

**AANR-EASTERN REGION, INC.**  
**2017 Regional Assembly**  
**White Tail Resort**

President Gloria Waryas called the 2017 AANR-East Regional Assembly to order at 11:01A.M. Wednesday, June 21, 2017 and reminded everyone to tune off their cell phones. The Roll Call of Candidates was called by Secretary Williamson.

Patti Scroggins: Present  
Mac Fleck: Present  
Marcus Barbosa: Disqualified from the candidate roster due to absence

**INVOCATION:**

Gloria Waryas led us in the invocation.

**FLAG CEREMONY:**

The Assembly rendered respect to the American and Canadian Flags and sang the National Anthems for each nation.

**WELCOME:**

At this time Gloria recognized AANR President Beverly Price who is with us today. Gloria went on to say:

We are delighted to have you all here to participate and share in the AANR-East 2017 Summer Meeting. Thank you for coming. Many of you have traveled long distances; this serves to remind us just how important our work is. AANR-East is committed to actively raising the quality of life for every nudist. We want all nudists to feel comfortable, to be able to discuss social nudity and to know that they are safe from repercussions from the world around us. Our task is to make it possible.

Our mission is to provide practical step by step assistance through advocacy, building alliances, making sure we internally have a strong Brand which will help us implement our social mission. Externally, a strong Brand builds trust which will enable AANR-East to have a greater impact. A strong marketing plan with clear and precise goals will continue to build that trust in all our endeavors. This is a goal I know we all share - the full development of our KRAs. As a body we recognize to utilize those skills as individual directors, officers and other volunteers, we must also share the same goal. To make AANR-East the region that sets precedence and establishes the foundation for success.

We are honored to have AANR President, Beverly Price we us today. Bev has worked for many years to help AANR. As President of AANR she has continually fought to balance the budget and for that we thank you. Also to support the regions with monetary assistance for youth camp and what we call roving ambassador program – AANR coaches. Without further ado, President Bev Price.

Bev said that she was happy to be here, rain or no rain as this is her first visit to White Tail. She commended us on our innovative ideas and as far as she is concerned we are the most progressive region of AANR but all of the regions and AANR itself are siblings – we need to support each other in all we do, we need to make sure we have the funds to do what we can and make sure everyone has the right to go nude. She is here is answer questions and if you have anything else to ask her or a comment please feel free to do so. Her email address is [beverly.price@aanr.com](mailto:beverly.price@aanr.com).

Gloria had a letter from our Executive Director, Dan Whicker to read to us:

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire AANR office staff, please accept this letter as a warm greeting and sincere thanks for all that you each do to promote wholesome nudism and nude recreation within the AANR East region and beyond. Representing 8,000 members and 45 clubs from 19 states, the District of Columbia, and 7 Canadian provinces, AANR East is positioned to influence nearly 113 million Americans and over 24 million Canadians who live within its geographical borders.

Compared to the total population, nudists seem to be quite a minority. But let's not forget about all the people who, although not yet members of AANR, still enjoy nude recreation in some form in their homes, backyards, public lands, beaches, and in AANR clubs. They may not consider themselves to be "nudists," but thanks to the hard work of eastern region nudists over many years, they, too, are able to enjoy the freedom of clothes-free living and recreation. All that they need now is to become a part of the larger AANR family.

To AANR East's outgoing board members, I say a heartfelt thank you for your service to members, your region, to AANR, and to the promoting and protection of nude recreation. Your volunteer efforts are what keep things going today and your investment of time ensures that this will all be here in the future.

In my 16 months as AANR's Executive Director, I have enjoyed working with outgoing president Gloria Waryas. Gloria's dedication and drive to be on the cutting edge have been inspirational. I will always have fond memories of our long campfire chat as we did night watch together at last year's AANR East Youth Leadership Camp. Gloria has a true heart for children and youth and a passion for the nudist way of life.

To AANR East's incoming board members, I want to encourage you to build upon what Gloria and the outgoing board members have done. Think big, dream big, and be bold.

It is time for AANR and for all of our regions to become loud and proud about who we are and about what we do. Only then will our members and those who are still timid about their nudism be emboldened to do likewise.

