

## **SENY Committee Meeting Agenda**

Monday, Sept 6, 2022

7pm - 7:30pm: Service Q&A Forum - SENY Service Sponsorship Chair Breakout room

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Approval of May Committee Meeting Minutes

*Minutes approved with minor edit of typo.*

## **Reports**

### **County & Hispanic District Reports**

#### **Laura - Bronx Upper Manhattan DCMC**

- Share a day will be on October 20 from 9 to 3 at the Holy Family Church, and entrance on Watson Avenue.
- We will also be having a spiritual meeting, which will be virtual on November 6, a Sunday at 10am.
- I attended ICYPAA in New Orleans, which was very exciting, and for those who were interested in next year, it's going to Northern California

#### **Kevin - Westchester County DCMC**

- Westchester County is going to be resuming our hybrid meetings.
- We took the summer off. so we'll be back on Wednesday, September 20 at 250 Brian Avenue, White Plains.
- Thanks everybody for helping make our summer event, our spiritual BBQ and family picnic day, which we had on Saturday, August 27, a really tremendous event.
- Westchester County is gonna have a share a day on Saturday, October 29, and that's gonna be at 250 Brian ave, which is posted on SENY website.
- Elections are in November.

#### **Greg - Alt DCMC Putnam County**

- Thank Tom B., our delegate for joining us at our July General Service meeting and sharing his conference experience.
- Unity breakfast - October 23 - 8am- 11am. Guest speaker is Lucas, the SENY corrections chair. We will also be selling literature. Tickets are \$25. Will also be hybrid. For more info check out <https://putnamcountynyaa.org/>
- Putnam County is co-hosting sober jam with Orange and Rockland counties, alanon from westchester and worcypaa. Hispanic District is also participating.

- Our general service meeting is on the second Tuesday of each month.
- This month we'll be having our elections

### **Marty - Nassau County DCMC**

- We held our 37th County Unity Breakfast . We had 550 attend. It was an awesome event, in person for the first time since 2019.
- On June 20th at our NGSG Reps we had a presentation for a proposed agenda item . Seconded and discussed. Passed unanimously. And it passed at the Special Assembly on August 17.
- Attended Joy of Service Workshop hosted by Rockland County.
- Our Virtual Concepts Series September 19th , 7:30PM Jane E Past Delegate 69 will lead us on Concepts 9 & 10
  - Zoom id: 922 8787 8377 - PC: 12345
- We are continuing to repair our Archives link. I have the hope that before I rotate out it will be repaired . We have so much material and news to add. Our Archives Chair, Jim C. did an oral history and we have the audio of the 4 Joy of Service Speakers .
- Our NGSG elections are on October 17 virtually.

### **Melissa - Suffolk County DCMC**

- We did not meet in August, we will be meeting again in 2 weeks.
- Dec 3rd from 12pm - 4pm we are having a luncheon for our big meeting. - most likely going to be hybrid
- October - elections
- November - we will have our inventory

### **Eric- Orange County DCMC**

- Our Hybrid meeting location has moved to the 1st Presbyterian Church of Monroe, Located at 142 Stage Road Monroe, New York 10950 7:00 pm. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 20th 2022.
- June 4th I attended the SENY Assembly Hybrid at Westchester Community College.
- June 12th, I attended the Nassau Unity Breakfast with John (Putnam DCMC), Sherry & Thomas (Rockland DCMC)
- July 9th, "Live Big Book Writing Workshop" in Westbury Long Island. I started writing my story for the 5th Edition of our Big Book.
- July 12th, I attended Putnam's General Service Meeting
- July 17th, I attended the Asamblea in Manhattan with Thomas (DCMC Rockland).
- July 19th and August 16th, We held our monthly meeting in Orange County
- July 29-30, I attended the NY Informational Workshop, Online-from the Adirondacks.

