

Area Officers	
Raj B.	Chair
Nisaa A.	Delegate
Jeanne C.	Alternate Delegate
Ray W.	Technology Officer
Justin K.	Registration Officer
Mike	Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

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

Area Officer Reports:

Treasurer

Financial Guidelines and Budget Management

- **SENY Financial Guidelines:** The committee operates under the SENY Financial Guidelines, which are available online and designed to ensure prudent spending.
- **Equipment Budgeting:** Officer and chair budgets are strictly for service. Equipment costs are covered under a large, separate line item in the main budget.
 - Chairs anticipating equipment needs for the 2026 budget must notify the Treasurer by the budget meeting.
- **2025 Budget Closing:** The 2025 budget officially closes at midnight on New Year's Eve.
 - All 2025 receipts must be submitted by December 13, 2025. Any reimbursement requests submitted after this date will count against the 2026 budget.
- **Excess Funds Policy:** By design, excess monies from line items are rolled into the operating account, which increases the calculation of the prudent reserve. The committee typically only spends 65–70% of its budgeted amount.

Financial Status Year-to-Date (Through November)

- **Group Contributions:** Contributions are currently slightly under target at \$123,000 on paper. However, with \$1,978 in uncashed checks included, contributions are just over \$125,000, putting the committee on target for 2025.
- **Cash on Hand:** Approximately \$218,500, down slightly from October due to reimbursements.
- **Net Income/Excess Income:** The net income has slightly increased from the last report to about \$12,500
- **Electronic Payments:** Deposits via Venmo were temporarily paused mid-November due to a bank transfer process, though money is still being collected. Zelle is running smoothly, and other payment methods

continue to be explored.

Questions Asked

- **NERAASA Seed Money:** Jo Ann M. asked the Treasurer to investigate a \$1,000 NERAASA seed money check reportedly cashed back in April.
- **Standing Chair Budget Meeting:** Matt F. confirmed the date for the budget review meeting: December 10th from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.
- **Disposition of COVID Fund:** John W. asked for a motion to send the \$5,000 unused 2025 COVID Contingency fund to the General Service Office (GSO), rather than holding it over.

Tech Officer | Ray W.

Office Hours Update: December office hours are cancelled and will resume January 22nd. Regular hours are the fourth Thursday of every month.

Online Safety and Security

- **Cyber Threats:** Continued phishing attempts are targeting SENY. Bad actors are increasingly using AI to compromise personal data and Area funds.
- **AI Risks:** AI tools can be used by hackers to infiltrate devices through the AI agents members use themselves.
- **Safety Protocols:** Members should review security settings on any enabled AI agents/assistants on their devices. The Technology Officer is available to help members secure their personal devices and AI settings.

Registration Officer | Justin K.

- **Assembly:** Reported that registration processes worked well; provided a breakdown of in-person versus virtual attendees.
- **Twilio (Texting):** Automated texting system is pending a data privacy statement on the website and "opt-in" compliance. Reminders were sent manually for this meeting.
- **Technology Workshop:** Planning a 2025 workshop ("Dinosaur to Digital") to help the body embrace evolving technology.
- **Memo & Documentation:** Preparing a memo to clarify the differences between Zoom captioning, transcribing, and recording for local groups.
- **Admin & Database:** Developing a new, more user-friendly registration database in Airtable to facilitate smoother service transitions; custom GSR kits are currently in process.

Chair | Raj B.

- **Workload Transition:** Noted a lighter workload recently following the election of the new Alternate Delegate, Jeanne, who will be assuming specific responsibilities.
- **Staten Island Spiritual Breakfast:** Reported on attending the event; noted the success of the new venue, the large turnout, and the overall quality of the event.

Alternate Delegate | Jeanne C.

General Service Conference (GSC) Report: Attended first *Asamblea* on Nov 16th. Highlighted two key items from the GSC Final Report:

- **Area 95:** Clarified that Area 95 represents virtual groups not attached to a local area. While it has contributed over \$664,000 to GSO, it currently does not have a delegate.

- **Attendance:** Noted that GSC attendance (137) slightly exceeded the usual manual estimate (135) due to additional GSO staff; proportions remain appropriate.

