

AANR-Southwest President's Message for June 2022

By Lucy Heide

Greetings!

Some of you know me, some of you may not, so I will give you a bit of information about my background in AANR-SW. In 2006, I was elected AANR-SW President. I had served two years as a Director, and then served four years as President. After that, I was Vice-President for two years, and AANR Member Trustee for two years. Since then I have served the Southwest Region as Recording Secretary and Legislation Committee Chair. This past June 10th, at the General Assembly Meeting at Star Ranch, I was elected President of the Region once more. I am pleased to announce that our new Vice-President is Minnie Carr, from Oaklake Trails. There are other new faces on the Board of Directors as well as some old friends who will bring their experience and skills to help out with the transition.

I want to thank our immediate Past-President, Mitch London, for all of his help during this time. He is still helping the Region by continuing to monitor our Instagram and Twitter accounts and will help us with Zoom meetings if/when they are necessary. Congratulations to Mitch on being elected the AANR President! Mitch will take his oath of office, then his place at the head of the table at the AANR International Convention at Suwannee Valley Resort in Florida in August. Our Region will also be represented by outgoing Trustee Ted Peck and incoming Trustee Heather Cheney. Thank you, Ted, for agreeing to represent me at the Regional Presidents' Meeting which will take place during the Convention in Florida.

The past two weeks have been a blur of activity. There are many tasks to be done when a new administration comes onboard. Changes in the financial system we use (new names on the bank accounts, a new Treasurer to be trained, a new computer/software system to be approved, etc.). The Recording Secretary has been working extremely hard to produce the Minutes from the meetings held at Star Ranch. She has also updated the information provided in the AANR-SW Directory, listing all the Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and Clubs. In addition to all of that, she has been working on a couple of Mail Motions – the Board of Directors must approve the President's Committee Chair appointments and also the purchase of a new computer (the old computer and its software are no longer supported, but we were able to transfer all the financial information over to a new computer just in time). The next Mail Motion will be to elect a new Director to replace Heather Cheney, who resigned so she could become the AANR-SW Trustee on the AANR Board of Trustees. So I want to say a special "Thank you" to Sandi Sprong for her hard work as Recording Secretary and to Wayne Kircher and Sandy Truxillo for working hard to maintain the integrity of our financial system during this transition.

AANR-SW has several Committees and special programs and we always need and want volunteers to see that the plans and goals of these Committees are achieved. I will list the current Committees/Programs here and more information on the current Chairs/Coordinators can be found at our website: www.aanr-sw.org so if you see a Committee you think you would like to help with, please contact me or the person associated with that program.

So, here are the Committees for your consideration:

Credentials

Legislation

Resort and Club Management

Convention & Facilities

Membership

Women in Nude Recreation (WINR) (subcommittee of Membership)

Public Relations/Marketing

Direct Members (Associates)

Finance

Government Affairs

Youth

Internal Administration

Planning and Goals

Nude Racing Series

Webmaster

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in Regional activities, so contact us if you are interested.

For your information, AANR has now changed the term "Associate Member" to "Direct Member." So, if your AANR Membership card shows your Membership affiliation as "Associate" (meaning you are not a member of AANR through a specific club), you will now be considered a "Direct Member." The May edition of *The Bulletin*, pages 22-23, explains the Bylaw Amendment which was passed during the recent election cycle.

I have been humbled by the amount of support and encouragement I have received from our Members and I am so thankful to everyone for their offers to help as I begin this new journey. I invite all of you and all of our Clubs to join us as we work to strengthen our Clubs and build our Membership.

Until next time,

Lucy