- August 6th, I attended the Queens Workshop on “Roberts Rules” and how to write an agenda item – Online.
- August 13th, I attended the Orange County Share-A-Day A big thank you to Andrew, Dennis and Mike for putting literature tables together
- August 14th, I attended the Joy of Service Workshop in Rockland
- August 20th I attended Special Voting Assembly and voted with the majority.
- Save the Date “Saturday September 17th, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. @ Munger Cottage in Cornwall “Live Big Book Writing Workshop”
- SoberJam Sunday September 25th 10 am to 4pm, Haverstraw Center in Haverstraw, NY. Meetings, music, food, and more, “Dunk the Dunk the DCMC’s”. In association with Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Worcypaa, and Alanon.
- Save the Date November 4th thru 6th NENY is holding their 2022 Convention, AAs Three Legacies – Our Common Solution! Holiday Inn, Poughkeepsie, NY  
[www.tinyurl.com/NENYAA2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/NENYAA2022)
- In Orange we need of Chairpersons for; Accessibilities, CPC, Newsletter, Web master.
- Orange County Elections for the next two-year rotation begin at our monthly meeting October 18th, 2022. Do you know anyone who needs more service in their life?
- Contact me at 845-629-7474 - Text first

#### **Thomas - Rockland County DCMC**

- We meet every third Wednesday of the month, from 7:30 to 9 Pm.
- We have been meeting virtually. But last month we went to Hybrid
- Joy of Service workshop - last month
- Our elections are this month as well as sober jam which will be held on September 20, fifth, from 10 am - 4pm at the haverstraw center. all are invited. Info on SENY website
- We are preparing for Alcathon during Christmas.

#### **Larry- Manhattan**

- Attended MSAD Committee Meeting
- Held Manhattan County Concepts Meeting
- Attended Area 19 Sharing Session on Hybrid Meeting
- Attended District 613 Archive Workshop
- Attended SENY Service Participation Meeting
- Attended GSR Virtual Coffee Hour
- Held Manhattan County Officers Meeting
- Attended SENY Service Sponsorship Committee Meeting
- Attended District 305 Workshop on Robert's Rules of Order
- Spoke at MSAD on 8-13-2022

- Manhattan County Elections will be held on September 20, 2022

#### **Deborah - Brooklyn DCMC**

- Our last meeting was June 8th - Tom attended and spoke about conference.
- Our next meeting is September 21 - we will have elections - virtual
- Virtual spiritual breakfast will be December 4th

#### **SENY Standing Committee Chairs**

##### **Hank - Treatment Facilities Chair**

- The SENY Treatment facilities (TF) committee is currently meeting virtually on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Sept. 27th.
  - See SENY calendar for ID and passcode, or email [tf@aaseny.org](mailto:tf@aaseny.org)
- Treatment Facilities presented at this year's virtual NYIW Aug. July 30-31st. Each of the 4 Areas in New York shared on their Areas experience with TF service throughout COVID.
- Last month I attended The Manhattan Share-A-Day. I set up a treatment table, and jointly chaired a meeting with Lucas our SENY Corrections chair.
- Later in the month, I attended The Joy of Service workshop in Rockland.
- Currently Area 49 has a Bridging the Gap program up and running at NY Intergroup covering the 5 counties of NYC and Westchester County. Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, and Orange Counties all have Bridging the Gap programs in place.
  - BTG requests arrive continuously by email or phone, which are then passed on to gappers in the correct geographic location.
- TF has a standing page on the SENY website. It includes upcoming event, minutes, links and Bridging the Gap requests.
- Email me at [tf@aaseny.org](mailto:tf@aaseny.org)

##### **Paola PI Chair**

- Hosted many writing workshops for writing your story for the new edition of the BB
  - Virtual English in July.
  - In person on Long Island in July.
  - Virtual in Spanish in August
  - In person (Queens) in Spanish in August.
- Upcoming writing workshops, info on SENY calendar:
  - In person in English in Orange County on Sept 17
  - In person in Queens on October 1st at 2pm. –
- We will also be hosting workshops in English and Spanish at ESCYPAA (right before the deadline!)

- I will be doing a workshop at the sober jam on Sept 25th and speaking on PI there.

#### **Kingsley - Literature Chair**

- We were not able to have a meeting last time due to technical difficulties
- Next meeting Sept 18
- Attended Manhattan Share a Day- Great book sales.
- Have also been invited to Spanish Assemblies - books always sell!
- We encourage ordering the big book and all our items of literature from local groups into groups and central offices.