Archives Collaboration: Working with the SENY Archives Committee to facilitate a workshop aimed at preserving and integrating Hispanic District archives into the Area level.

Hispanic District Events: Highlighted a new Spanish-language Radio PSA created by the Hispanic District CPC.

- **Joy of Service Workshop:** Dec 14th in Elmhurst, NY (11 AM – 2 PM). Hosted in Spanish with English translation provided.

Delegate | Nisaa

GSO Financial Update

- Contributions are \$1,018,000 lower than last year and \$843,000 below budget. While literature sales are strong, they are not enough to offset the drop in contributions.
- The Reserve Fund currently covers about 6.2 months of operating expenses; this may drop to 5 months if the full building retrofit is used.
- Grapevine is still in deficit but improving; La Viña shows strong growth and a better bottom line.

Online Forum for Deaf A.A. Members: GSO will host an online forum on January 17, 2026, covering Deaf culture, accessibility, and service structure connection. Details are available at Deafaa.org.

Proposed Agenda Items (PAI): The 2026 PAI Status Grid is available, listing 110 submitted items.

- The final list of agenda items for the General Service Conference will be released in February.

2026 NERAASA Update: Additional rooms have been secured at The Westin Portland Harborview in Maine after the main hotel sold out. Lottery winners will remain in the main conference hotel.

Resources: All full documents, including financial reports and the PAI grid, are posted on the Delegate Page at aaseny.org/delegate.

New Business

Motion to Distribute Funds to GSO

- **Motion:** Annabel made a motion to distribute \$5,000 from the 2025 SENY budget's COVID contingency line to the General Service Board (GSB) in December 2025, zeroing out the line item. Motion was seconded.
- **Discussion:** While a larger contribution was suggested, the Chair clarified the intent is to deplete the 2025 budget, with the possibility of further contributions in 2026.
- **Motion passes.**

Motion to Amend Bylaws (Article 9, Section 1)

- **Motion:** Tom made a motion to change the required number of committee meetings from "at least 7" to "at least 6" per year. This change provides the Chair more flexibility in scheduling, particularly during the busy first half of the year surrounding the General Service Conference.
- **Discussion:** Supporters noted it aligns with the current workload and member expectations, though a minority opinion was expressed that historically, more meetings were necessary to handle the committee's

business.

- **Motion passes.**

DCMC Reports

Putnam DCMC | Hank G:

- **Events & Outreach:** Held a successful sold-out Unity Breakfast at Graymoor on Nov 23rd and is hosting a "Carry the Message" meeting on Dec 13th, followed by a New Year's Eve Alcathon and Old-Timers meeting.
- **Communication:** Released the second edition of the *Putnam Post* newsletter, featuring holiday sobriety tips, a "Concept Corner," and GSR experience sharing as a tool for county-wide communication.

Suffolk DCMC | Heather K.:

- **Service Hosting:** Suffolk County is hosting the Lists Committee this year (first meeting tomorrow).
- **Upcoming Service:** The DCMC will attend NERF and NERAASA, and serve as Treasurer for the NY State Informational Workshop (July), and on the GSC Hospitality Committee (starting January 15th).
- **Convention Help:** The SENY Convention Registration Committee is underway and looking for volunteers.

Manhattan DCMC | James T:

- **Recent Events and Workshops:** Manhattan hosted a successful Share-a-Day on October 12th. The DCMC chaired a Concept 11 meeting on November 5th and attended a SENY Service Sharing session (Nov. 15th), a District 613 workshop on having a voice (Nov. 10th), and a joint District 605-608 meeting (Nov. 17th).
- **Personnel & Upcoming Service:** Daryl B. (current Secretary of District 602) was elected as the new replacement Registrar for Manhattan County on November 18th. The DCMC plans to attend NERF, NERAASA, and the SENY Convention.

Queens DCMC | Maura Z:

- **Upcoming Celebrations:** Queens County is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Monday, December 12th, marking the first mini-assembly in December 1975. Separately, District 312 is hosting its annual New Year's Eve celebration on December 31st at St. Camillus (starting 8 p.m. with an open meeting).
- **Assembly Venue Change:** The county is forming a Queens County Assembly Space Committee (chaired by past delegate Joanne M.) because St. Mary's Gate of Heaven is renovating the space. The last assembly at the current location will be in June 2026.
- **Service Attendance:** The DCMC will be attending the NERF meeting this weekend.