We live today in an environment where social nudity is not attacked like it was in the past. Today, more and more people are adopting a "live and let live" view of nudists and of those who participate in nude recreation. Certainly, we must remain vigilant in our advocacy and watchdog efforts. But we must now bolster our defense with an appropriate offense. That means educating people about the multitude of benefits in nude recreation.

The three main trends that I am seeing today are: an increase of interest in nude recreation from women, an openness to try nude recreation from Millennials, and the desire for a real sense of community among current nudists and potential ones. Women are wondering if they can truly find body freedom in what we do, and we have to show them that it is indeed available to them if they give it a try. AANR members must be warm, welcoming, and mentoring. AANR clubs must provide a safe environment for women and for their children.

Millennials have grown up in a society that encourages them to express themselves, but that society also continues to inundate them with marketing sex and a quest for "the perfect body." They are tired of the

mixed messages and are wondering if they can find freedom in non-sexual, social nudity and in clothes-free living. AANR members should encourage them and guide them. AANR clubs must make them feel welcome and give them space in which to have clean, youthful fun.

As we move forward together into the future of nude recreation, let's put our combined focus on developing a sense of community that people today are seeking, rallying behind the common enjoyment of what I call "AANR-style nude recreation."

Friends in AANR East, please cultivate tomorrow's nudist leaders! Use your experience to encourage new ideas and to reach out to new nudists. Create leadership positions that accommodate today's busy lives and make it easier for working people to serve as leaders. Create mentorship opportunities where the more seasoned nudists can continue to guide and support those who will take us into the future. Above all, have fun together, and never forget why we're doing all of this in the first place: because we love it and believe in it.

Thank you all for your individual and corporate work for nude recreation. You deserve a big, long round of applause.

Naturally Yours,  
Dan Whicker  
Executive Director, AANR

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Gloria introduced AANR-East past President, Jim Lane. Observing and enjoying all of this is Connie Pearce. Carol, Ed, Barry past Director and hard working for AANR-East. Bob Roche, past President of AANR-East and Vice President of AANR-East, he was also Vice President of AANR and a trustee of AANR. She introduced Lynda, wife of Larry Deschênes, Sandy MacGregor our budget coordinator and gofer for our youth camp. She also introduced our Member Trustee, Fred Van Nest, Directors Peg Lane, Patti Scroggins, Tom Pearce, Larry Deschênes, Mac Fleck, Vice President Bob Roche, and Secretary/Treasurer Mary Williamson.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sandy MacGregor announced that the SMS this this evening at site P7. The donations go to the AANR-East Legal Fund.

### **CREDENTIALS REPORT:**

Mary Williamson presented the report that consisted of a total of seven (7) votes with four (4) representing a simple majority and five (5) votes representing a two-thirds (2/3) majority. The total votes represented four (4) AANR-East Clubs and three (3) direct member delegates.

### **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

Parliamentarian: Robert MacGregor  
Resolutions: Bev Price  
Convention Reporter: Patti Scroggins  
Photographer: Mac Fleck, Bob Roche

Audit Committee: Patti Scroggins, Fred Monger and Sandy MacGregor chair

Nominations: Fred Van Nest  
Tally Committee: Gloria Waryas, David Galloway

**MOTION 1:** Moved by the Legislation Committee to accept the Rules and Order of Business as circulated before the meeting.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

**MOTION 2:** Moved by the Legislation Committee to accept the minutes of the July 2016 Regional Assembly as published and posted on the AANR-East Web Site.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

**MOTION 3:** Moved by the Legislation Committee to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors since the 2016 Regional Assembly.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

***ALL WRITTEN REPORTS ARE POSTED ON THE AANR-EAST WEB SITE.***

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**President** Gloria Waryas added to her written report saying that we have 2 gay provisional clubs that at this point do not have any AANR members, The Oz and River's Edge. One of the owners suggested to Gloria that perhaps it might be possible to add another category to our club listing – landed, non-landed and gay. Gloria had contacted the AANR Membership Issues committee responsible with this suggestion.

Tom Pearce asked if they have the same rules of behavior as our other AANR clubs. Gloria replied that their standards are in line with AANR's and in some cases higher.

Fred asked Gloria to further explain the classification. She replied that the perception of people is that all gay men go after other men which upsets the wives and they are very leery of being around children.

