

# Cast Your Ballot in the 2011 NAC/NEF Election



Four well qualified members of The Naturist Society (TNS) are seeking to fill three available positions on the board of directors of the Naturist Action Committee (NAC). By bylaw, those who are elected also serve as directors of the Naturist Education Foundation (NEF).

All members of The Naturist Society are eligible to vote in this election, and you are strongly urged to do so. A ballot is included in this issue of N.

NAC and NEF are volunteer organizations that are associated with TNS, but they are incorporated separately, reflecting the specific mission of each. The Naturist Action Committee directs legal, advocacy, public relations and fund raising programs to advance and protect the rights and interests of naturists throughout North America.

The mission of the Naturist Education Foundation is informational and educational. Its projects and programs broaden and strengthen the public's awareness of naturism, but NEF also takes on the responsibility of informing and educating the naturist community.

Both NAC and NEF are nonprofit entities. Board members serve as volunteers. NEF is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation; it cannot lobby politically. NAC is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization; such organizations are able to lobby politically, and that's at the core of NAC's mission.

The nine board members of NAC and NEF serve three year terms and may seek reelection when their respective term expires. The terms are staggered, and each year, three positions come open for election. Each TNS member is permitted to vote for as many as three candidates to fill the available positions. The top three vote recipients will earn a three-year term on the boards of NAC and NEF.

Recent events have demonstrated the value of NAC's leadership in the ongoing fight to preserve and advance the rights of naturists. NAC carefully monitors legislative and regulatory activity and takes quick action on behalf of naturists. NAC's projects and programs are a blend of proactive and reactive. For example, NAC has recently retained a lobbyist in Oregon to help address a series of dangerous legislative resolutions there. NAC has directly provided legal representation for those who have received citations for nudity at San Onofre State Beach in California. NAC's record there, by the way, is ten dismissals and no convictions.

Those are powerful reactive responses to challenges, but NAC works proactively, too. Within the past two years, the Vermont Agency for Natural Resources (ANR) sought to prosecute naturists at Lake Willoughby, as a result of a trumped-up complaint by opponents of skinny-dipping at the Lake. NAC stepped in immediately to secure legal representation for the Vermont naturists who had been targeted. The outcome was that all charges were dropped. Refusing to stop there, however, NAC went on to pursue a positive relationship with the state agency, demonstrating that naturists could be a resource for those who manage public lands. NAC and the Agency for Natural Resources jointly developed a memorandum that established standards of stewardship for the traditionally clothing-option Southwest Cove of Lake Willoughby.

Within the past year, NAC has officially petitioned the State of California to set aside areas for clothing-optional recreation in State Parks throughout the state.

Meanwhile, the ongoing informational and educational efforts of the Naturist Education Foundation have proven to be of vital importance to naturists. Extending the efforts of TNS founder Lee Baxandall, NEF has sponsored a series of public opinion surveys, each of which has become a hallmark for reflecting the acceptance of naturism. The latest of these was a scientific opinion poll directed at respondents from a single state in which critical naturist issues required the measurement of local public sentiment.

Cast your votes carefully and thoughtfully for as many as three candidates you believe are best suited to the volunteer duties required of directors of NAC and NEF.

Carefully read the instructions on your ballot and follow them exactly. Ballots that do not comply with the instructions will be rejected and the vote(s) on them will not be counted.

Validation and counting of the ballots will be conducted by a three-person tallying committee appointed by the NAC Chair.

**Ballots must be mailed to: NAC Election, P.O. Box 132, Oshkosh, WI 54903. All ballots must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2011. Election results will be announced in N magazine and in the Newsletter. Candidates will be advised of the election outcome shortly after counting is completed.**

*This is your opportunity to take a direct and active part in the democratic process of defining naturist education and political action. Consider the candidates' statements below, and then vote!*

## CANDIDACY STATEMENTS

### Allen Baylis Huntington Beach, CA

I am running for re-election to the NAC and NEF Board of Directors. I was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board in July 2002, and have served on the Board continuously since. For two years prior to my appointment, I served as a NAC Area Representative. In addition to serving on the NAC/NEF board, I also serve as President of Friends of San Onofre Beach. Over the past several years, I have demonstrated my commitment to furthering the Naturist cause. In opposing anti-nudity legislation, I have spoken with city council



Allen Baylis

members, city attorneys, and at city council meetings in several cities throughout California. I also have written letters and memoranda in opposition to proposed legislation in other areas. In 2005 I led the successful drive to defeat Nevada Senate Bill 247 that would have classified naturist resorts as "live adult entertainment". I have worked with several beach support groups throughout California, and interface with many State Park Department officials.

