



SENY Assembly Minutes

November 8th, 2025 | 10:00 am to
3:00 pm

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 10:00 am

- Serenity Prayer
- SENY Statement of Purpose
- Approval of Minutes from September Assembly
 - Correction was requested
 - Motion to accept, seconded, minutes approved with correction

Area Officer Reports:

Treasurer | Tom B.

Financial Status & Budget

- **Contributions:** Right on target. \$115,000 recorded as of October 31st, which is 82% of the annual budget (tracking closely with 83% of the year passed).
- **2025 Proposed Budget:** Rolling out for review. The budget is expected to be voted on at the December Committee Meeting and approved at the next Assembly. Members should direct questions to their DCMs.

Key Action Items & Requests

- **Expense Submission:** Officers and Committee Chairs must submit their 2025 expenses now (not wait until February) for accurate budget reporting.
- **Review 2025 Budget:** Members should direct any questions about the proposed 2025 budget to their DCMs (District Committee Members) who will be voting on it.

Operational Updates

- **Banking Transition:** Moving all 5 accounts from TD to Chase to streamline signatory rotation using DocuSign. The CNY Convention account is live; the Prudent Reserve will move next.
- **Equipment Policy:** Clarification is needed in the handbook: Equipment bought with SENY funds is for the position, not the individual.

Treasurer Transition

- The new Treasurer will have a slow transition with strong support

Tech Officer | Ray W.

Ongoing Security Incident

- **Issue:** Phishing schemes targeting SENY service emails, exploiting a list of addresses previously exposed on the website.
- **Safety Status:** The official SENY email system is safe (not compromised).
- **The Scam:** Fraudulent emails look like they're from an officer (e.g., Ray) but come from random external accounts (e.g., Gmail). They demand money, passwords, or personal data.

Action Items for Members

- **Verification:** If an email is suspicious or asks for money, call the person to confirm it is legitimate.
- **Reporting:** Forward suspicious emails to the Technology Officer.
- **Spam Check:** Mark all fraudulent emails as SPAM to train filtering algorithms.
- **Policy:** SENY will NEVER email groups asking for financial information. Any such request is a scam.

Remediation Taken

- **Cause:** Data harvesting from an outdated, publicly visible email list carried over from the old website.
- **Fix:** The Technology Officer has removed the public list of service emails from the website to meet security standards and prevent future scraping.

Registration Officer | Justin K.

Current Status

- **Registration Process:** Everything is running smoothly with registration and logging in for the meeting.
- **Integrity Measures:** New procedures for checking in and verifying voting members are in place to preserve the integrity of the voting process.

Key Projects & Clarifications

- **Texting Alerts Re-implementation:** The Registration Officer is re-implementing short texting alerts for those who signed up.
 - The texts will usually be a notification from SENY and contain a hyperlink to a recently sent email.
- **Lesson Learned:** There is a need to clarify the difference between SENY registration and logging in as a virtual participant for the meeting. The Registration Officer will work to clear up this confusion.
- **Other Work:** The Registration Officer is also working on convention registration and the voting systems.

Chair | Raj B.

Event Attendance

- **Past Commitments:**
 - Attended the Queens County Spiritual Breakfast on September 28th (estimated 450 people). He had to leave early to cover the Hispanic Districts' Assembly.

- Unfortunately, he missed the Hispanic Convention last week due to health issues.

- **Upcoming Commitments:**

- Attending the Regional Forum (December 5th - 7th).
- Attending NIRASA (February 20th - 22nd).
- Registered for the SENY Convention.

Alternate Delegate Duties: Joy of Service Workshops

- As the Alternate Delegate stepped down, The SENY Chair took on the responsibility of ensuring the area hosted the required two Joy of Service Workshops this year.
- **First Workshop:** Was successfully hosted by Suffolk County (District 107), which stepped up quickly after the delegate resigned.
- **Second Workshop:** The Hispanic Districts will host the second workshop on December 14th. This is believed to be the first time the Hispanic Districts have hosted this specific workshop. A flyer will be sent out soon.

Delegate | Nisaa

Key Resource

- **Delegate Webpage:** The primary resource for all information is AASENY.org/delegate. A fully Spanish version is also available on the site ([/delegate#Deligata](http://delegate#Deligata)). The Delegate encourages everyone to visit the page to dig into materials at their convenience.

