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# Final Approved SENY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SENY REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ DE ORDEN DEL DÍA

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 2158 WATSON  
AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10472-5402

**MONDAY, October 5 , 2015 (7:30-9:30 PM)**

## ACTION ITEMS:

**LINK Articles:** Send LINK articles for Nov issue to [link@aaseny.org](mailto:link@aaseny.org) as soon as possible.

Motion: That we have an email provider that does not mine data. Postponed until January 1, 2016.

(7:00pm) New DCM Orientation – Jamie S- (Nueva Orientación DCM)

### Meeting called to order @ 7:31pm

- Serenity Prayer Rick W., Chair
- Daily Reflection (*Reflexión Diaria*) – Nissa
- Preamble – Colleen / Preambulo – Alfredo
- SENY Statement of Purpose (*Declaración de Propósito SENY*) – Rick W., Chair

### General Housekeeping –

- o Voting clarifications for quorum – we have a quorum
- o Roberts Rules of order and 2/3 unanimity

- Concept IX was reviewed

### Approval of Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting (*Aprobación del Acta de la reunión anterior del Comité*)

- Motion made and seconded
  - o Yes= 35      No= 0      Abs= 0

- Motion Carries

### Introductions (*Presentaciones*)

- New DCM's and DCMC's (*Nueva de DCM y DCMC*)
- Thank you service chefs and Kevin McH. for setup
- Past Delegates & Guests (*Los Delegados y Huéspedes Anteriores*)

### Upcoming Events (Próximos Eventos)

- o See [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org) for details
- o Area 49 Assembly/Inventory Saturday Nov 7, 2015 8:30-3:30 Saunders HS Yonkers, NY

### Officer Reports (*Informes Oficial*)

**Delegate:** Jim W., [delegate@aaseny.org](mailto:delegate@aaseny.org)

Conference reports have been delivered. I requested larger counties to pick up conference reports tonight. All other counties I will visit in the next two weeks. Conference Inventory Reports are due in November.

**Alternate Delegate:** John W., [altdelegate@aaseny.org](mailto:altdelegate@aaseny.org)

I had a very busy summer of service!

- Highlights for me include the share a days in Rockland, Queens, and Bronx Upper Manhattan, the NYSIW, and some of the group inventories I conducted.

As part of my liaison duties I want to announce that:

- The Hispanic Districts convention is over November 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> in Haverstraw in Rockland County. There will be translation, please think about attending and showing support.
- EACYPAA will take place at the Grand Hyatt on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street over February 19-21. Registration is open and it's just \$20, I encourage everyone to support the event.
- On Saturday, I went to Bay Shore in Sukkolk County to attend the elections for ESCYPAA. The statewide convention will be hosted by LICYPAA in August 2016.
- Looking forward to a group inventory tomorrow night in Bethpage, Westchester County's share an evening on October 17and the Putnam County spiritual breakfast on October 18.

Thank you again for the privilege to serve.

**Registrar: Laura C., [registrar@aaseny.org](mailto:registrar@aaseny.org)**

Via email: "I am resigning my position as registrar effective immediately. My new boss is requiring me to work Monday evenings which means I would miss every committee meeting for the rest of my term - obviously including this one. This is unacceptable to meet the needs of the area and the position. I am happy to help in the transition which i have asked to be completed by the end of the year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and I regret this change. The next SENY mailing is still scheduled for October 24th from 10am - 1pm at NY Intergroup, and we will still need volunteers.

**Chair: Rick W., [chair@aaseny.org](mailto:chair@aaseny.org)**

*(Reported @ Assembly 09/27/15)* **Ad Hoc Finance Committee:** On 08/27/15, I met with the Ad Hoc Finance committee and wanted to let you know that they have several items they are developing recommendations on that they will be bringing back to the Area Committee in the near future. Some of those items are 1.) Special Events funding and use of the line item in the budget 2.) Developing an orientation for new Area members on financial processes and guidelines 3.) Funding recommendations on non-SENY educational forums and service workshops.