#### **Jeffrey - Archives Chair**

- Met the whole summer
- Took a trip up to Stepping Stones
- Workshop coming up Oct 22nd

#### **Annabel - Accessibilities Chair**

- The ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE was in recess for the month of August, and we are again looking for ways to make AA more accessible to more people who are seeking our spiritual solution.
- In this regard, we are asking all members of AA to help us create a master list of especially accessible meetings in SENY. Virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings. Of particular need is a list of meetings which provide American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation. Please let me know of all meetings which provide ASL or other special accommodations, to be included on our master list.
- Join us for our next Committee meeting on September 8 at 7:30pm. Virtual.
- JOIN US TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
- Email me at [access@aaseny.org](mailto:access@aaseny.org)

#### **Christine - SENY Intergroup Liaison**

- We met in July, I was not able to attend - Queens County hosted it, and they led the meeting for me, thank you.
- We will be meeting September, November and December the third Sunday of those months, and all information is found on the SENY website - if you'd like to know what's going on with all the intergroups and area 49 please join us.
- Tom will be joining Sept meeting

#### **Lucas - Corrections Chair**

- Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept 17, at 3pm. Information for this

meeting is below. In addition, please visit our landing page for SENY Standing Committee Chairs also listed below. <http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-correction-committee-meeting-virtual-2/2022-09-17> or <https://www.aaseny.org/corrections>

- Will be attending:
  - Queens Share A Day on September 24 at Archbishop Molloy and have a Corrections table all day. Any GSR's are welcome to come serve.
  - Rockland's Sober Jam on September 25th and speaking on a panel regarding the Mystery Behind Service.
  - Putnam on October 23rd Unity Breakfast in Carmel
  - Looking into attending Cornwall for the PI writing workshop in Orange County, but it does take place on the same day as our Committee meeting.
- Rikers Island has opened for volunteers at the North Infirmary Command and meetings have started on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- CTFC Corrections in Manhattan continues to need enthusiastic volunteers although the process for obtaining DOC ID's requires visits to the office in Queens. Join them at their Thursday CTFC meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm to learn the process.
- The DOCCS for New York State's prisons is also always looking for volunteers at all their facilities. Please submit volunteer applications with the state. We can help with any questions. We have the names of volunteers' supervisors who would help with each of those interested in serving at each county.
- Meetings have started at Sing Sing and we are hopeful to have volunteers in Orange and Sullivan County get the ball rolling.
- Suffolk County and Nassau County continue to be bringing meetings in person into their county jails.
- Our committee continues to communicate with the General Service Office, the Corrections Desk, the Intergroups, regional coordinators and local program coordinators to share information. We continue to receive requests for outside volunteers to be connected via correspondence to members on the inside and have sent those to our Corrections desk. We also have received several pre-release requests in May and have passed those on throughout the Area and the state to other Areas where those persons are to be released. There is a new corrections correspondence form which includes more inclusive gender identity choices for being matched with a person on the inside that has been created at our Desk.
- We have successfully agreed to make literature available on tablets for persons on the inside. Successful implementation is a matter of the intergroups liaising with facilities to make that accessible to the population. Sponsorship on the inside as a topic and how to suggest offering it to persons in custody who seek it, is being looked at by our

Corrections Committee at the service office.

- The New York State Informational Workshop was a big success taking place this year, virtually, in late July. Our Committee, along with our friends in Areas 47,48, and 50 shared on our experience during the pandemic in 2021 and actions going forward from 2022 and beyond.
- Manhattan Share a Day had a wonderful turnout on August 13th at the St. James Parish House. Our committee joined our friends in Treatment to deliver a workshop on our general services which was attended by our Delegate among others.
- NYIG's CTFC literature fundraiser took place in person at Antun's catering hall in July. A huge hit!
- All interested in new information and national issues related to Corrections service can attend the International Corrections Call this Sunday at 11am ET with a new log in: Meeting ID: 841 1036 5604 Passcode: 223531
- Contact me at 718 809-7425

#### **Jeanette NYSIW Chair**

- Thank you to the Committee: Sherry, John, Jerry, Vicky, Barbara, TCO, Mike and Justin, Maura and Queens Team.
- We had a successful event with 216 registrations, with an attendance of 55-75 people per panel throughout the entire day. Not all stood for all panels, registrants signed in and out. People were able to sign in for specific service positions of interest.
- Ask it basket was always full with questions of people interested in the service position to their county.
- I received great feedback from members about our ending with an AA meeting where each area Delegate shared their experience, strength and hope . People chatted how wonderful it was to hear how we all come with the same experience to qualify to do service. It gave people vision and hope that they too can serve in our Area.

