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February 9, 2019—Lake Como Resort Ted Peck- Member Trustee – AANR – SW AANR Midwinter Board Meeting

First, this place is gorgeous. The lake, the trees, the wildlife, the hiking trails, the amenities. It's not new, but I was in the latest room to be remodeled: new paint, new fixtures, etc. The room was a little odd—no place to hang up clothes. The place I assume used to serve that purpose now has a small refrigerator. Good the only clothes I might have hung up were what I wore to get here, and I appreciated the refrigerator.

For me the highlight of the meeting was the report by Erich Schuttauf, Executive Director and Legal Counsel, on recent victories in the areas of legal and legislation. An example from the last year: at Canaveral National Seashore in Florida, for 25 years there have been signs warning of the dire consequences of being nude anywhere. Individual nudists, local nudist groups, AANR, TNS, and other groups have been working 25 years to get this changed. The old anti-nude sign has been replaced. The new sign says that you may encounter nude sunbathers at beach entry 13. In the 70's when I first got into nudism at beaches, hot springs, and wilderness, there were lots of places to be nude. In the decades since, such opportunities have dwindled. Now, in the last few years, a few places that were once clothing optional, but were made clothing required, have now returned to places of freedom.

We spent several hours talking about vision and mission. At the very first AANR meeting I attended as your regional President, 5 years ago, there was a workshop on mission. I was inspired and excited, and the result was the committee of the whole at Bluebonnet and then the board vote on the mission statement at the top of this report. We're still working on how we implement this mission, but progress is happening. At the international level (AANR) we're still trying to come to agreement on mission. At one meeting, we spent an hour or so discussing the difference between "mission" and "vision." We may have also resurrected one of the debates of medieval scholasticism about how many angels can fit on the head of a pin. I thought we were on the verge this weekend of arriving at a mission, but there was no motion. Maybe it'll happen at the summer Convention at Sun Meadow in Idaho. There is a sense in which it's not urgent, because the motion will be to put something on the ballot we'll all get in 2020 for the election of AANR officers and trustees. In the meantime, I remind myself of what Bob Morton said at a recent SW board meeting, something about AANR being a big ship and so it's hard to turn it.

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By coincidence, Mitch London and I were on the same flight from Atlanta to Tampa, having arrived separately from San Antonio and Austin. Also, on the grounds was Dammit Dan, who has sometimes called Bluebonnet home and whom I have run into a lot of places, including Oregon for an AANR convention.

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