

AANR-EASTERN REGION, INC. 2021 Regional Assembly

President Larry Deschenes called the 2021 AANR-East Regional Assembly to order at 1:34 P.M. Wednesday, June 16, 2021 and reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones or put them on vibrate only. The Roll Call of Candidates was called by Secretary Fleck.

Shatora Thomas: Present

Judy Turner: Present

Charles Bliss: Present

INVOCATION:

Tom Pearce led us in the invocation.

WELCOME:

President Deschenes announced that we will dispense with the national anthems and just have a silent moment to reflect on the victims of the corona virus.

Larry announced that we have 26 individuals attending our meeting. Larry recognized Barry Talmage a former director, Ronna Krozy, our current regional trustee, Erich Schuttauf the Executive Director of AANR and Carolyn Hawkins of the AANR Office who is a jack of all trades there.

Larry also recognized Bob Roche as a former AANR Club Trustee, former AANR-East President and all of the various positions he has held. Larry recognized Gloria Waryas, immediate past present of AANR-East and Kathy Watzel, AANR President.

AANR President Kathy spoke to what has been happening so far this year. She has had 2 ZOOM meetings with the regional presidents so they knew what is going on. She also spoke about the 90th anniversary of AANR this year; NCSL meeting moved from Chicago to Tampa, and the dates of the AANR convention at Star Ranch.

Also AANR has been doing the health and wellness project where they call the direct members that have not renewed their memberships and also the club members. Most of the direct members have renewed for 2 or 3 years.

There is a new WINR pamphlet that they will email to you if requested and everyone can make as many copies as they need.

Kathy also spoke about the new passport program that clubs can have so members can scan the QR code and it will be uploaded to your impexium address. A new program will start in mid August with artists who can talk about nude art.

She also encouraged the regions to start saving for the 100th anniversary so they can each collect \$2000 for a large party.

Next a member had a presentation that he wanted Kathy to hear – he had done an informal survey that he directed to women at Cypress Cove. He asked if they were more comfortable at a nudist club as opposed to a textile place – all said that they felt comfortable and safe at a nudist environment. He suggested that the AANR Office implement this survey also and pass on the results to the news media.

Kathy responded that women don't understand what a club or resort was all about. They need to get the correct information and also body image is a problem. She did like the idea.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Bill VanSpanje asked about the impexium system and how he can get training. Erich explained the system and said that training is currently going on for certifying officers and regional presidents. Erich suggested that Bill contact Carolyn to schedule an appointment.

Gloria asked Erich what it would cost for region if the president requested a list of our members so we can email them. Erich said that AANR can email all of our members (that they have email addresses for) but there would be a cost if they have to snail mail.

Mary asked why the Canadian members have not received the emails that AANR sent out on our behalf. Erich will have Jeffrey look into this and why this happened.

Bill Cummings talked about the “Naked in the Cave” tour September 14th this year and how receptive the news media was. They will have an AANR table again. Ronna asked what the attendance limit was, Bill responded 300. Ronna will ask Solair to send some brochures from Solair.

Bill also announced that there is a world naked bike ride the last Saturday in August in Philadelphia.

CREDENTIALS REPORT:

Mary Fleck presented the report that consisted of a total of thirteen (13) votes with seven (7) representing a simple majority and nine (9) votes representing a two-thirds (2/3) majority. The total votes represented are from seven (7) AANR-East Club delegates and six (6) direct member delegates.

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

President Deschenes stated that the first agenda that was posted on our website omitted the election of president and vice president and subsequently there was a corrected agenda so please everyone to be sure that they have the corrected agenda in front of themselves.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Parliamentarian: Charles Bliss

Resolutions: Gloria Waryas
Convention Reporter: Melody Bage
Tally Committee: Completed prior to the meeting, Larry & Lynda Deschenes

MOTION 2: Moved by the Legislation Committee to accept the minutes of the June 2020 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 2020 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 Larry Deschenes stood on his written report. He also thanked everyone for the last 4 years accomplishing some things and letting other things slide but on the whole we did okay. We did have a first - Interim Meeting on the Nude Cruise! He hopes that he is leaving AANR-East better than when he was first elected. He also thanked Lynda Deschenes for all of her help during the last 4 years.

