



## SENY Committee Meeting Minutes

October 6th, 2025 | 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Area Officers	
Raj B.	Chair
Nisaa A.	Delegate
Vacant	Alternate Delegate
Ray W.	Technology Officer
Justin K.	Registration Officer
Tom B.	Interim Treasurer

### Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

- Serenity Prayer
- SENY Statement of Purpose
- Approval of Minutes from September committee meeting
  - Motion to accept, seconded, minutes approved

### Area Officer Reports:

#### Treasurer

##### **Financial Health and Performance**

- **Total Cash on Hand:** SENY holds \$222,000 in cash, including a \$115,000 Prudent Reserve.
- **Net Income:** For the first nine months, the excess of income over expenses is just under \$12,000, with overall expenses reported as well under budget.
- **Budget Status:** With 75% of the year elapsed, Group Contributions are on target at 73% of budget, and Total Income stands at 80% of budget.

##### **Key Updates and Compliance**

- **2024 Audit Submission:** The full 2024 ledger review is complete. Finalized numbers will be submitted to the CPA on Wednesday for timely filing of the federal 990 tax return (extension filed).
- **Accounting:** Expenses paid in 2025 that belonged to 2024 have been properly adjusted to the previous year.
- **Payment Updates:** Outgoing Zelle payments are now functional. Research into alternatives like Venmo and PayPal is planned.

##### **Action Item for Committee**

- **Expense Reports:** All members with outstanding expense reports owed by the committee are urged to submit them immediately to bring the year's finances up to date.

***The detailed PDF report is available upon request by emailing [treasurer@aasenya.org](mailto:treasurer@aasenya.org).***

### Tech Officer | Ray W.

- **Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) Mandatory:** A final reminder was issued to all County Email Admins to activate 2FA immediately.
  - Deadline: The mandatory deadline is October 22nd.
  - Follow-up: The Technology Officer will personally contact non-compliant admins next week.
- **Office Hours:** Office hours for technology support are scheduled for October 23rd at 7 PM. The meeting link can be found on the calendar for anyone needing assistance with service-related technology issues.

### Registration Officer | Justin K.

- **Successful Virtual Assembly Registration:** The electronic registration for the last assembly was successful, accommodating approximately 100 virtual attendees. Enhancements are being developed based on attendee feedback to further improve the process for the upcoming Special Election Assembly on November 8th.
- **Special Election Assembly Deadline:** All GSRs and Alternates must be registered with SENY by October 31st (Halloween) to be eligible to vote at the Special Election Assembly. Assistance from DCMCs is requested to ensure compliance.
- **Current Status & Efficiency:** Registrars are currently caught up on submissions. Steps are being taken to improve efficiency at the election assembly (more help on hand) and to clean up data within the Fellowship Connection system.

### Chair | Raj B.

#### **Past Events Attended (Since Last Assembly):**

- Queens County's virtual breakfast.
- An assembly hosted in Nassau County. (The Chair transported over \$500 worth of literature ordered by the county and transferred the corresponding funds to the Literature Coordinator, Tom.)

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- The Bronx/Manhattan virtual breakfast (Next Sunday).
- The Joy of Service Works Workshop hosted by Suffolk County on October 18th (The Chair will also be speaking).

#### **Service Commitments:**

- The Chair has registered for the NERF (Northeast Regional Forum) and NERAASA (Northeast Regional Service Assembly).
- The Area's Regional Trustee has resumed the near-monthly Alternate Delegates meeting, which the Chair will be attending on Sunday, October 12th.

### Delegate | Nisaa

#### **Conference & Agenda Items**

- **Trustee Feedback:** The Delegate provided feedback on Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) to the Trustees Nominating Committee for the 2026 Conference.
- **Area 49 PAI:** Area 49 submitted a PAI (PAI-90) requesting the Conference consider adapting three existing "Safety in A.A." videos for use on A.A. media platforms in the U.S. and Canada. This has been forwarded to the Trustees' Literature Committee.

#### **Finance and Accountability**

- **International Convention Budget:** Earlier confusion about a deficit in the International Convention (IC) budget was due to double-counting advance literature sales. The IC is now expected to finish close to break-even.