#### **NYSIW 2022 Treasury report (Hank):**

##### **Income**

Contributions ( On Line Stripe Payments)	\$1,199.00
Contributions ( Venmo Payments)	\$ 111.71
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,310.71</b>

##### **Expenses**

Flyers, printing	\$ 530.00
Interpretation	\$1,200.00
Tech Expense (Zoom)	\$ 157.03
On Line Processing Fees	\$ 60.05
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,947.08</b>

<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$636.37)</b>
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#### **Gina D - Link Editor**

- Everything is going well, was able to get out July and August issue.
- 150 copies printed
- Going to a couple events this month and will share
- I plan on bringing one box to assembly in Novemebr which includes 500 copies
- If you want hard copies let me know.

#### **Vicky B- Agenda Chair**

- Reminder to check SENY calendar and send me your events. Please include zip codes.

#### **Keith P - SENY Sponsorship chair**

- The Service Sponsorship Committee is here to answer your questions and to help guide you in service below or beyond the Group level.
- You can find all manner of useful service information on the Southeastern New York website at the Service Sponsorship Landing page at <https://www.aaseny.org/service-sponsorship>
- Email me at : [sponsorship@aaseny.org](mailto:sponsorship@aaseny.org)
- Tom B. has been co-hosting the Service Sponsorship Committee's Open-Forum Show. Next one will be this Saturday at 9AM before our Assembly. It will be a great opportunity for GSRs to ask questions and understand the third legacy voting procedure and what to expect on Saturday.
- The Service Sponsorship Committee continues to host our 6 month study of the 6 Warranties from Concept 12 of the NEW A.A. SERVICE MANUAL from 4PM - 5PM. Each month we have concentrated on a Warranty with a guest speaker + Open Forum. Only 2 more Warranties to go! All info is on SENY calendar

### **Kimbley G - Grapevine Chair**

- As COVID-19 restrictions are easing I am now available to get out now to do the wonderful service work of coordinating exhibits, selling Grapevine and LaVina literature, attending Share-A-Days, spiritual breakfasts and area conventions...however there is still much work to do. If you want me to attend your group to assist you in setting up Grapevine/LaVina tables, please reach out to me.
- The committee has met for the 12th time on June 3, 2022. All are welcome to attend and become a part of the committee.
- The Grapevine also has a half hour podcast airing Mondays at 9am. Each week Don & Sam interview a different member about their experience, strength and hope in a casual meeting after meeting manner.
- Reminder - "Prayer and Meditation" – Powerful stories about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. Available in English, Spanish and French.
- Fun in Sobriety featuring 50 inspiring stories.
- I attended the New York State Information Workshop on July, 2022; Manhattan County Meeting June, and July and Manhattan Share Day Planning Committee Meetings. In September I will be attending La Assembla on the 18th and Queens Share a Day September, 24, 2022.
- Grateful for Kingsley literature Chair for selling LaVina materials at past assembla.
- As of January 1, 2021, top 10 bestsellers will increase by \$2,49. Price will increase on other books as reprinted. There are also ancillary items that have also slightly increased.
- I encourage all to explore the Grapevine link at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) and for all Grapevine reps to register through that link for their service commitment and contact the General Service Office for free Grapevine/LaVina materials including palm cards, bookmarks and catalogs. Looking forward to adapting and exploring new ways to outreach to members and service committees.
- Next committee meeting scheduled September, 7, 2022 at 7:30.

### **Melissa- SENY Convention Chair 2023**

- Planning for convention is from September to March
- Our first planning meeting is this Sunday -we'll be meeting from 3 to 5 on a virtual platform. We will be doing that for accessibility reasons. It makes it easier for people from a lot of different places to be able to participate, and I want lots of participation!
- We have a lot of commitments to fill.
- Elections are the first meeting.

### **Jessica V. Recording Secretary**

- Please send your reports to me before or after the meetings. [secretary@aaseny.org](mailto:secretary@aaseny.org)

### 7th tradition / 5 min break

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### Delegate Tom B

Good evening, Buena Noches...