**Vice President** Bob Roche stood on his written report.

**Secretary/Treasurer** Mary Williamson stood on her written report and passed out the financials as of the end of May. Current financials are available to any member via email, secretarytreasurer@aanr-east.com. If anyone had any questions, they could contact her via e-mail or by calling the office.

Gloria asked for clarification of the PayPal account. Mary explained that it was set up for donations plus any percentage we get for Amazon purchases. Larry asked if the Canadian Amazon account (www.amazon.ca) can be included in the program.

Questions had also come up as to why we have a lot of funds in our Money Market account rather than transferring some of them into our investment funds with Edward Jones Investments.

Regional Assembly was recessed at 12:07 P.M. for lunch and reconvened at 1:17 P.M.

## **TRUSTEE REPORT:**

**Member Trustee** Fred Van Nest stood on his written report and added that our new ED is still trying to establish some of the systems and policies in the AANR office as well as changes in personnel. Also there have been a lot of renovations going on at the AANR office. Fred also stressed the importance of the AANR ballot. If you are having problems voting, contact the AANR office and they will be able to help.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **KRA Teams**

**Governance KRA** team member Mary Williamson stood on her written reports. She also stated that there was no bids submitted for the 2018 Summer Meeting, therefore it will be held at White Tail Resort with meeting dates being June 18-21 and travel days are the 17th and 22nd. The Interim Meeting dates are January 26-28, 2018 with travel days being the 25th and 28th.

**Advocacy & Alliances KRA** - no report.

**Brand KRA** team member Gloria Waryas stood on her written reports.

**Finance KRA** Peg Lane team leader is continuing to look into AANR-East forming a 501(c) 3.

**Linkage KRA** team leader Mary Williamson stood on her written reports. She also formally thanked White Tail members, owner, staff and visitors for their support of the Youth Camp Program. Gloria also added that we would gladly accept donations. Also AANR now has matching funds available to regions to help with expenses. Dan will be handling the funds and a letter to him with matching receipts is all that is currently necessary.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Audit Committee**

Budgetary Coordinator Sandy MacGregor reported that the audit committee did not find any discrepancies in our books.

**MOTION 4:** Moved by the Finance Committee to accept the report of the Audit (Financial Review) Committee.

**PURPOSE:** Same

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

Motion PASSED unanimously

### **Tally Committee**

Secretary Mary Williamson reported that we have 7,616 voters in our region and we had 397 returned Ballots. She had received 405 ballots, of which 5 were past the deadline date. Of those returned 43 did not have a valid P number. Mary reported that our webmaster is working on a voting system through our website that will make things easier. All that will be needed is a valid P number.

**MOTION 5:** Moved by the Legislation Committee to accept the attached report by the committee that carried out the ballot tally.

PURPOSE: Same  
FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable  
Motion PASSED unanimously

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

At this time Fred Van Nest, Nominations Chair proceeded with the election of a new president and then vice president. If there are multiple candidates, we will have a paper, secret ballot. One candidate for president had declared, Larry Deschênes. There was a nomination from the floor, James Lane. After a third call from the floor, nominations were closed.

Each nominee had 3 minutes to provide a statement and time was allotted for questions.

The nominees for President: Larry Deschenes and Jim Lane (*The following candidate statements are not in their entirety*)

Larry Deschênes spoke first saying that it gives him great honor to take on the job if he was successful and it is also a great honor just to run and would carry on with what Gloria started. As a union steward for many years representing hundreds of people, he has learned to listen to folks and carry their concerns to the powers that be. He also learned that his way of thinking is not always the wish of the many; therefore he would carry out their wishes, if possible, rather than his own.

Larry was asked what ideas he had in mind for AANR-East. He responded saying that the KRAs need to be really worked on by appointing a KRA Coordinator and filling the various slots of KRA Team Leaders that are currently vacant. His dream is to have people cooperate within the individual KRAs and KRA Teams as a whole.

Jim Lane spoke next saying that he also was a union steward and had also served 6 years as a director, 4 years as vice president and 4 years as president. He is very aware of the KRAs, since he was the one that directed Fred and Gloria to head up the ad hoc committee that created them.

Jim said that he would work closely with the KRA Team leaders and help them as much as he could.

Jim also stated that he would make some changes to the way youth camps were run – i.e., get others involved in Nude U besides that 2 young ladies that have been Nude U for several years and move the camp to other campgrounds other than the same 2 that we have been at.