Rockland Alternate DCMC | Joseph W:

- **County Activities:** Successfully held a Thanksgiving gratitude meeting in New City and is currently planning a holiday Alcathon for Dec 24th-25th.
- **Service & Participation: Welcomed a** new Accessibility Chair and General Services Secretary; reported coordination challenges with hospital/institution meetings and encouraged higher GSR participation at Assemblies.

Staten Island DCMC | Ronnie B.

- **Holiday Events:** Reported a successful Spiritual Breakfast and Thanksgiving marathon; will be hosting a New Year's Eve marathon, while the Christmas marathon format has changed to a "big speaker meeting" due to a lack of individual chairs.

- **Training & Workshops:** Proposed a "GSR Boot Camp" for February to help new representatives and is seeking "concept nerds" to help lead a simplified concepts workshop later in the year.

Sullivan DCMC | John L:

- **Meetings & Treasury:** General Service meetings are held steadily on the second Sunday of every month in Monticello; the treasury remains flush with a consistent core of trusted servants.
- **Traveling Workshops:** Currently halfway through a four-part workshop series, with the final sessions occurring this week; details and local information can be found at sullivan-ny-aa.org.

Nassau County DCMC | JR:

- **Events & Meetings:** Hosting a Fourth Step workshop on Dec 13th in Oceanside and a monthly meeting on Dec 15th; Nassau County Intergroup will also hold holiday Alcathons at the West Hempstead office on Dec 24–25 and Dec 31–Jan 1.

Distritos Hispanos | Marcos C. (Translated from Spanish):

- **Service Workshop:** The committee is preparing the Joy and Gratitude Service Workshop on December 14th (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.), and all are **invited**.
- **December Assembly Location:** The next December Assembly will be held in the Bronx.
- **Request for Support:** The Coordinator requests that the Bronx County send an officer to attend the December Assembly.

Brooklyn Alt DCMC | Devin C:

- **Service & Events:** Appointed a new Web Chair to update the county website and is pursuing a potential location for a Spiritual Breakfast; however, most standing committee chair positions remain vacant, and there is a critical need for more volunteers in the county.

Committee Chair Reports

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Structure Ad Hoc Chair | Scott M:

- **Past Sharing Session:** The committee hosted a sharing session on November 15th with good turnout, receiving valuable feedback from GSRs and DCMs regarding the current structure.
- **Virtual Sharing Session Scheduled:** To continue the conversation, a virtual sharing session is scheduled for Saturday, January 17th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- **Session Content:** The upcoming session will review survey responses, discuss the history of SENY's structure, and include breakout rooms for continued discussion. A flyer will be posted in the chat and translated versions will be distributed.

Ad Hoc Assembly Chair | Jane E.:

- The Ad hoc Assembly Committee met once since the November Assembly, and will meet again tomorrow. The first task the groups assigned us: "identifying, updating and documenting the Assembly space requirements based on the 2018 (Panel 67) Guidelines, plus current assembly practices with regard to technology and hybrid attendance..." is being done by reviewing lots of information to gain an informed conscience. Committee members, will you raise your hands, please?

- The approved motion states that all 12 Counties, the Hispanic District, the Hybrid Tech Chair and the Ad Hoc Finance Committee participate. Bronx Upper Manhattan, the Hispanic District, Manhattan, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Rockland, Suffolk, Staten Island, and the Hybrid Tech Chair attended our last meeting. Participation reporting assures transparency and supports responsibility.
- Panel 67 was the last Panel with all rotating assemblies. The Panel 67 Area Chair informed our committee that arranging for rotating assemblies was the single most time consuming task for the SENY Chair and that host county DCMCs spent much of their time for months leading up to hosting an assembly.
- More information was given and the Committee thanks our Registration Officer, the Area Chair, and the Chair of the SENY Structure Ad hoc Committee for providing it. The Committee received the first batch of responses from other areas obtained by our Delegate.
- Committee work continues in between meetings, just like General Service Conference work goes on all year. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Past Interim Treasurer | Tom

- **CPA & Compilation:** Recommended engaging a new CPA firm for a 2024 compilation review after the previous firm departed; suggested utilizing the \$2,500 budget line item for professional accounting help to assist new treasurers with QuickBooks.
- **Banking Transition:** The move from TD Bank to Chase is nearly complete, though \$10,000–\$15,000 remains in TD temporarily to cover automatic draws (storage, Zoom, tech) until ACH transfers are fully switched over.

