

B.E.A.C.H.E.S Foundation Institute

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Shirley Mason is B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation's *Executive Director and Secretary*. B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation is Shirley's brainchild. She is the founding creator of the clothing-optional section of Haulover Beach in Miami-Dade County Florida. As past president of South Florida Free Beaches, Shirley, along with a small group of leaders of South Florida Free Beaches, was involved in every aspect of working at the site with local and state government and area businesses to secure this beach for naturists. Shirley literally wrote the book(let) on *"How to Establish and Secure a Clothing-optional Beach."* She served on the founding Board of Florida Association of Nude Recreation, and as past Chair, Executive Director, and Treasurer of Naturist Action Committee and Naturist Education Foundation. She has organized several successful projects to educate the public and governmental agencies concerning the viability of clothing-optional recreation as an asset to community as well as individual well-being. Ms. Mason lives in Miami Shores, Florida, with her husband Richard who works beside her as a strong voice for clothing-optional recreation. Together they own a 10-year-old marketing/public and government awareness firm. *"I've learned and grown so much through my involvement nude recreation,"* states Shirley. *"My national naturist travel experiences and Haulover have taught me what is required to keep our precious beaches and I will continue to work toward that end."*

Marvin Frandsen, *President of B.E.A.C.H.E.S.*, is also an officer of Central Florida Naturists and has actively pursued legal challenges to Brevard County's anti-nudity ordinance and the National Park Services' unconstitutional First Amendment permit schemes at Canaveral National Seashore. He has won some precedent-setting cases for naturist activities and his contributions to clothing-optional lifestyles and the free-beach movement are invaluable. Marvin is a research physicist and engineer and holds a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Illinois.

Mike Abramson, *B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Treasurer*, hails from the "very" midwest - Nebraska and is a frequent visitor at Haulover Beach, as well as a member of FNA/SFFB. He has been involved behind the scenes in nude recreational politics and education for several years. As both a CPA and an attorney, Mike provides invaluable counsel to B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation, helping guide the incorporation and nonprofit designation process. He will help provide sound professional financial and legal practices that will create a growing and successful businesslike organization.

Marion Hagans, *Director*, is a mother of 4, grandmother of 5, hospice nurse, land lady, nude model for college students and freelance, travel, photo journalist – all part time – with a flexible schedule allowing her time to travel. "That would be nice," she says. Since Marion Hagen became a naturist 12 years ago, she took a 12,400 mile solo trip around the USA to attend over 150 naturist events in celebration of her 60th birthday. "Because of these naturist friends," she recounts, "I have become a scuba diver, have bunge jumped, experienced tandem sky diving, nude camping and canuding. At this time I am now ready to do I possibly can to help as a member of the Board Of Directors on the B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation."

Michael Kush, *Director*, is a former sales representative, regional sales manager and regional operations manager for a national wholesale distribution company. Currently a web design and marketing consultant, he designed B.E.A.C.H.E.S.' current website and edits the South Florida Free Beaches' SunDial naturist news journal. Originally from Chicago, he moved to South Florida in 1992, and in 2006 to the Tampa Area. He is currently a resident at Lake Como Family Nudist Resort, and is assisting Tampa Area Naturists in its quest to obtain a designated public naturist beach in the Tampa Bay area, modeled on South Florida's Haulover Beach.

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