

AANR-SW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2023

First of all, I would like to wish all of our Members a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!

The following is a report from me which will be included in the AANR-SW Reports Package presented at our Midwinter Board Meeting on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Star Ranch. I have made one addition to the report – at the end of this message, you will find a quoted sentence from the end of my Planning and Goal Setting Committee Report. I would like to hear from our Members on how they feel about the direction this Region has chosen to follow.

“Since June 10, 2022, I have served as the AANR-Southwest Regional President. It has been my pleasure to do so, and I appreciate your trust and support in all endeavors.

Immediately following the InBoard Meeting last June, I began interviewing candidates for Committee Chair positions. Some Committees are required to be members of the Board of Directors (BOD) and others may be chaired by non-members of the BOD.

Upon determination of which persons would, in my hopeful opinion, be best suited for each position, a Mail Motion was submitted by a member of the BOD to approve my choices. That Mail Motion was approved by the BOD. I also asked Wayne Kircher to stay on as Webmaster and Rick Wall to stay on as Nude Racing Series Coordinator. Both accepted my invitation.

In July, I began writing a monthly President's Message, which is distributed through the AANR office in Kissimmee, Florida, to every AANR-SW Member who receives email from AANR. (I urge all of our members to make sure they have a valid email address on file with AANR.) These monthly messages have been well-received. I have been contacted by many members – some have asked for assistance, some have volunteered to help the Region with various projects, many have provided positive feedback, etc.

Through the newsletter, I have recruited two individuals who want to help monitor our social media accounts – Reddit, Instagram, and Twitter. Mitch London has graciously offered to work with these individuals to monitor the accounts to prevent misuse such as promoting pornography and other offensive materials, language, etc.

I have also been able to recruit an individual who is a Direct Member of AANR-SW and who is working on a newsletter to be sent out exclusively to our Direct Members, who make up more than half of our Regional membership. Direct Member Committee Chair Clarence has been working with this individual, who will submit the newsletter through the AANR office upon approval of Clarence and myself.

We hope the first of these newsletters will go out in January 2023. (Update: the first Direct Member Newsletter was distributed the first week of January!)

In July, a Mail Motion was sent to the BOD to elect Heather Cheney as our AANR Trustee. The Motion passed.

In August, I was not able to attend the AANR Convention in Florida; however, I felt that the Region would have good representation there as Mitch London, Heather Cheney, and Ted Peck were all going to be there and Ted had agreed to sit in for me in the Regional Presidents' Council meeting.

Over Labor Day weekend in September, I visited Star Ranch and met with Star Ranch President Crystal Wilkinson to discuss the upcoming MWBM and the 2023 Convention (Convention and Facilities Committee Chair Dan Hawkins was working "on the road" and had agreed that it would be good if I could meet with Crystal and get the ball rolling on planning these upcoming meetings.) By the end of the weekend, we had a signed Contract for the MWBM and had made great progress on the Convention Contract, which will be finalized prior to the end of this MWBM.

While at Star Ranch, I was interviewed for the Star Ranch Podcast by former BOD Member Mark Sprong. This Podcast is available to the public, and I appreciate having the opportunity to talk about AANR and AANR-Southwest and promote social nudism.

In October, a Mail Motion was presented to the Board of Directors moving that Rick T. be elected as a Director on the Board in order to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Heather Cheney (so she could be elected AANR Trustee). The Motion was passed and Rick will be formally installed prior to the beginning of the MWBM.

Also in October, I visited Indian Hills Nudist Park in Slidell, Louisiana. I reported about my visit in my President's Message in November.

In November, I spoke with one of the new owners of Natures Resort Nudist Park, which is a club located down in the Rio Grande Valley. Bruce and Cindy Fullerton moved to Texas from California and purchased the Park, closing the deal last August. One of my goals in 2023 is to get down to the Valley to visit Natures Resort and Sandpipers. (Those clubs are about 650 miles from my house, but I can visit a couple of other clubs along the way.)

December found me working with Committee Chairs, Coordinators, etc., to encourage everyone to prepare written reports for this meeting and to set budget goals, and submit budget requests. I also asked each Chair/Coordinator to add at least one more member to their committee (in addition to me as an *ex officio* member) and most have done just that. This is how we train up future leaders.

Since June, I have also served as *ex officio* to every Committee and I have tried my best to encourage, counsel, train, and help in any way I could to ensure that the Chairs succeed. I am very proud of and thankful for the work that everyone has done since June, and you will see the results in the reports they present at this meeting. (Update: all but two Committees and all the Officers and Special Assignment personnel have submitted reports for a total of 33 pages of reports!)

Future projects that I will be working on this year include developing a “Checklist on How to have a Successful Region” and working with the Committees and the Legislation Committee to review and update job descriptions in the AANR-SW Procedure Manual. This will eventually lead to a “Committee Handbook.”

I have not made any final plans to attend the AANR MWBM at Lake Como (Tampa, FL area) in February. We will see in our meeting how we need to prioritize travel money. I can always attend via Zoom-type technology.”

Respectfully submitted,
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We would love to hear from you!