Analyzing proposed legislation for potential negative effects on naturists is a large part of the duties of the NAC board members. As an attorney practicing in Southern California, I bring my training, knowledge and experience in the legal profession to the table as well. In addition to my work on the NAC and NEF Boards, I have gone to court to defend naturists who have been cited for violating public nudity and indecent exposure laws. Most notably I was successful in attaining dismissal of ten citations for misdemeanor public nudity charges brought by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. I continue the NAC efforts in California to achieve our goal of attaining legal clothing-optional beaches in state parks and other areas as well. I have also advised other attorneys in California and other states on matters where family naturism has been an issue.

If re-elected to the NAC/NEF Board. I will continue working to protect the rights of naturists, and promote body acceptance and naturism as a way of life.

I would be honored to be re-elected to the NAC/NEF Board of Directors. Please show your support by voting to keep me on the NAC/NEF Board.

### Rich Pasco Land O' Lakes, FL

I, Rich Pasco, previously served on the Naturist Action Committee (NAC) Board from my appointment in 1991 until I stepped down at the 1996 election. I have served as a NAC Area Representative ever since.

A lifetime nudist, I've been a member of

American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) since 1977 and member of The Naturist Society (TNS) since 1981.

I founded the Bay Area Naturists, a non-landed, TNS-affiliated nudist club in California, in 1988 and have served continuously as its Coordinator and newsletter editor for 23 years. I served as an Intern with the Human Awareness Institute (HAI) since 1990, and as Secretary to the HAI Intern Steering Committee from 1990 through 1999. I served on the Board of Directors of the Caliente Master Association (CMA, a nudist homeowners' association) from February 2006 to April 2008, and have served as its Webmaster continuously since 2006. I am currently running for reelection to that Board.

I promote wholesome nudist values and believe that sex is a private matter between consenting adults. I support our common purpose of building a world where people of diverse values live together in dignity and respect for one another. I promote our common value of body acceptance, and believe that government has no business setting dress codes.



Rich Pasco



Morley Schloss

## Morley Schloss Loxahatchee Groves, FL

I am a founding member of the Naturist Action Committee and the Naturist Education Foundation and a life member of TNS. I am also majority shareholder of Sunsport Gardens Family Naturist Resort in Florida. Each year I produce the Midwinter Naturist Festival in Florida and the Northeast Naturist Festival in New York, important fundraisers for NAC. I work with and support 21 NAC Area Representatives in protecting opportunities for clothesfree recreation. I have acted to defeat numerous anti-nudity bills, particularly in Northeastern and Southeastern states. I have developed strategies to save clothing-optional beaches such as The Ledges in Vermont. I played an instrumental role in gaining topfree equality for women in New York. I am now working to regain traditional clothing-optional beaches in State Parks in Florida. I regularly enjoy public lands (beaches, hot springs, forest trails) clothesfree regardless

of legality. I am a proud recipient of the Baxandall Naturist Leadership Award. I would be honored to continue as a NAC/NEF Board Member.

## Charles Harris San Rafael, CA

- Former NAC Area Representative for California, 1996-1997
- Former NAC Board Member, 1997-2005
- Practicing attorney for thirty years, now retired

Since a childhood spent skinnydipping in the hot Alabama summers, I have been a practitioner, and for most of my adult life an advocate, of body freedom. For me, naturism is not just a form of recreation, but a philosophy of living. If one is not comfortable in one's own skin, one cannot be comfortable in a constantly changing world.

Tip O'Neill once said, "All politics is local." In politics, you can't expect others to share and endorse your beliefs if you don't live them yourself. I believe that politics



Charles Harris

is a microcosm of life, and so it stands to reason that you can't advocate for naturism unless you're comfortable with being a naturist. And for me, being comfortable means being honest and open about my belief that naturism is a healthy, sane and desirable state of being. If elected to the NAC Board, I will be committed to wearing my naturism on my sleeve (figuratively speaking, of course) and defending our right to be free in our bodies as well as our minds. I will promote naturism at every opportunity, particularly among younger people, where our progressive future lies. **N**



1. What if it were **your** favorite beach? NAC needs your support now.  
**Next time, it will be *your* beach.**

2. Mere nudity must not be considered a sex offense, but lawmakers everywhere are working to make it one.  
**NAC is unafraid to challenge sex offender legislation, if it threatens innocent naturists.**

3. NAC to naturists:  
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