#### General Information:

- The .pdfs of the Final Conference Reports (in both English and Spanish) for the 72<sup>nd</sup> GSC are now posted at [aaseny.org/FromTheDelegate](http://aaseny.org/FromTheDelegate). If you need the French translation, pls email me at [delegate@aaseny.org](mailto:delegate@aaseny.org) (putting all contact info in the chat). The moment I have the hard copies, I will get them into the hands of your DCMCs – current time frame looks like end of October.
- Report backs from this year's GSC: made to the majority of the 12 counties, as well as the Hispanic District. PowerPoint remains up on From The Delegate. If you would like me to visit your county, district or group – live or virtually – please reach out to me.
- Be aware that, at last count, GSO is down a total of 4 Staff Members (i.e. 11 vs. 15). Please continue to be patient as our G/M Bob W. and the three Boards look to bring the Staffing level back up to strength.

#### SENY Elections Assembly:

- As you know by now, they will again be virtual, same as 2020. Tech 12 is once again facilitating, and special thanks and gratitude to Mike O and Justin K, who have done a great deal in a very short period of time to prepare us. Also, thanks to Jo Ann M for helping get (non-voting) volunteers in place for the behind the scenes work that day.
- As is our custom in SENY, I will chair the elections, so that all SENY Committee members will be free to focus on standing, if they so choose. Four of our Past / Rotated On Delegates will be supporting me in various capacities as well: Bill C, Jane E, John W I & John W II. All four have been a source of guidance and inspiration for the past 4 years - I would not be able to do this without their help.
- For the record, the following number of people made themselves available two years ago:
  - 10 Delegate, 8 AD, 8 Chair, only 1 each T and TCO; vote totals for D, AD & C ranged from 207 votes (D-3rd vote for delegate) to 184 (C-2nd vote for chair).

- The SENY Comm roll will be called for each of the 5 Officers – the roll will be called for Delegate beginning promptly at 9:30 AM.
- If you plan to stand and make yourself available I strongly recommend re-reading the Service Position Descriptions for Area Officers in the SENY Handbook, pp 14-17 – together with the A.A. Service Manual, you have a pretty comprehensive picture of the duties and responsibilities.
- Each person standing will have 2 minutes to give their service resume – there will be a timer showing on the screen.
- Please be patient if things don't go perfectly.
- John W II will be our parliamentarian, should any procedural questions arise.
- My experience of serving SENY and A.A. over the last 4 years:
  - ❖ Rewarding and spiritually enhancing
  - ❖ A great deal of work, but also energy-generating
  - ❖ Challenges on the horizon for Panel 73:
    - "A Tale of Two Preambles"
    - Live vs. Hybrid vs. Virtual
    - Enhancing Participation
- I wouldn't trade the past 4 years, or 7 years, for the world.

I'm available to visit your county, district, or group, and remain willing to serve Area 49 any way I can. Thanks for letting me serve all of you.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Rich S**

- We last met as the SENY Committee in early May so we have four months of activity to discuss. Below are highlights of the whole 4 months and where we stand on a year to date basis. The individual monthly reports are on the temp docs page on the SENY website if you want to review them
- Revenue for the four months:
  - \$38,453 in group contributions
  - \$5,320 in individual contributions
  - \$447 in 7th Tradition baskets from our May Committee meeting and June Assembly
  - Total for the period of \$44,227.