New Postings & Announcements

- **Final Conference Report:** The electronic version is now posted on the webpage (hard copies are also being sent to counties).
- **AA.org Announcements:** The page features direct links to new GSO postings (e.g., messages from the General Manager, solicitation for stories).
 - **"About AA" Newsletter:** A recent issue for professionals discusses accessibility in AA.
- **Call for Stories for New Pamphlets:** Members are urged to announce this need in their groups, districts, and counties:
 - **AA for Asian and Asian American Alcoholics**
 - **The Transgender Alcoholic**
 - Deadlines are posted on the webpage. Stories are crucial, and the webpage includes guidance on what to write about.

Events & Opportunities

- **NERAASA Lottery:** Information regarding the lottery for 15 slots is on the webpage and was sent via email on October 22nd.
 - **Eligibility:** Primarily for registered voting members (GSRs, etc.) who have never attended NERAASA. Those whose position is typically covered are asked to forego the lottery.
 - **Raffle:** Winners will be announced via a raffle/spin-the-wheel before the upcoming Committee Meeting. The hotel stay will be paid upfront by SENY, but attendees must pay registration/meals upfront for later reimbursement.
- **NERF (Northeast Regional Forum):**

- **Format:** This is a mini-conference taking place in Rhode Island.
- **New Pilot:** GSO is piloting a listening-only opportunity for virtual attendance.
- **ASL Availability:** American Sign Language (ASL) translation will be available, but attendees must click the ASL option when registering so organizers can plan.

Conference Agenda Update

- **Preliminary Agenda Items (PAIs) Review:** PAIs are currently being evaluated and assessed by the conference committees.
 - Formal letters will be sent to submitters if their PAI does not move forward, explaining the reason (e.g., already being worked on, better handled as a service update).
- **Upcoming Timeline:** The "road to the conference" begins in earnest in January. This includes the release of preliminary items, final background materials, and preparation for the Delegate's Day of Sharing and the pre-conference questionnaire.
- The Delegate ensures at least five weeks are provided between the Delegates Day of Sharing and the pre-conference deadline for groups to discuss the items.

Area 49 Election: Alternate Delegate and Treasurer Positions

Opening and Election Procedures

- **Chair:** Nisa (Delegate) opened the election portion of the assembly.
- **Voting Procedure:**
 - Elections are conducted in accordance with the *SENY Handbook* and Third Legacy procedure.
 - **In-Person Voting:** Simple majority votes utilize paddles; elections utilize paper ballots (different colors for each round).
 - **Virtual Voting:** Voting members must denote their name with a "V". During active voting polls, non-voting virtual attendees are moved to a "waiting room" to ensure poll security and are returned once voting concludes.
- **Voter Eligibility:** Defined as GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs (or Alternates if Primary is absent), Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, and Past Delegates.

Motion: Eligibility to Stand for Office

- **Motion:** Joanne M. (Past Delegate) motioned that past SENY Committee Chairs and past members of the Area Committee be allowed to stand for the positions being elected.
 - *Rationale:* To expand the pool of eligible candidates to those with prior experience who may now be available to serve.
- **Seconded:** Yes.
- **Discussion:** A procedural question was raised regarding why this motion occurs during the election assembly. Nisa clarified it is standard procedure outlined in the *SENY Handbook* to entertain this motion before elections.
- **Vote Result:** The motion **PASSED**.

Elections

Alternate Delegate

- **Position Description:** Assists the Delegate, assumes the role if the Delegate is unable to serve, chairs the Regional Forum Bid Committee, serves as liaison to Hispanic District and YPAA, and coordinates service workshops.
- **Candidates:**
 - Jim S. (Current Alt DCMC Suffolk): Currently serving as the Alternate DCMC of Suffolk County, Jim has extensive service history including roles as DCMC, DCM, involvement with Intergroup, and Link Editor.
 - Raj B. (Current Area Chair): Raj is the current Area Chair and has been covering Alternate Delegate duties since June; his ten-year service journey includes roles as Queens DCMC, DCM, and Registrar.
 - Jeannie C. (2026 Convention Hospitality Chair, Past DCMC): A retired education administrator, Jeannie is currently the 2026 Convention Hospitality Chair and has previously served as DCMC, Area Recording Secretary, and Agenda Chair.
 - Mike O. (Past DCMC Manhattan, Past Tech Officer): Mike is a retired federal attorney who has served as Area Technology Officer, Recording Secretary, and Manhattan DCMC; he highlighted his professional experience managing large litigation budgets for the Treasurer position.
- **Ballot 1 Results:**
 - Total Votes Cast: 140 (2/3 majority needed: 94)
 - Jim S.: 34 | Raj B.: 29 | Jeannie C.: 57 | Mike O.: 20
 - Result: No election. Proceed to 2nd Ballot.
- **Ballot 2 Results:**
 - Total Votes Cast: 139 (2/3 majority needed: 93)
 - Jim S.: 31 | Raj B.: 20 | Jeannie C.: 76 | Mike O.: 12
 - *Result:* No election. Candidates with less than 20% of the vote (Raj B. and Mike O.) are withdrawn from the ballot
- **Ballot 3 Results:**
 - Total Votes Cast: 134 (2/3 majority needed: 90)
 - Jim S.: 35 | Jeannie C.: 99
 - *Result:* Jeannie C. is elected as Alternate Delegate.