- **GSO Financials:** The mid-year budget reforecast (Concept XI) showed GSO had an operating surplus of around \$646,000 for the first five months of 2025 due to lower expenses. The updated 2025 reforecast projects a total surplus of approximately \$1.1 million.
- **Souvenir Amends:** The General Service Board Secretary provided an update on the 2025 IC Souvenir Book error, confirming an amends letter was sent out. A personal amends was also made to and accepted by the Israel A.A. Central Office.

### Upcoming Area Business

- **Special Elections:** Reminder that the special hybrid election assembly for Alternate Delegate and Treasurer is on Saturday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m., using the Third Legacy Procedure.
- **Regional Forum:** Registration is open for the Northeast Regional Forum (NERF), and members are encouraged to attend to connect with trustees and staff.

### Jane E. | Area Assembly Ad Hoc Committee Chair, Panel 69 SENY Delegate

- The Chair announced the appointment of Jane E. as the Area Assembly Ad Hoc Committee Chair
- **Update Planning Toolkit:** The committee's initial priority will be to update the Assembly Planning Toolkit. Jane emphasized that they must first understand the current process to make effective recommendations.
- **Representation Needed:** DCMCs or Alternates from all 12 counties plus the Area-Wide Hispanic District (13 total) are strongly encouraged to join.
- **Deadline to Join:** Representatives must notify Raj by the 15th.
- **First Meeting:** Sunday, October 26th, at 5:00 p.m. (online).
- **Preparation:** All members should read the motion, the 2018 Planning Toolkit, and the "Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings" background material before the first meeting.

### Annabel B. | New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW)

- The Chair announced the appointment of Annabel B. as the Chair of the New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW)

### Venue Selection

- **Frontrunner:** The preferred venue is Stony Point Retreat Center in Rockland County. This location is favored because it provides lodges (with shared or private room options), bonfires, and authorized smoking spots.
- **Rejected Options:** SUNY Purchase was less appealing due to the lack of bonfire and authorized smoking areas. Graymoor was ruled out entirely because it does not have a large enough meeting room to accommodate the group.

### Schedule and Next Steps

- **Tentative Date:** The workshop is tentatively scheduled for July 10th – 12th, as this is the only available July weekend, which is the preferred month.
- **Venue Tour:** A tour of the Stony Point Retreat Center is set for Monday, October 13th, at 1:00 p.m. Interested members were asked to contact Annabel to join the tour.
- **Committee Planning:** Annabel is in touch with the previous NYSIW chair for guidance and will soon schedule a formal planning committee meeting.

### DCMC Reports

**Manhattan DCMC | James T:** Upcoming events include Manhattan Share Day (this Sunday, 9 AM – 5 PM at Baird Rustin Campus) and the District 613 "Having a Voice in AA" Workshop (Nov 10th). The virtual County Concept Meeting is held the first Wednesday of the month (8 PM - 9 PM).

- **New Service:** The county elected Archie M. as Registrar and appointed Olivia as Web Chair.

**Suffolk DCMC | Heather:** Workshops are scheduled for October 18th ("Joy of Service") and October 25th ("Service Participation" for Eastern Long Island). The annual Unity Breakfast is Feb 1st (\$45 tickets on sale), and the DCMC will attend NERF and Narasa.

- **Volunteer Request:** Volunteers are needed to staff the Convention Registration Committee. Interested parties should contact the DCMC.

**Putnam DCMC | Hank G:** The 30th Annual Unity Breakfast is scheduled for November 23rd at Graymoor Spiritual Center. The County is actively expanding its outreach by bringing AA meetings to high-watch forums and treatment facilities, and recently elected a new Registrar. The next issue of the *Putnam Post* newsletter is due in December.

**Queens DCMC | Maura Z:** Events and Celebrations: Queens County successfully hosted its 9th Annual Spiritual Breakfast in September. Upcoming events include the Hybrid Workshop on Service Without Burnout (Nov 3rd), the 50th Anniversary Assembly Celebration (Dec 8th), and hosting the NY Intergroup Bill W. Dance fundraiser (Nov 22nd) at Terrace on the Park (\$225 tickets).

- **Service and Outreach:** The county is actively working on outreach in the inactive District 303, having recently facilitated a group inventory to encourage increased participation.

**Nassau County DCMC | JR:** The next Big Meeting is scheduled for November 9th, and the regular county meeting is held the third Monday of the month. The county is currently in the process of transitioning all banking operations to Chase Bank.