- This is above what was budgeted for the period, but does represent a slowing in contributions from the first four months of the year when we received a total of \$54,409. This is typically the case in the summer months.
- Expenses for the four months amounted to \$42,321:
  - Included a payment in May from our COVID Reserve account of \$7,759 to Tech 12 for their services in facilitating the virtual component of the first ever Hybrid SENY Convention.
  - Other major expenses over the period included:
    - \$5,487 in Officer reimbursements
    - \$1,665 for Committee Chairs expenses
    - \$1,291 for our annual liability insurance policy premium
    - \$6,000 for the 4 months of the SENY office rent
    - \$2,652 for tech and website expense
    - \$4,310 for Spanish translation and interpretation services
    - Just over \$8,000 in expenses related to our June 4th first ever Hybrid Assembly, including the costs for the rental of the venue, providing lunch and coffee, and tech support which made the virtual component possible.
- The net result for the 4 months was a nominal net surplus of \$321.
- The year to date results give more meaningful insight into our financial condition which remains strong. Our revenues remain strong as well.
- Contributions from groups, districts, counties, and intergroups totaled \$92,584 (21% above budget and 22.4% above last year at this time), while individual contributions so far have been \$5,597. After including 7th Tradition contributions of \$1,810 and reported literature sales \$1,715, we have generated total income through August of \$101,723 which is nearly 18% above budget and 13% over last year.
- The expenses for the 8 months were \$88,670 which included \$20,664 in charges to our Covid Reserve to offset a portion of the SENY Convention expenses. Our normal operating expenses for the period were just over \$60,000 as compared to \$40,450 last year. This increase is actually a positive sign as it reflects our return to closer to normal operations as the effects of Covid have been less of a deterrent. For instance, Officer reimbursements and Committee Chair expenses for travel are both up significantly. We also have conducted several in-person events with our June Hybrid Assembly and a number of Joy of Service and Writing workshops that cost in excess of \$10,000, while we had no expenses on those lines last year.
- Even with these increases, we are still below budget in every expense category and the total expenses were only 60% of the projected budget amount for the period.
- The bottom line is a net operating surplus of \$13,053 which increased our operating

account cash balance to \$102,550.47.

- We continue to have 6.98 months of expenses or \$127,131 in our Prudent Reserve account with \$6,148.16 in the Convention account and \$5,390.34 in the Special Events account.
- We are well-positioned to move forward for the rest of the year.
- We will begin work on the 2023 budget next month after our new Officers are elected and the new Committee Chairs have been identified. Both the current Panel 71 and the incoming Panel 73 trusted servants will be involved in the process.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report

36 to accept

1 abstentions

*Motion passes.*

#### **Alternate Delegate - JoAnn M**

- What an eventful Summer I had! I attended the 36th Dia de Compartimiento del los Distritos Hispanos on June 5 held on Long Island which was a day of sharing throughout the Hispanic Districts in Area 49.
- Attended the Asambleas in June, July and August.
- The YPAAs hosted the first of 3 SENY English writing workshops for the 5th ed. of the Big Book on July 9th
- The next English writing workshop is on September 17 in Cornwall, NY (Rockland) and we have another scheduled for October 1st in Queens. I am hoping many of you will attend and start writing your stories.
- The deadline for English stories is October 31, 2022.
- We had our Service Participation meeting on July 21 and canceled the August meeting. We had lively discussion about the challenges our DCMCs face in their counties. Our next Service Participation meeting is scheduled for October 20 at 7:30pm. All DCMCs and their Alternates should attend.
- I attended the ESCYPAA8 boat ride on July 23 and had a blast. The YPAAs really know how to party!
- I was able to join some of the meetings at the NYSIW during the weekend of July 31 which were very informative.
- On August 6th I presented on how to submit an agenda Item to the General Service Conference for the workshop hosted by district 305.
- I attended Manhattan Share a Day on August 13 and got to share on Public Information.
- We had the second SENY Joy of Service workshop in August. It was hybrid and well attended. Thanks to Maureen and her committee for an excellent workshop.

- We had our special assembly on August 20 to discuss agenda items submitted by members of SENY. Thanks to all for your support.
- On Saturday August 27th, I went to the Westchester County Annual Spiritual BBQ. It was a beautiful day.
- On the 28th we had the second Spanish Big Book writing workshop in Queens. Paola collected a lot of stories from our Spanish districts.
- I facilitated one group inventory and I also attended the monthly NERD meetings in June, July and August and the Northeast Alt Delegates meetings twice a month during the same periods.
- Our next Area Assembly is on September 10 where we will be electing the Area Officers for the next rotation. I hope you will all attend and consider standing for Area positions.
- I am always available for group inventories and to speak on traditions and concepts.

### **Technology & Communications Officer (TCO) Mike O**

SENY Registration: As part of the preparation for this Saturday, Justin revamped how we register new trusted servants. Visually the process has changed slightly, but due to improvements in Airtable we've been able to simplify the process for County registrars behind the scenes. As an added benefit we are now spending less 7th Tradition dollars to accomplish the same goal: getting new trusted servants registered and updating their information as needed.