Treasurer

- **Position Description:** Coordinates SENY bank accounts, receives/accounts for contributions and revenue, dispenses funds per budget, prepares budget and tax returns, and utilizes the Ad Hoc Finance Committee.
- **Candidates:**
 - Steven (Past Office Manager, Group Treasurer): Steven has served as a group treasurer, office manager, and GSR, and he brings financial experience as a business owner who manages his own bookkeeping.
 - Mike O. (Past Tech Officer, Past DCMC Manhattan): Mike is a retired federal attorney who has served as Area Technology Officer, Recording Secretary, and Manhattan DCMC; he highlighted his professional experience managing large litigation budgets for the Treasurer position.
- **Ballot 1 Results:**
 - Total Votes Cast: 140 (2/3 majority needed: 94)
 - Steven: 24 | Mike O.: 116
 - *Result:* Mike O. is elected as Treasurer.

Motion: 2026 NY State Informational Workshop Funding

Motion: Presented by Annabelle

- That SENY allocate an additional \$4,000 from its reserves to secure the Stony Point Retreat Center for the 2026 workshop. These funds will be returned to SENY reserves once registration fees are collected.
- **Venue Details:** Stony Point Retreat Center, Rockland County. Estimated cost per person is ~\$350 (double occupancy) or ~\$480 (single occupancy) for the weekend.
- **Financial Need:** A 25% deposit (\$8,910) is required; the committee currently has \$6,000 in seed money.

Discussion

- **Financial Risk:** Questions were raised about penalties if attendance minimums are not met. Annabelle clarified that 50% of the contract is due if canceled 30+ days prior, and 80% if canceled within 30 days.
- **Scheduling Conflict:** Concerns were raised that the targeted date (July 10-12) conflicts with the Central New York (Area 47) assembly.
- **Reconsideration:** A minority opinion regarding the scheduling conflict led to a successful motion to reopen discussion (Vote: 50 Yes / 20 No).
- **Resolution:** Proponents argued that approving the funding secures the venue without locking in the specific date, allowing the committee to negotiate the schedule later without losing the location.

Final Vote

- **Yes:** 118 | **No:** 4 | **Abstentions:** 5
- **Outcome:** The motion passed.

Committee and County Reports

Ad Hoc Committee Chair Reports

SENY Convention Report | Sean K.

- **Logistics Confirmed:** The convention runs **March 20th–22nd** at the Marriott in Tarrytown, NY.
- **Registration Open:** Registration is fully open for the convention (\$31), dinner (\$100), and hotel (\$175 rate).
- **Hotel Booking Alert:** Attendees **must register for the hotel through the convention** to ensure the convention meets its required room minimum.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Committees are active, but volunteers are still sought; the next committee meeting is November 15th/16th at 5 p.m.

SENY Exploratory Ad Hoc Committee Report | Scott M.

- **Service Structure Survey Results:** 196 people participated in the Area 49 Service Structure survey, providing data on attendance and information flow.
- **Key Issues Identified:** Approximately one-third of members do not understand all service levels, and only 54% of GSRs regularly attend Area Assemblies.
- **Information Flow Gap:** Only 27% of respondents receive their AA information directly from the Area Assembly, showing that the majority get information from other sources (Home Group, District, County).

- **Action Plan (Sharing Sessions):** To address the lack of engagement and information flow, the committee announced two sessions: an in-person sharing session on Saturday, November 15th (10am–2pm, Bronx) and a virtual session on Saturday, January 10th (10am–12pm).

SENY Rotating Assemblies Ad Hoc Committee Report | Jane E.

