership will be ~~increased by $1~~. $37 annually per member.

5. Premier Membership $100 annually per member.

6. Young Adult Membership $18.50 annually per qualified member.

7. Student Membership $18.50 annually per qualified member.

8. Life Membership $1300 one-time fee per member.

9. Elite Membership an additional $800 one-time fee per member (total of $2,100).

This update will take effect immediately

Fiscal Impact: None

Purpose: To clarify this section of the governance manual.

Maker: Finance Committee **Second**: none needed

Discussion: Kathy: In 2024 the language we changed to read a one-dollar increase. The language that was just read is exactly what you see in the ruling documents. Whoever translated it in the office didn't take the language that we wrote of one-dollar increase but did increase it by one-dollar in the ruling documents. Meaning the understood the full intent. What might have confused somebody is at that meeting, the first motion was to do a one-dollar increase every year, that was voted down. Then we changed it to the one-dollar increase making it thirty-seven dollars that you just heard. I said at the end of that meeting that I will be bringing this back again, so whoever heard that thought I meant every year. I meant at some time in the near future we might need another increase of a dollar. So all this motion does is clarifies in everybody's mind what the fees are. There is no change, there has not been a change at all what the office is collecting from everybody. It just to restructure the language to clarify the intent. And I agree it was poorly written by me to increase it by on-dollar and not to put in thirty-seven dollars which this does.

Bob: I have three comments. First of all, thank you Kathy for circulating this motion four days ago, it is much appreciated to get them and be able to read them before we are discussing them at the table. My second comment is what Mitch read is different than the circulated motion by email. I heard Mitch say a couple of time $18.50 the one by email says $18.00.

Kathy: You are correct that's the only difference and the reason that was in the document online if you were to pull it down it does say $18.50. The original motion did not, it said $18.00. That error was caught during this meeting and so we are correcting it so that it reads exactly what written in our current documents.

The $18.50 is exactly half of what the $37.00 is. That was the intent. What will happen hopefully on our ballot coming up in the summer, those two $18.50 will be, gone Joe? Is that what.

Linda: It's a bylaw change

Kathy: It's going to be a bylaw change. And that will be voted on by the members. So that fifty-cents might be moot in a couple months.

Bob: That's not my point.

Ralph: I guess we understood what she was trying to do because in the governance manual, we put the dollar, we put the $18.50 but that was two months after the meeting. So currently what's in the manual is correct.

Disposition: Passed 6 – 0 -1 Not Voting Heather Cheney

New Business:

Linda: I'm gonna read another thing that's going on the ballot. This will be on the ballot, there will be a pro and con statement, but we're just reading it so you guys can all year about it.

"To extend the eligibility criteria of the Young Adult Member category as amended below and designed to attract more young members to the association.

Section 2 Article VI, D.2b :

Young Adult Membership is offered at a reduced rate to individuals who are between the ages of 18 ~~and~~ through ~~28~~ 29 and who provide evidence of their age.

Number two, eliminate the student membership category as amended below and thereby placing them in the Young Adult category to reduce or streamline the number of membership categories and to increase the number of college students in the association.

What we're striking out is Section 2 Article VI, D.2.c:

Student Membership is offered at a reduced rate to individuals who are between the ages of 18 and 25 and who provide evidence of enrollment in a post- secondary institution of learning.

There is no motion, this will be on the ballot. This is from Joe's committee.

Arlette: It's just a merge of the two existing memberships into one.

Good of the Order:

Ralph Collinson: I have several things. AANR and AANR-FL are collaborating with Tampa Bay Free Beaches to get AANR members in the Pinellas County area to reach out to the Pinellas County Commissioners in support of Tampa Bay Free Beaches mission to establish a world class national beach designation at East Beach in Fort DeSoto. We think we're really close and maybe we'll be able to get this beach this year. Success of the mission will increase the number of naturists coming to Florida which will also increase the bottom line of all resorts beaches and non-landed clubs possibly and help the economy of Florida. And it could increase AANR membership.

The other thing is Blind Creek Beach parking lot has been closed for many months. They're actually paving it and putting in bathrooms and other facilities that have resulted in nudist having to walk about a mile to get to the beach from the nearest parking lot. It's caused some problems as people walk out to the nude beach from where the new parking lot is and take their clothes off and they have been getting ticketed. We have helped a few people in that area. So far the charges have been dropped. We just want to recommend that people not get undressed in the parking lot and walk the mile. The parking lot should be open in the Spring.

AANR-Florida summer conventions will be the first weekend in June at lake Como.

We also are going to start helping fund our non-landed clubs in Florida. If anyone listening wants to start a club get in touch with I or Joe and we'll try to help and give you some seed money to make that happen. We are especially interested in places where we don't have coverage right now, the Keys, South Florida and panhandle.

One thing I want to stress, is the membership problem is not a recruitment problem, we're getting a lot of new members, the problem is we are not retaining them. 20-25% of the membership overturns every year and we have to find out why. Why do they leave? We are gonna call a bunch of people and ask why they didn't re-up.

Andee Rodgers: The Northwest will be going through a change in our email system, if you have trouble getting a hold of me, use my AANR account.

Sandra Cordell: The Eastern region is having their convention June 15-18. It will be at White Tail resort in Virginia.

We have already put in our application to get a table the Moon Groove festival. It is now at White Thorn July 16-19.

Joe Rives: I would like for the Man of the Year and the Woman of the Year be included in the Introduction of Dignitaries. Let the record show that Judy (Mason) was here.

Regional Presidents and Board members come and go, but one constant is the staff. They work Monday through Friday, I think we all owe them a big round of applause for giving their weekend to us.

Ralph: I would like to thank BG and her staff their hospitality.

Today we had Nude Radio playing here and Joe and I were interviewed today by them. Joe made a challenge, any of them that join AANR, he'll join their organization.

Linda: We are all very dedicated here on the Board, the Trustees, I know the regional Presidents are. I'm taking a page from Joe the regional President of AANR-Florida, I wanted to challenge everyone with raising their hand that they are in for the commitment to make sure that we put our members first. Thank you. I hope this gives you all a measure of comfort that we all have your best interests in what we do.

Announcements:

Linda: I would like to present BG for Suwannee Valley Resort, this certificate is presented with deepest thanks to Suwannee Valley Resort for hosting the 2026 AANR Midwinter Meeting. BG is very passionate about a lot of things and one of the things is veterans. We have provided her with toiletries to take to the local veterans administration. It's much needed things like soap and mouthwash and different things like that. Join me in thanking her.

BG Parkes: I just got a report from my Board, last year we put $82,000 into veterans dental care, we are in seventeen counties in Florida. First Coast Naturists have donated quite a bit to help us out. And we work with the rotary club out of the Villages. In the last quarter of 25 we helped 147 vets and in 2025 we did 1531. That is truthfully all nudists money, we do fundraisers and donate to the cause.

Patty Faber: Anyone that was around for the 75th anniversary, AANR-West purchased these suncatchers and sent them to every single one of our members. In cleaning out someone's garage recently I found a supply of them, it was a little sun catcher. So, some things to start thinking about for our 100th anniversary in 5 years. Money is being put aside every year, what do we want to gift to our members for our hundredth anniversary to thank them for being members of AANR.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

March 6, 2026

Mitch London

AANR Secretary/Treasurer

Status: Approved