Registration of Trusted Servants by Proxy: Unlike almost every other Area, SENY allows certain trusted servants to register GSRs by proxy. We do so to help Groups and trusted servants within SENY who have barriers to registering for service. But, please remember that this is not a common U.S. and Canada practice.

Registration of Groups by Proxy: A reminder that new Groups *cannot* be registered with GSO or SENY by proxy. If you look at GSO's new Group registration form, at page 112 of the new Service Manual, it lists 3 possible new Group contacts: GSR, alt, and Group Contact, so only those 3 can register a new Group.

- We have an obligation to ensure that Group information is correct, and behind the scenes we take a number of steps to make sure new Group information is accurate and that the Group is actually a new Group. For example, earlier in the pandemic some Groups tried to register their virtual meetings as new Groups, even though the Group had not taken a conscience to form a new Group. That subsided, thankfully.
- If there is an issue, please have the Group reach out to me or Justin directly; as Registrars authorized to access Fellowship Connection we will get the Group registered.

New Groups should not use “Zoom” or similar as part of their name, as this implies affiliation or even endorsement of their services.

Before the Assembly, GSO is aware that the meeting app is out of date: meetings have closed, reopened, disbanded, been created. All the Areas are beginning to look at their meeting lists. For Areas who maintain meeting lists, this process is relatively straightforward. For those with a single Intergroup, also relatively straightforward. Area 49 maintains a list of meetings, but does not maintain meeting lists, and we have multiple Intergroups whose meeting lists do not always match, which means it's more complicated. I anticipate reaching out to Christine, our Intergroup Liaison, the DCMCs and the County Intergroups in this process. More will be revealed.

The Election Assembly: Tech 12 is supporting the election. To avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest, nobody who can vote, including Alternates, or standing committee members are participating as tech support. Unlike 2 years ago, to avoid some past issues we will have a single meeting id and a general room and a voting room; the former can see the latter but not participate.

- 4 Past Delegates, Jane, John, Bill, and John, will be our main co-hosts. They will have 2 read-only views in Airtable created for the Assembly, one with a green checked-off list of pre-registrants who are listed as GSR and DCMs, etc., vetted against our database, who can move right into the voting room; alts get a red question mark, as we need to know if their primary is there or not. They will also have a view of all SENY trusted servants, so if someone comes in without pre-registering they can ask, name, Group, position. Totally unknown people will get a question mark also.
- We will have some AA's, drawn mainly from the County level, doing security and other similar functions. We should have an elections page on the website shortly.
- Voting members should have a “V” in front of their name, and their position to follow: V-Mike O, TCO. Non-voting participants, use “O.” Please pre-register, as this will make the day run much smoother.
- The roll: At 9:30 Tom will call the roll of those eligible to stand, also known as the Area Committee. At 10 we will move into the first round of voting.

#### **Area chairperson - Nisaa A**

- Pre-register for elections if you plan on standing - it will make your life easier and you will get info in advance
- Put your last name on the form so that it's easier to find in database
- Another email will be sent out with instructions before the elections.

- I have a couple inventories coming up
- If you have any questions about being chair - please reach out to me!

## **Old Business** - none

## **New Business**

Motions:

- 1) Motion that we keep SENY Committee Meetings Permanently Virtual

Robust discussion.

*Motion for amendment:* I would like to make a motion that the meetings remain virtual for the foreseeable future. (by Larry)

Yes- 14

No- 17

Abstentions- 6

*Amended motion does not pass.*

Minority Opinion given

Robust discussion

*New Amendment:*

I move to amend the motion so that it's up to the next panel to decide whether or not they'll be virtual or not.

2nd.

Discussion is open for a new amendment.

Robust discussion.

Yes-7

No-17

Abstentions-8

*Motion does not pass*

Minority opinion - none

Back to original motion with *friendly amendment - remove the word permanent*

New Motion: Move that we keep seny committee meetings virtual  
2nd.

No discussion

Voting:

Yes- 24

No- 6

Abstentions-8

*Motion passes!*

Motion to close at 9:45pm.

Closed with declaration of unity.

Postponing 2nd motion

2) Motion for the Area to purchase new interpretation equipment [English and Spanish]