**Westchester DCMC | Billy B:** The next County Meeting is scheduled for October 15th (Wednesday night). The Share a Day event will be held on October 25th (9 AM – 3 PM at 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains), with the flyer available on the SENY calendar. The DCMC plans to attend the Bronx breakfast and their first Narasa in February.

**Sullivan DCMC | John L:** Sullivan County General Service meets next on October 12th (3:15 PM in Monticello), continues to verify its Airtable database accuracy, and is launching a "Getting Started AA, A New Way of Life" traveling workshop series visiting four groups from November 11th to December 7th.

**Brooklyn DCMC | Eddie:** The weekend of October 18th/19th is very busy with multiple group celebrations, including the Bay Ridge Group's 80th Anniversary (Oct 19th) and a celebration hosted by Brooklyn Intergroup (Oct 18th).

- **Workshops & Attendance:** Two recently reactivated districts are holding workshops - District 408 is hosting a Sponsorship Workshop and District 411 is hosting a Fall Picnic focused on Service Structure. The DCMC also plans to attend the Manhattan Share Day and Narasa.

**Staten Island DCMC | Ronnie B.** The county is hosting an Archives Workshop on October 25th (2018 Richmond Ave.), planning its second Thanksgiving Day Marathon for November 28th, and holding its annual Spiritual Breakfast on November 30th at the Hilton.

**Bronx/Upper Manhattan DCMC | Sean K:** The county successfully hosted its Share a Day on September 13th (155 attendees) and continues to see positive increases in county meeting attendance and group/GSR registrations. The upcoming Bronx Breakfast this Sunday at Marina Del Rey is reported as sold out.

## Committee Chairs

**SENY Convention Chair:**

- **Convention Website:** The SENY Convention website is now live (URL available in the flyer), currently offering basic information and with registration for the convention, hotel, and banquet scheduled to open very shortly. The website will be built out further to become a more useful resource.
- **Meetings:** The Convention Committee and its subcommittees are meeting regularly, and a new PO Box in Box 459 has been opened to facilitate correspondence.

#### **Archive Chair | Ed M:**

- **Archives Workshop:** An Archives Workshop is scheduled for October 25th in Staten Island (location banner on SENY calendar). The workshop focuses on service and will share interesting historical tidbits, such as the story of Bill W.'s golfing trip on Armistice Day.
- **Historical Resources:** The Preservation Working Group is actively digitizing and collecting history. Extensive resources, including past issues of *The Link*, assembly minutes from the 1950s, and service handbooks, are available on the senyhistory.org website ("the cool stuff file").
- **Service Handbook:** The committee is also drafting a web manager job description for potential inclusion in the next service handbook edition.

#### **Public Information (PI) Chair | Kevin F:**

- **Upcoming Engagements and Workshops:** The PI Chair plans to attend several events this month, including the Bronx Spiritual Breakfast (Oct 12th), the Suffolk Joy of Service Workshop (Oct 18th), and the Westchester Share Day (Oct 25th, with PI table). Planning is underway for a workshop on sharing at non-AA meetings in the Upper SENY regions (possibly Dec 6th).
- **PI Meetings:** Held on the third Thursday of every odd month at 7:30 PM (virtual sign-in on the calendar),

#### **Structure Ad Hoc Chair | Scott M:**

- **Survey Results & Action:** The structure survey is now closed with approximately 200 responses (160 from GSRs/alternates). The Web Chair has been asked to remove the survey link from the website to prevent confusion.
- **Upcoming Event:** A roundtable-style Sharing Session is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th (10 AM - 2 PM) at the First Lutheran Church of Throgs Neck. A flyer will be made available shortly.

#### **Cooperation of the Professional Community (CPC) Chair | Annabel:**

- **Outreach & Literature:** The Chair spoke at the recent Suffolk Share Day service panel, and the committee staffed a literature table. CPC plans to staff a table at the Suffolk Joy of Service (Oct 18th), is scheduling a presentation at a Manhattan treatment center (Dec 15th), and is planning a large order of Grapevine subscriptions for distribution to professional organizations.
- **Workshop & Meetings:** A workshop titled "Anonymity vs. Confidentiality" is being planned for March 15th. CPC meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 PM on Zoom (next meeting: November 5th).