Vice President Tom Pearce stood on his written report and he also thanked everyone during his term.

Secretary/Treasurer Mary Fleck stood on her written report but added that this is her 20th anniversary as secretary/treasurer and her 21st Regional Assembly as secretary/treasurer.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Regional Trustee Ronna Krozy stood on her written report but also thanked Larry for his leadership and Mary for her commitment to the association.

KRA Coordinator Tom Pearce stood on his written report.

KRA (Key Result Area) TEAM REPORTS:

Governance KRA team leader Judy Turner stood on her written report.

Bob and Sandra did not have anything to add to their GAT report.

Bob Roche did not have any official IAs.

For meetings and Facilities Mary stated that there were no bids submitted to host the 2022 Summer Meeting, therefore it will be held at White Tail Resort with meeting dates being June

20-23 and travel days are the 19th and 24th. The Interim Meeting, also at White Tail Resort, dates are January 28-30, 2022 with travel days being the 27th and 30th.

For legislation, Mary stood on her written report plus a new motion will be presented at the Inboard meeting regarding the Advertising Agreement.

Under Nominations Deb reported that she currently has one candidate for president, Robert Roche and one candidate for vice president, Melody Bage.

Advocacy and Alliances KRA team leaders Judy Turner & Dev Olevano stood on their written report. Judy added that White Thorn Lodge is celebrating their 50th volleyball tournament and anything that we can do to help them celebrate would be great.

Brand KRA team leader Connie Pearce stood on her team written report.

For PR and Marketing Mel Bage stood on her written report.

Ronna stated that at the AANR level, they had combined PR, Membership and Marketing and that has worked well

Finance KRA Sandra Cordell team leader did not have a written report but nothing new to report..

Linkage KRA team leader Mary Fleck stood on her written report and asked Gloria if there was anything else regarding the website.

For Web Site Gloria Waryas stood on her written report. Charles added that the report did not reflect all of the work that the Ad Hoc committee has done. They had been regularly via ZOOM.

Gloria also reported that we now have a new person taking care of our FaceBook and Twitter accounts.

Educational Grant & Awards

Mary also stated that we have not received any submissions for the Education Grant or our honorary awards.

For Historian/Archivist Melody Bage stood on her written report.

For Youth Camp, Mary reported that there will be a camp this year at Serendipity Park in Georgia.

For Roving Ambassadors, Mary stated that we had passed motions during the Outboard Meeting addressing this area.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tally Committee Mary Fleck reported that we had 7 paper ballots returned with 5 being valid and 2 invalid. It was difficult to count the individual voters but there were 185 on our website. There were 193 individuals voting out of 6,559 eligible voting members which gave us a

percentage of 2.94.

Larry announced that the 3 elected candidates were Shatora Thomas, Judy Turner and Charles Bliss. He thanked them for running.

Larry also stated that the 4 motions on the ballot passed.

MOTION 1

Move to amend Article III section A. 3. of the AANR-East Bylaws to read as follows:
AANR-East members may vote for one (1) AANR-East Member Regional Trustee and seven (7) AANR Club Trustees pursuant to provisions in the AANR Bylaws and Procedure Manual.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the above motion is housekeeping since AANR no longer has both club and member trustees – only 1 per region.

FISCAL IMPACT (if any): None

MOTION 2

Move to amend Article IV section A. 5. of the AANR-East Bylaws to read as follows:
In the event that an AANR-East Officer or Director shall fail to perform in a satisfactory manner, the individual shall be given notice that contains the specification of the charges being made. The charged individual shall be given ten (10) days advance notice of an in-person hearing by the Board of Directors to discuss the specified charges, at which time the individual so charged shall have an opportunity to present a defense. If the charged individual fails to appear at the announced meeting, all rights to present a defense are waived and the Board may proceed with making a decision without further restriction. An elected AANR-East Officer or Director can only be removed by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the seated members of the AANR-East Board of Directors as defined in Article IV.