After the 2 candidates made their statements and questions were asked and answered, ballots were passed out and counted. The election was completed after one round and a new president was elected, Larry Deschênes.

After a short break, the office of vice president election took place. One person had declared, Malcolm Fleck and there was one nominee from the floor, Robert Roche. As with the position of President each candidate for Vice President had the opportunity to speak to the delegates.

*(The following candidate statements are not in their entirety)*

Mac spoke first saying that he had been a director for a little over 4 years and had partnered with Mary for 2 years as the roving ambassadors for AANR-East. While they had visited many clubs in the region, they were able to bring back a lot of information, concerns and comments from the members. He had also worked with Fred and Gloria on the ad hoc committee that created the KRAs and is also very familiar with them.

Mac also stated that since he is partnered with Mary, he is very aware of the day to day operation of AANR-East and if anything happened to her, he at least has some knowledge of what takes place daily. He also is aware of the intricacies of the relationship between AANR and AANR-East.

Next Bob spoke stating that he had also worked with Mary for 4 years in the past when he was president. Back then we did not have KRAs but we had committees but basically they are the same, just different names.

A question was asked from the floor regarding the KRA coordinator position and Bob responded that if he was assigned as KRA coordinator, he would contact all of the KRA team leaders at least once a month for updates by either a phone call or email. He would also assist the appointed individuals as much as possible.

Ballots were passed out and counted. The election was a tie on the first round and a second round was completed and a new vice president was elected, Robert Roche.

**MOTION 6:** Moved by the Legislation Committee to burn or destroy by some other means, the 2017 AANR-East Officers Election Ballots. Task given to Fred Van Nest

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

### **Awards**

2017 Bill Falconer Award (largest percentage increase of new AANR members) to Niagara Naturists

2017 Ellie Mae Falconer Award (largest number increase of new AANR members) to PSHS President Waryas had a 2107 special recognition award presented to Naturist Rochester for their membership increase.

She also had a special recognition award for Bare Oaks for their 2 articles. Gloria stated that she hates to wait a year or more to recognize a club. The 2 articles will be submitted as per our Ruling Documents next year for the official award.

Also Sky Farm is having their 85th anniversary and we had a certificate for them.

AANR President Price had a meritorious service award which she presented to AANR-East President Waryas.

## **Installation**

Beverly Price, AANR President presided over the installation of the newly elected officers and directors.

## **Good of the Order**

President Waryas read the following:

Shortly I will be walking out that door with tears in my eyes and a heavy heart. I believe this is one of the most difficult things I have had to do in a long time. My love for AANR-East runs deep in my veins and to leave all of you is incomprehensible to me at this time. I am sure as with all things in life I will adjust to my new normal but there will be a piece of my heart that will always have an empty spot. However I know that AANR-East will continue to lead the way as we have always done. I would like to thank all of the Board for taking the time to volunteer but mostly for your continued support. I would like to thank Bob for his continual support of AANR-East and for being my vice president - your input has been very valuable to me.

I am leaving the very best for last. She is a rock, a post mistress, a consultant, a psychic, a supply clerk, a messenger, a coordinator, a corrector of grammar and the list goes on. One of the nicest things about having someone like you to work with Mary, is knowing that everything is in capable hands. You always keep things running smoothly and you have made me look awesome. There are no words to express my gratitude to you Mary Williamson. Without you I would never have made it through my presidency. Time is like a river Mary; you cannot touch the same water twice because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of your life Mary and as a reminder I pass this time off to you.

Gloria presented Mary with a beautiful clock that had a photo of them at one the AANR Conventions that they had attended.

I offer my congratulations to Larry and Bob and leave you both with these words. "Be not afraid of going slowly; be afraid only of standing still"

## **Announcements**

Gloria repeated the dates of the 2018 Interim Board Meeting.

Sandy MacGregor also announced the SMS gathering that evening.

President Price said that she is leaving in the morning and enjoyed meeting everyone and will be at the SMS.

**MOTION 7:** Moved by the Legislation Committee to adjourn the 2017 Regional Assembly.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Motion PASSED unanimously

The 2017 AANR-East Regional Assembly was adjourned at 3:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Williamson

AANR-East Secretary/Treasurer