

**American Association for Nude Recreation –  
Northwest Region (AANR Northwest)**

**Bylaws  
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## Bylaws

### ARTICLE I

**Name and Area:** The name of this organization is the American Association for Nude Recreation – Northwest Region, (AANR Northwest) and is affiliated with the American Association for Nude Recreation, Inc. (AANR), which is composed of nudist clubs and their individual members in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

### ARTICLE II

**Principles:** We recognize the essential wholesomeness of the human body and that life is enhanced by the naturalness of social nudity. From exercise to relaxation, physical health and mental wellbeing are enriched through social nude recreation. We have the right to practice social nudity in appropriate settings, provided we do not infringe on the rights of others.

### ARTICLE III

**Purposes:**

- A. To further nudism.
- B. To be an association of nudist clubs and individual members within the region.
- C. To provide assistance to the regional clubs and members.

### ARTICLE IV

**Membership:**

- A. All AANR Northwest nudist clubs and their members, either regular or life, shall be members of AANR depending on their AANR contract classification. All AANR Northwest Direct members, either regular or life, shall also be members of the region.
  1. AANR Northwest dues shall be \$12.00 per person with \$2.00 to be allocated to the AANR Northwest Legal fund except when the Legal Fund has reached a maximum balance of \$60,000.00.
  2. Annual AANR Northwest dues will be waived for AANR Student Memberships.
- B. **Regional Life Membership:**
  1. Shall be issued/bestowed as required by AANR in connection with various purchased and honorary AANR life memberships. (See AANR Governance Manual Sections 2.04.01 to 2.04.05 for details.)
  2. Shall be required from any person who has purchased an AANR life membership. A fee of 12-1/2 times the current AANR Northwest dues for each adult shall be collected.

### ARTICLE V

**Annual Convention:** AANR Northwest shall conduct an annual convention at a designated host club, during which its general assembly meeting shall be held in accordance with provisions of Article VII.

### ARTICLE VI

**AANR Bylaws and Governance Manual:** Wherever applicable, AANR Northwest shall be bound by the AANR bylaws and governance manual.

## **ARTICLE VII**

**General Assembly Meeting:** A general assembly meeting of AANR Northwest shall be held annually for the purpose of electing officers and conducting such other business as may come before it.

The general assembly meeting shall be held not less than five days prior to the opening of the AANR convention. The date shall be determined by the AANR Northwest board of directors no later than their fall board meeting. In case the date and time is not set at fall board meeting, the board of directors shall vote by interim ballot no later than November 15. The General Assembly meeting may be in-person, via electronic format or hybrid, as necessary. In general, in-person or hybrid is preferred. Emergency change to location or method of meeting shall be decided by the regional president, with timely consultation, with as much notice given as is practicable.

- A. A quorum shall be a simple majority of clubs represented including proxied clubs.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Delegates:**

The general assembly shall consist of the delegates elected by the region's member clubs and the AANR Northwest Direct members. Voting at the general assembly meeting shall be determined by the number of AANR members in member clubs or Direct members as of December 31 prior to the general assembly meeting, except that a club chartered after December 31 may carry its votes based on its official membership when it is chartered. (AANR Procedure Manual 3.04.01.h.)

- A. Club delegates shall be elected by each member club on a ratio of one vote for every 25 AANR basic members or a fraction thereof. The accredited delegates from each member club shall cast the total vote of that club. Each member club may elect any number of alternate delegates and/or assign proxies to other member clubs.
- B. AANR Northwest Direct members shall meet at the AANR Northwest general assembly meeting to elect delegates. Their votes shall be carried only by Direct members, based on one vote for 25 Direct members, or fraction thereof, in attendance. No proxy votes shall be permitted.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Officers:**