#### **Treatment and Facilities Chair | Rob Mc.:**

- **Gap in Service:** Rob expressed concern over disunity and a significant gap in service, noting that many counties lack Treatment & Facilities (TF) chairs and intergroups fail to communicate. This often results in newly released individuals from institutions failing to connect with AA.
- **Planned Action:** Rob plans to work with the Registration Officer, Justin, and Ray, the TCO, to develop solutions to improve communication and service continuity in the coming weeks.

## Link Editor | Reiko D:

- **Current Issue & Website:** The current issue of *The Link* was distributed this weekend to officers, committees, and DCMCs, and will be available on the SENY website soon.
- **Next Issue & Call for Writers:** The next issue's theme is "Service Saves Lives" with a special emphasis on Bridging the Gap. The editor is currently experiencing a challenge in finding writers and asks that interested members submit articles and all upcoming event flyers to the editor.

## Accessibilities Chair | Matt F:

- **Temporary Service:** Matt is currently serving as the Accessibilities Chair for Manhattan Share Day, as the previous chair had to step down.
- **Upcoming Focus:** He is planning his committee meeting for next Tuesday and is focused on hosting a workshop based on Tradition 10. He will be speaking on this topic at the Stony Brook Freethinkers group this Wednesday (Zoom).
- **Availability:** Matt announced his availability for service sponsorship, traditions/concepts meetings, and recovery sponsorship.

## Old Business

### Motion Status and Quorum Check

- **Initial Quorum Challenge:** Two motions were ready to be entertained (including Lisa's motion), but the meeting was initially found to be short of the required quorum of 12 DCMs/DCMCs, temporarily blocking action.
- **Action for Quorum:** After discussion about quorum rules (only DCMCs from counties without separate district structures count), a delegate proposed and the body agreed to take a 5-minute break to call missing DCMs/DCMCs.
- **Resolution:** After the short break, the Registration Officer confirmed that quorum was met, allowing the meeting to proceed with the two scheduled motions.

### Motion #1 made by Nisaa, Area 49 Delegate: Delegate Lapel Pins

- **Motion:** The Area 49 delegate may use their allotted budget to purchase lapel pins for their panel. (Seconded)
- **Background and Discussion Summary**
  - **Purpose:** The motion was brought forward to ensure the continuation of a tradition (started in Panel 67) that provides service members with lapel pins, which are valued as a "small token" of appreciation and act as a conversation starter for service engagement.
  - **Financial Barrier:** Delegates currently pay for the pins personally, with the cost cited as approximately \$500 to \$1,000 for a two-year rotation. The motion aims to remove this personal financial obligation, reflecting the principle that no one should be prevented from doing service due to cost.
  - **Impact:** Members, including past delegates, spoke strongly in favor, noting the pins boost morale and foster unity, helping to make service attractive at a time of low attendance. They are given out to GSRs and alternate GSRs and exchanged at conferences.
  - **Prudence:** One past delegate suggested the Area consider setting a cap (e.g., \$500) to ensure prudence, but no formal amendment was offered.
- **Resolution**
  - **Vote Tally:** Yes: 37 | No: 0 | Abstentions: 3

- **Result:** The motion passes.

## **Motion #2 made by Malini M, Alt-DCMC of Queens and SENY Structure Ad Hoc Committee member: Financial Request**

- **Motion:** The SENY Structure Ad Hoc Committee requests \$900 to hold our sharing session scheduled for November 15th in the Bronx (Seconded).
  - **Background & Discussion Summary**
    - **Cost Scope:** The \$900 budget is only for the specific November 15th in-person event.
    - **Virtual Component:** The committee is currently working on plans for a future virtual sharing session and will have more information in the coming months.
    - **Budget Breakdown (Total \$900):**
      - Coffee: \$253
      - Space Rental: \$150
      - Food: \$300
      - Printing: \$100
      - Miscellaneous: \$100
    - **Multiple Sessions:** The November 15th session is confirmed and definite. The committee is exploring the possibility of holding more than one sharing session in the future.
    - **Report Date:** The sharing session date is November 15th (after the November 8th elections). Any official reports regarding the event will be turned over to the Ad Hoc Chair, Scott, to present at the appropriate time.
  - **Resolution:**
    - **Vote Tally:** Yes: 33 | No: 1 | Abstentions: 3
    - **Result:** The motion passes.

## **New Business**

**As there was no old business nor new business to address, a motion was made to end the meeting.**

**Motion to close. Seconded. Meeting adjourned with AA's Declaration of Unity**