*(Reported @ Assembly 09/27/15)* **Ad Hoc Publications Review:** I recently reported that our Chair of the Ad Hoc Publications Review Committee, John W., had to step down from that committee due to personal reasons, and I have been in contact with Chris B., the committee member next in line to be Chair. This committee has two other members on it, David S., and Rafael A. There are two open positions on this committee that I need to appoint. If you are interested, or know anybody who does not already have a service position who may be interested in serving on this committee, please have them reach out to me directly (my contact information is on the back of the LINK). This committee is currently reviewing each of the LINKS before they go to print and they are working on the revision to the SENY Handbook. The discussion item from the 09/27/15 Assembly on what type of communications SENY communicates to its members has been sent to this committee and they are working on developing a formal recommendation for the body. I hope to have more information on the progress of the revised Handbook soon and will report it to the body as soon as I do.

*(Reported @ Assembly 09/27/15)* **LINK Editor:** We are still in the process of looking for a LINK Editor. I have had the opportunity to visit with several people who have expressed interest. It is my hope we will find someone to fill this position and I will keep the body informed as more information becomes available. As a reminder, our current LINK Editor leaves his position 12/31/15. Mike D., Bronx has accepted the position of LINK Distribution Coordinator.

**Special Election: Area Registrar:** As a result of the resignation of our Area Registrar that I received on 09/28/15, we will conduct Special Election using the Third Legacy Procedure moderated by our Area Delegate at our 11/07/15 Assembly. Those who are eligible to make themselves available for the Area Registrar position are: All current DCM's, all current DCMC's, all current Standing Committee Chairs, and any previous Area Committee Member. The body will be asked the day of the election if previous committee members can be allowed to stand, if yes, they can stand. If the body says no, those previous committee members will not be allowed to stand. The regularly scheduled Area mailing for 10/24 at NYIG (10:00am) will take place and it will be the last mailing that Laura will execute.

**Area Inventory:** We are all set and ready to go for the Inventory on 11/07/15. A presentation was given at the Assembly on 09/27/15. Agendas for the Assembly will be emailed out as we normally do 1 week prior to the Assembly. As a result of additional items placed on the agenda for the Assembly in November, we will not be conducting the morning workshops - AND - we have extended the Assembly time to 4pm (instead of the normal 3:15pm). DCMC's for Manhattan, Brooklyn and Suffolk have received a communication from me regarding this extended time since they are the Counties that normally schedule bus transportation to our Assemblies. I reached out to them to let them know of the extended time of the Assembly so they can plan accordingly with their transportation providers.

Opportunity to do a group inventory this past weekend and it was one of the most spiritual things I have ever participated in.

Thank you to our service chefs for tonight. Service Chefs for November assembly: Jim, Ann

#### Questions:

- Clarification about who is eligible for the election

**Treasurer: Manny A., [treasurer@aaseny.org](mailto:treasurer@aaseny.org)**

1. Sept financials were distributed
  - a. Question about rent for SENY office  
**Motion to accept**  
**Motion seconded**  
Y= 37 N=0 Abs=1  
**Motion carries**
2. 7th Tradition passed - \$ 124

#### Old Business (Asuntos Pendientes)

- Area email Provider switch (Motion made originally in June by Matt DCMC from Suffolk County, not present at this moment)
- Amended Motion: That we adopt an email provider that does not mine data and charges.
- Should be addressed as new business since person who made motion is not here to accept amended change

Motion to table:

Y = 27 N = 3 Abs = 3

No minority opinion

Point of order: reason for tabling

Since the person making the motion is not here. We could address this again tonight or consider a new motion.

#### New Business (Asuntos Nuevos)

**Motion (Steve G.):** We adopt an electronic email provider that does not create privacy concerns for our members.

Seconded

#### Discussion:

- Concern about wording of motion, can one person with privacy concerns prevent us from using an email then?
- Remind everyone this issue is before this committee tonight because the SENY web committee could not agree on a provider. Privacy is a complex topic and we were really looking for a specific email provider.
- Web committee came to an impasse on 1&1 vs google apps. We need a decision on whether to keep google apps or go to 1&1.
  - o **Friendly amendment** (by Chris): Let SENY and counties that want 1&1 change to 1&1. Let counties that want to stay with google apps stay with google apps. NOT ACCEPTED
- 1&1 is stable in my experience. Google Apps is not stable and conflicts with the two.

