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Mission: the awareness and acceptance of social nudism and nude recreation in this region.

Report of AANR Mid-winter

The AANR Board met a few weeks ago via Zoom. The Board consists of the Trustees elected by each of the 7 regions and the president, vice-president, and Secretary/Treasurer. The Regional presidents, committee chairs, and some members of the staff at the Florida office also regularly attend, as do a few people concerned enough about AANR to take vacation time to travel to the meetings.

The main highlight for me is generally information about government and legal news. Our Executive Director, Erich Schuttauf, who is also our legal counsel, had a busy 2020 giving legal assistance. With nudist clubs and venues closed, many more people were doing more back yard nudist activities. Even though on private property with a privacy fence, a lot of nudists had neighbors who were complaining to the police. In one case the neighbor had been lying on the ground to look under the fence. While Erich is not licensed to practice law in most states, he is able to provide nudists' lawyers with case history and precedents. Also, the government affairs report was impressive by its length. Including Erich's comments on legislation, the legislative report takes up 20 pages of the 59-page meeting packet. If you are interested, log into aanr.com, then login to the members' section, select "documents," and select AANR 2021 midwinter reports. If you are interested, and don't want to roam the AANR website, send me an email, and I'll send you the report. Speaking of the AANR website, George Oberle, a very active AANR member and website genius from San Jose, CA., has been doing a remake of the website, making it more attractive and user friendly.

My main contribution since the summer meeting has been to chair an Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity. (Interesting, since I thought it was the Ad Hoc Committee on Club Standards.) We started working on a way for people interested in attending a particular club to know what to expect, in terms of limitations, like male/female quota, acceptance of body art, acceptance of pets. This expanded to a questionnaire whereby a club can provide information about standards and also about facilities and activities. Each club has one or more CO's, (Certifying Officers) who are the people who enter the information whenever a person gets an AANR membership through a club. Now the CO can check off relevant items of information about their club in Impexium, the new data base. After this information has been entered, if you're planning a cross country trip and want to stay in AANR Resorts along the way, you can ask Impexium, for example for a list of all the resorts that have a doggie park, hiking trails, a sauna, and a restaurant, or whatever combination you'd like. I, by the way, have no idea how the software works. Once the questionnaire had been completed, with a lot of input also from people not on the committee, my job was done.

My next assignment is chairing an Ad Hoc Committee on the organization's name. Some members, particularly some in Canada and Mexico are bothered by "American," and some think that "recreation" is outdated, and that the central mission of the organization is more about nudist rights (or privileges). We will report at the summer meeting.

Finally, saving the most important for last, hope you've all survived our recent weather. We were in a small minority of households in San Antonio that lost neither power or water. We are, apparently, on the same part of the grid as a nearby fire station and/or police station and/or rest home. My daughter's family, not so fortunate, moved in with a large dog for 4 days. Kaya and LuLu only got into two serious fights, and I only bled once.

Stay naked whenever possible.

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