Committee Chairs

Treatment and Facilities Chair | Rob Mc.:

- **Cooperation & Outreach:** Actively collaborating with Westchester County, New York Intergroup, Brooklyn Intergroup, and several counties (Nassau, Suffolk, Sullivan, Rockland, Putnam) to bridge the gap; recent outreach has also extended to Orange County and Queens.
- **Upcoming Workshops:** Planning a workshop for District 603 in May and another for the SENY Convention; members are encouraged to volunteer for "Bridging the Gap" across all counties.

Accessibilities Chair | Matt F:

- **Committee Meetings:** A meeting for accessibility chairs across the service structure is scheduled for Monday night, with a general committee meeting to follow next Tuesday at 8:00 PM.
- **Deaf Access Transition:** Reported that the NYC Deaf Access Committee is shutting down due to a lack of contributions and volunteer burnout; proposed that SENY consider incorporating a Deaf Access service directly into its structure, funded by groups.
- **NERAASA Funding Request:** Requested committee approval for reimbursement of hotel and travel expenses for NERAASA 2026, consistent with spending guidelines for committee chairs attending special events once per rotation.

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

- **CPC Committee:** The next Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) virtual meeting is scheduled for December 12th at 5:30 PM. Volunteers are encouraged to contact cpc@aacne.org.
- **Joint Workshop:** CPC is co-chairing a joint workshop with the Public Information (PI) Committee in Putnam County on December 13th.

- **New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW):** The facility, Stony Point in Stony Point, NY, has been booked for the weekend of July 10th-12th following the successful payment of the deposit. Planning committee meeting schedules and Zoom links will be posted shortly, and more help is needed to prepare for the workshop.

Public Information (PI) Chair | Kevin F:

- **Upcoming PI/CPC Workshop:** The PI Committee is co-hosting a joint workshop with the CPC Committee in Putnam County on December 13th. This hybrid event will be held at the Mount Carmel Bible Church, featuring four hours of service information with lunch and light refreshments provided.
- **Service Speaking Engagement:** The PI Chair will be speaking in Manhattan this Wednesday about Concept 12. The Chair emphasized the importance of bringing service to the outer areas.

Agenda Chair | Alex K:

- **Calendar Transition:** Transitioning the SENY calendar from WordPress to an embedded Google Calendar to improve reliability and allow members to subscribe directly; a new Google Form is being launched for event submissions to streamline the process.

Archive Chair | Ed M:

- **Advisory Committee & Tech:** Thanked rotating members Jerry R. (Staten Island) and Hank (Putnam) for their service; reported the purchase of new tech equipment for the committee following consultation with the Area Chair.
- **Hispanic Community Outreach:** Planning a translated archives workshop to preserve the history of the Spanish-speaking community in SENY; speakers and location will be selected by the Spanish community to ensure optimal turnout.
- **Archivist Updates:** Area Archivist Marty is collaborating with other Northeast archivists to pool resources and complete collections for the NYS Convention, NERAASA, and NYSIW.

Literature Chair | Brian C.:

- **Events & Outreach:** Reported on attending the Spanish Convention in Poughkeepsie, the Structure Committee workshop in the Bronx, and the Staten Island Spiritual Breakfast; plans to attend NERAASA in February.
- **GSC Hospitality & Sales:** Will co-host a kickoff meeting for the General Service Conference Hospitality Committee on January 15th at 7:00 PM; reported over \$10,000 in literature sales year-to-date, with a full financial reconciliation expected for the January report.

Intergroup Liaison | Charlene B.:

- **Workshops & Meetings:** Working to increase participation from upstate intergroups and planning a workshop for May 30th (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM) at Nassau Intergroup; the next committee meeting is scheduled for January 12th at 8:00 PM online.

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