



MEET THE AANR-EAST CANDIDATES . . .



SHATORA THOMAS

is a member of the Black Naturist Association and resides in Ohio. I am currently the President of Black Naturists Association and have had the opportunity to work with AANR to help further the presence of diverse individuals within the organization.

I have had the opportunity to speak publicly about BNA and AANR on forums such as the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show and various podcasts and within various written publications including the AANR Bulletin.

I have also had the opportunity to serve on the board of other organizations in my professional career which have helped to prepare me for service on the board of AANR-East.

By joining the board, I hope to continue to bring awareness about naturism and AANR to those of diverse backgrounds. I also hope to help provide perspective to not only the current board but to the multiple clubs

that make up AANR-East about why diversity in all forms is beneficial to the future of the organization.

Many people need to be able to see various shapes, sizes, ethnicities and genders in leadership positions to imagine themselves as a part of the bigger picture. Having someone who is able to be a visible and verbal representative for the organization will help bridge the gap of where AANR has been and where it wishes to go in the future.



CHARLES BLISS

is a member of Niagara Naturists and resides in New York.

I have been a nudist and member of AANR for over thirty years. My wife and I have managed both a landed club and a non-landed club. The Non-Landed Club, Niagara Naturists, has won several awards from AANR-East for membership increases. I have attended all of the AANR East Board meetings over the last few years. Even the one on the Big Nude Boat. My wife and I have visited close to 20 AANR club across the US and Canada during our time as nudists.

As a Professional Engineer, I have a great deal of experience in computer programming, databases, and web

design. I manage several websites and a commercial database system that is in use by a major state agency.

Currently, I am on an AANR-East committee to redesign the AANR-East web page to make it more useful and informative for visitors to the site. The redesigned web page will concentrate on AANR's core beliefs with a big emphasis on body positivity. It will also feature a rotating list of AANR-East club logos and a rotating list of nudists images showing how much fun nudism can be. We also formed a group to contact AANR-East clubs to establish liaisons with the clubs.

My leadership positions include being fire chief and I am currently an elected member of the Town governing body. I am also on the Board of Directors for a membership type of technical, not-for-profit, international organization. As an engineer in my regular job, I handle two functions. The first is emergency management for both natural and man-made disasters. The second is fire prevention. These two positions have allowed me to provide disaster assistance and damage evaluation for events such as Hurricane Sandy and in Puerto Rico after their series of earthquakes. I was also able to help with the construction of a missionary church in the Dominican Republic.

My life experiences and professional experiences will allow me to be a valuable part of the AANR-East board. We need to continue our work on the web page and other social media to attract new members and retain existing ones. It is the member dues that allows AANR and AANR-East to be an advocate and defend nude recreation. We need to develop a closer

relationship with AANR east clubs – both landed and non-landed.



JUDITH TURNER

is a Direct member and resides in Virginia. I have worked at the AANR-East youth Leadership Camps for 9 years, working closely with the Director, and the "Nude U" staff. I am looking forward to being the Director of the Youth Camp when we can safely return to having camp.

I have spearheaded numerous fund raisers at WTR so the campers from White Tail are able to attend cost free. I look forward to continuing to do so in the future.

I have been the driving force 9 years behind the "Angel Tree" at White Tail Resort Chapel. We supplied Christmas for resort families as well as reaching into the county to help spread good will. With the pandemic, I handled providing meals for the holidays to several of the residents who did not get out to see family.

I helped develop and worked the first vacation bible school at White Tail Resort in 2018 and 2019. I am hoping that in 2021 we are able to have vacation bible school again.

I have been a parent advisor on the Community Action Agency, representing

the Head Start parents, ensuring they have a voice in the community that their children are growing up in.

I have been on the board the last 2 years, this last year has been very challenging with the pandemic. It has shown me the importance of having AANR-East protecting our rights, and ensuring we have a safe wholesome environment to enjoy. My husband and I are full time residents of White Tail and are raising our granddaughter there. I want to be a driving force for AANR-East in ensuring our right to raise her in this wholesome, unique, safe environment.

I would love to continue with AANR-East and find ways to encourage and grow the youth in our communities. To ensure the growth of our region, I believe it is with the youth. I would love to help find ways to encourage them to visit our resorts, beaches, and many other activities sponsored by AANR-East. We need to show them this beautiful wholesome way of life so they can enjoy it and see how truly awesome it is.



SHAUN CARD

is a member of Black Naturist Association and resides in Texas. I humbly ask you to elect me as a board of director member for AANR-EAST, I

believe with my unique background and experience I would be a great fit for the position and team. A little about me: I am a proud graduate of the University of Delaware where I coincidentally had my first naturist experience stemming from a lost fraternity bet that turned into a campus wide 'naked run' (non-university sponsored). Since then I have enjoyed a more socially responsible naturist lifestyle at nudist clubs and beaches across the country.

I currently work as an assistant engineering manager for a large manufacturing company and have managed projects across the United States and abroad. I am also an avid tattoo enthusiast, yoga practitioner, and father of two and enjoy connecting with fellow naturists/nudist, AANR members, and visiting clubs all over the country. I have a great mix of both professionalism and free-spiritedness that would make me a great fit for this opportunity.

If elected, I hope to combine my unique perspective, diverse spirit, and professional background to add value to the AANR-EAST team. One of my greatest strengths is my flexibility in terms of both being able to bring ideas to the table, but also play supportive roles to existing ideas. My overall goal is to add value and solid support towards the AANR-EAST goals and mission.