- Can we reach out to other areas and see what providers they are using?
- The original motion was regarding adopting 1&1 as the area email provider. The google apps is a separate discussion and should be decided separately. There are file sharing tools with both. Concerns around the email provider will cover both concerns.
- There is a distinction between the two companies: companies that provide a free service and mine our data in order to make money from us, companies that we pay for a service to protect our data and not make money off of us.
- **Amended motion:** That SENY adopt 1&1 as the email provider for SENY (Steve G.) Seconded (Delores )
- Was it brought to the web committee to find out information about GSO's email provider?
- GSO is looking for groups and areas to give their shared experience regarding this.
- Clarifications from Web Chair regarding the conflict of traditions or not. Concern is that we would not be able to offer 1&1 to the counties
- Statement about what the providers will be doing and what they will not be doing
- We might not always agree but we need to remember 'we' before 'me'.

Vote:

Y = 22      N = 12      Abs = 3

**Motion does not carry**, not 2/3 majority 25 needed

#### **Minority Opinion:**

- I thought I heard said previously that GSO would not use google (Clarification: Information was heard second hand, not directly from GSO). I think we need to consider all our members anonymity in voting this.
- I voted for this motion because my understanding is that google has a possibility of exposing our anonymity but there is less chance of that with 1&1.
- The group I represent wants an email provider that does not mine data.
- We have been kicking this around on the web committee. My experience with gmail is that it conflicts with my professional email

Does anyone wish to change their vote from no to yes?

No one would like to change their vote.

#### **Motion fails**

**Motion (Ivan):** To entrust the web chair to select our email provider.

#### **Not seconded**

#### **Motion: (Jane)**

That we have an email provider that does not mine data.

#### **Second (Delores)**

- This is the same motion just changing the words.
- Web committee should be the ones deciding
- This is getting frustrating because we cannot seem to get past this same issues again
- If we send an email out to someone with a gmail account isn't the data still being mined?
- I don't feel there is an urgency to do this tonight. I think more information is needed.

#### **Motion to postpone until January 1<sup>st</sup>(Steve) seconded (Frank)**

Y = 23      N = 10      Abs = 1

#### **Motion carries**

#### **Archives Chair:**

Request to attend the NAAW in Ohio. I spent more money than originally thought. I am asking for an additional \$500 in my budget

#### **Motion made (Billy B)**

#### **Motion seconded (Kathy)**

- Treasurer – yes we have the money to increase the Archives line by \$500.

Y = 28      N = 0      Abs = 2

#### **Motion carries**

## **2015 NYSIW Final Report:**

The magic I felt during the New York State Informational Workshop was profound. I like to describe the NYSIW as our state's general service convention where all four delegate areas come together to share their experience & discuss how to better carry out our twelve step work in a unified and effective fashion. This year all areas of service had a chance to be discussed. The host committee was comprised of all young people doing service for Area 49. It was paramount for me to not let it become a "Young Person's" convention and it didn't -- the spirit of service was alive and well and hosting allowed all of us to grow as AA members in ways many of us otherwise wouldn't have been afforded the opportunity to.

I want to share my favorite memories from this weekend. We spent the weekend on a beautiful campus sandwiched between an overlook of the Hudson River and gorgeous mountains. Friday night we had AA Jeopardy which was pre-gamed by about 15 folks ages 25-85 drinking tall glasses of chocolate milk. So great! The Egomaniacs won by getting the Final Jeopardy question right, with We Are Not Saints in a close second. Seeing 30 or so friends of all ages stoked on friendly & still heated competition in the spirit of recovery on a Friday night was heartwarming. This was followed by road trips in the woods, walking across campus under the stars, and spiritual stare-downs with many many deer.

Saturday was a day full of panels on the following topics: Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information, Corrections & Treatment, Accessibilities & Special Needs, Grapevine, Archives, and Website. We closed the panels with one on "Underrepresented Populations" which included transgender, young people, and Spanish-speaking panelists. The vulnerability displayed was so touching. Saturday evening I went to give thanks to the staff and two Spanish servers approached me, one speaking very little English, asking if there was anything like this "for people who live with Alcoholics." It happened to be just after our panelist from the Hispanic District arrived with his wife and we were able to get them hooked up with the number for the Spanish line of Al-Anon's central office. This was followed by our GSO Speaker, Julio. Sunday morning we had a very productive and effective feedback session, a spiritual speaker, and I got to give a GSR I ordinarily would never have spent time with a ride home and hear about his experience with long term sobriety and the spiritual growth he was able to have once he found the solution. So worth getting out of my comfort zone.