A. 1. Upon removal the Board shall elect a successor by majority vote to serve until the next AANR-East election with respect to Directors or until the next Regional Assembly with respect to Officers, at which time a successor shall be elected. If the office of Member Regional Trustee becomes vacant, the AANR-East Board will elect someone to fill this position within sixty (60) days, to serve until the next AANR election.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the above motion is housekeeping since AANR no longer has both club and member trustees – only 1 per region.

FISCAL IMPACT (if any): None

MOTION 3

Move to amend Article IV sections F. and F 4. of the AANR-East Bylaws to read as follows:
F. In the event of the death, resignation, removal, promotion to higher office or other inability to serve, of any Officer, Director or Member Regional Trustee in the AANR-East, the resulting vacancy shall be filled as follows:

4. Director or Member Regional Trustee - The Board shall elect a successor by majority vote according to the procedure set forth in Section 4.07.00 of the Procedure Manual within sixty (60) days. The successor shall serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the above motion is housekeeping since AANR no longer has both club and member trustees – only 1 per region.

FISCAL IMPACT (if any): None

MOTION 4

Move to amend Article VII sections A. 1. and A. 3. of the AANR-East Bylaws to read as follows:

A. Required Meetings

1. The Inboard Meeting shall be held in person, or via a teleconference call if necessary as set forth in the Procedure Manual, after the close of the last session of the Regional Assembly and before the close of the Convention.
3. The Outboard Meeting shall be held in person, or via a teleconference call if necessary as set forth in the Procedure Manual, before the next Regional Assembly and at the site of that convention.

PURPOSE: To allow teleconferencing if the circumstances warrant it.

FISCAL IMPACT (if any): None

MOTION 4: 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

Election of Officers

Our Nominations chair Deb Olevano opened the nominations for the office vice president on the floor. Tom Pearce was nominated and he accepted.

MOTION 5: Moved by the Legislation Committee to close the nominations for the office of vice president.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

We have 2 candidates for the office of vice president, Melody Bage and Thomas Pearce. The delegates were called by their club and voted via ZOOM chat with their vote to Erich Schuttauf, and Carolyn Hawkins.

Erich & Carolyn gave the results to Larry – Melody Bage is our new Vice President.

At this time Deb opened the floor for nominations for the office of president. No additional candidates were nominated.

MOTION 6: Moved by the Legislation Committee to close the nominations for the office of president.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

MOTION 7: Moved by the Legislation Committee that the Secretary/Treasurer cast a single vote by acclamation to elect the unopposed candidate for President, Robert Roche.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

Our new President is Robert Roche and Vice President is Melody Bage.

Awards

2021 Bill Falconer Award (largest percentage increase of new AANR members) is awarded to Maryland Area Naturist Association and the 2021 Ellie Mae Falconer Award (largest number increase of new AANR members) went to the Black Naturists Association.

Mary presented Larry Deschenes a gavel for his service as AANR-East President for the past 2 years. Larry thanked everyone for letting him be our leader for the past 4 years.

Installation

Erich Schuttauf, AANR Executive Director, presided over the installation of the newly elected president, vice president and directors.

Good of the Order

Mary thanked Larry for his 4 years of service, most times it was pleasant and congratulated Bob and Mel and thanked Tom for his service.

Bob thanked Larry, Tom and Mary and the Board of Directors for being the leaders of AANR-East.

Announcements

None

MOTION 8: Moved by Judy Turner and seconded by Bill Cummings to adjourn the 2021 Regional Assembly.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Motion PASSED unanimously

The 2021 AANR-East Regional Assembly was adjourned at 3:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Fleck

AANR-East Secretary/Treasurer