- A. The officers of AANR Northwest shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. A person shall hold only one office at a time in the association.
- B. The election and responsibilities of AANR Northwest officers are described in the procedure manual. All officers must be members of AANR Northwest.
  - 1. A candidate for President or Vice-President shall have been a member of AANR for three years and shall have served as an official of either the Northwest Region or of a Northwest Club for at least two years.
  - 2. A candidate for Secretary or Treasurer shall have been a member of AANR for one year.
- C. A vacancy in the office of the president shall be filled by the vice-president. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled for the un-expired term by the board of directors at an in-person meeting or by interim ballot.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Board of Directors:**

- A. The Board of Directors of AANR Northwest shall be composed of one member from each member club, one member of the Regional Direct members and the elected officers of AANR Northwest. No elected officer, except the President, shall be permitted to vote (unless he/she is also a Director from a Club or the Directs. The president may vote as follows:
  1. To break a tie
  2. To create a tie to defeat a motion
- B. **Club Directors:** Following the AANR Northwest General Assembly meeting in each even-numbered year each club shall elect, appoint or designate its Director to serve for two years and shall submit the director's name to the Secretary in a timely manner. Each director must be a member of AANR Northwest. The club president may fill a vacancy until a new director is named. The club certifying officer or president must submit the newly selected director's name to the AANR Northwest Secretary before the new director can be seated at the board meeting.
- C. **Direct Member Director:** All Direct members present at the General Assembly meeting in even-numbered years shall elect a Direct member Director to serve for two years.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Board of Directors Meetings**

- A. The board of Directors shall hold two meetings each year, one in the spring and one in the fall, at a time and place to be determined by the board of Directors. The meeting may be in-person, via electronic format or hybrid, as necessary. In general, in-person or hybrid is preferred. Emergency change to location or method of meeting shall be decided by the regional President, with timely consultation, with as much notice given as is practicable.
- B. All bona-fide members of the region shall be entitled to attend meetings of the board of Directors but shall not be entitled to make motions or vote in the proceedings.
- C. A quorum for any regularly scheduled spring and fall board of directors meeting shall be six directors present.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **AANR Trustees:**

- A. AANR Northwest shall be represented on the AANR board of trustees as outlined in the AANR bylaws.
- B. The member regional trustee shall be an ex-officio member of the regional board of directors and shall have voice but no vote unless also a Director.
- C. The regional president shall be the alternate member regional trustee.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Committees of the Association:**

All committees are described in the procedure manual. The president shall appoint all committee chairpersons except the chairperson of the nominations committee.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **Income and Disbursements:**

- A. The board of directors, subject to ratification by the general assembly, shall establish the dues.

- B. All income not dedicated to a fund shall be credited to the general fund.
1. The board of directors may authorize a loan to a member club for the purpose of making capital improvements to club property or to meet a financial emergency. Such loans shall be made from the general fund and shall bear interest at a rate of 6% per year, which may be waived.
  2. Checks of AANR Northwest shall be signed by any two designated persons who hold the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary or Treasurer.
  3. Dissolution: In the event of dissolution of the corporation, all assets shall be disposed of at the discretion of the board of directors in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, rules and regulations.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

**Procedure Manual:** The board of directors shall adopt, and revise as necessary, by a 2/3 vote of those voting, a procedure manual in amplification of, but not in derogation of, these bylaws. Amendments shall become effective immediately unless an alternative date is included.

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

**Amendments:** Proposed bylaw amendments shall be submitted to the member clubs 45 days prior to the general assembly meeting. Amendments to these bylaws shall become effective upon approval by 3/4 of the delegates voting at the general assembly meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XVII**

##### **Updates and Corrections to Bylaws:**

- A. The legislation committee may correct the spelling, punctuation, numeration, abbreviation, capitalization and grammar of the bylaws to conform to current usage. No such updates or corrections may alter the meaning or application of the document.
  - B. The legislation committee may update the bylaws as required by AANR in accordance with AANR bylaws article X.A.1 (ruling documents)
- All updates and corrections shall be subject to review by the general assembly.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII**

**Parliamentary Authority:** Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern in all parliamentary procedures not provided in these bylaws.