It was hard work and there were hurdles getting this event together, but I sit here on a Sunday evening full of love, gratitude, and tenderness towards the fellowship. There wasn't a dry eye in the theater this morning. We truly are blessed to be here and to see 148 -- that's right -- 148...people take the responsibility statement so seriously this weekend was very powerful. Anytime anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.

Treasurer's Report:

**Total Income: \$13,943.94**

**Total Expenses: \$12,765.05**

Emailed Area 50 Chair and Delegate to see if they would like to take ownership of NYSIW.org going forward. Audio recordings will be made available to [aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org) and to [nysiw.org](http://nysiw.org) (if it is adopted by Area 50.)

Thank you to everybody who did service throughout the weekend!!! We definitely felt the genuine spirit of love, service, and friendship over the weekend and it was an experience we will remember fondly.

CB was introduced as the service liaison for EACYPAA Eastern Conference of Young People in AA and talked a bit about the event.

## **2017 SENY Convention Exploratory Committee Presentation**

Power point presentation for exploring locations for 2017 SENY Convention (Will be attached as a PDF. Please review and bring back for vote at November Committee meeting.

## **Treasurer**

Motion: Increase treasurers line by \$500 Seconded

Y = 28    N = 0            Abs = 1

## **Standing Committee Reports (Informes del Comité Permanente) (emailed)**

### **1. Intergroup Liaison**

My committee position of liaison to Intergroup is making me very aware and conscious of the 36 principles of Alcoholics Anonymous and effort to put them in every aspect of my life.

I have attended an Intergroup/ General Service monthly meeting in Nassau County by invitation as an observer; Also the Rockland County Intergroup/General Service Share A Day. Both events

informed me of the cooperation of both service entities in their respective counties thus enhancing my knowledge of the roles each plays in carrying the message of AA.

I attended the NYSIW in August which always provides me with new information to carry out my own responsibilities. Other trusted servants joined me to have an intergroup/ general service planning meeting during dinner hour to hash out various aspects of the workshop to be held in October; the meeting was very lively but fruitful.

I attended the annual seminar sponsored by AAWS AND AAGV in Ft. Lauderdale for US AND Canada Intergroups. Regional trustees and officers of General Service spoke at the two nightly forums. Intergroup attendees were assured that they are a valuable part of Alcoholics Anonymous, but not a part of General Service structure which is lateral (up and down); Intergroup is horizontal (side to side) this way the speaker demonstrated the structure as it relates to the groups. In the various workshops I heard managers speak of positive and negative aspects of their relationship with General Service. Most demonstrated a spirit of cooperation. There were related some difficulties with the ordering of literature in the new system.

This is a very worthwhile event for the liaison to attend. The event also included a visit to Ft Lauderdale Intergroup office where a delicious spread was consumed.

**ALL SENY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 10, 2015**

**AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL, BRONX, NY**

- 2. LINK** - This is a request for article submissions for next issue of the LINK #560 which will be distributed at the next SENY Assembly in Westchester County on November 07, 2015.

If you would like to submit an article then please respond with a confirmation email that you will be submitting so I can plan the production accordingly. The topics are the 11th tradition / 11th concept or be related to experience, strength and hope in doing service in A.A. Articles should be 300-400 words in length.

Deadline for submissions is **October, 25 2015**.

- 3. CPC/PI** - Tuesday October 13 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at St Francis College in downtown Brooklyn. Remsen St. The CPC and PI committees would like to invite your Committee to participate in this event by setting up a table. Event is information session for general public and professionals, clergy, and medical. Light refreshments.

### **Motion to Close**

**Meeting adjourned 9:47 pm @** by Rick W., Area Chair with A.A.'s Declaration of Unity (Declaración de A.A. de la Unidad Clausura)

**Thank You for Participating and for Your Service!**

**(Gracias por Participar y por Su Servicio!)**

### **NEXT AREA 49 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, November 2, 2015 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm**  
Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall  
2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472-5402

### **NEXT AREA 49 ASSEMBLY**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 – 8:30am – 4:00pm**  
[HOST: WESTCHESTER COUNTY] Saunders HS  
183 Palmer Rd, Yonkers, NY 10701