- Congratulations SENY on two new Panel 75 officers! My name is Jane, honored to serve as Chair of the SENY Assembly Ad hoc Committee.
- Our Committee met twice since the October 6 SENY Committee meeting. We elected a secretary, set up our meeting schedule, and had robust discussions. We seek to learn what other areas are doing when rotating hybrid assemblies. The Committee is grateful to our Delegate, Nisaa. Nisaa will email the delegate mailperson the questions we developed to be sent to all 93 Areas in the US Canada structure. These are our questions:
 - Does your Area have rotating hybrid assemblies?
 - Will you share about particular challenges?
 - Do you have any written documents of guidelines you will share with us?
 - What benefits have you noticed?
 - We asked for responses by January 15 (two weeks before Nisaa goes to Board weekend!).
- We have Spanish Interpretation and Translation for all our committee meetings and documents.
- Manhattan, Nassau, Orange, Queens, Staten Island and SENY's Hybrid Tech Chair participated at both meetings. The Bronx Upper Manhattan, the Hispanic District, Putnam, Suffolk, Sullivan, Westchester and SENY's ad hoc Finance Committee participated at one. We look forward to Brooklyn and Rockland joining us. We are a committee responsible to those we serve. I ask you to support and encourage your Assembly Ad Hoc Committee members.
- We're having fun and working hard on the task you assigned us. We're exploring what's needed to rotate hybrid assemblies.

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Treatment Facilities Report | Rob Mc.

- **Bridging the Gap Recruitment Success:** The committee actively recruited volunteers for the "Bridging the Gap" program at several workshops, securing 12 new volunteers at the Joy of Service Workshop and 39 sign-ups at the Westchester County Sharer Day.
- **Inter-Service Coordination:** Rob attended the District 411 workshop and the New York Intergroup Treatment, Corrections, and Treatment Facilities Committee meeting to coordinate efforts.
- **Survey:** A survey handed out to GSRs, districts, and counties at the last Area Assembly to gather facility contacts received only one response. Rob requested that anyone who took home the survey flyer from the last assembly fill it out, take a picture, and send it to the committee's email address (treatment@aaseny.org).

Public Information (PI) Report | Kevin F.

- **Workshops Scheduled:** A CPC and PI Workshop (on speaking to non-AA audiences) is scheduled for December 13th in Putnam County.

- **Service & Outreach:** Kevin attended the Westchester Share-A- Day and will speak on Concept 12 at a Manhattan General Service Committee meeting.
- **Committee Meetings:** The committee meets virtually every third Thursday of odd months.

Intergroup Liaison | Charlene B.

- **Meeting Update:** The last Intergroup Liaison meeting was canceled due to a conflict with the CNY Committee meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday night at 8 p.m., virtually (details on the CNY website).
- **Upcoming Workshop:** The committee is planning a workshop for the spring, likely to be held at Nassau Intergroup. The Liaison will have more information and dates by the next assembly.

Archives Report | Ed M.

- **Workshops & Outreach:** The committee hosted a workshop in Staten Island and toured the archives at Stepping Stones. Future plans include a workshop for the Spanish-speaking community.
- **Urgent Volunteer Need:** A Manhattan Archives Chair is needed immediately to tend to the county's extensive archives.
- **Missing Records:** Please email archivist@aaseny.org with copies of all Assembly and Committee Minutes from 2022.

Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Report | Annabelle B.

- **Workshops:** The committee will be co-hosting a workshop with the PI Committee in Putnam County on December 13th. They are also hosting their own workshop on Anonymity vs. Confidentiality in Nassau County on March 15th.
- **Meeting Change & Contact:** The regular meeting schedule is the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. virtually, but the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 10th at 5:30 p.m. Contact Annabelle at CPC@AAC.org for the link or to join the active WhatsApp group.
- **New York State Workshop Announcement:** Annabelle also announced the first committee meeting for the New York State Informational Workshop on November 17th at 5 p.m. (virtual).

Link Editor | Reiko D.

- **Call for Submissions:** The Editor, Reiko, made an enthusiastic call for contributions to the newsletter, "The Link."
- **Specific Need for GSR Articles:** The Editor specifically requested more articles from GSRs as most current submissions are coming from DCMCs, officers, and standing committee chairs.
- **Contact for Guidelines:** Members interested in submitting articles, learning upcoming themes, or suggesting new topics should email the Editor at link@AAseny.org.

Literature Report | Brian C.

- **High Sales at Spanish Convention:** Brian reported attending the Poughkeepsie Spanish Convention, resulting in over \$1,200 in literature sales.
- **Event Planning:** Brian is available to bring literature to any event but requires early notification (more than two weeks) via email to literature@aaseny.org.
- **76th Conference Kickoff:** The kickoff meeting for the co-chaired 76th Conference is scheduled for January 15th at 7 p.m. (virtual).

County and Hispanic District Reports

Brooklyn DCMC | Eddie D.

- **Recent Outreach:** Eddie participated in the Hispanic Convention in Poughkeepsie (along with the Delegate and Orange County members), the Manhattan Share Day, and the Brooklyn Intergroup's 56th Anniversary event.
- **Upcoming Needs:** The County Assembly will focus on introducing three to four new committee members to urgently fill roles, including the Web Administrator to manage the webpage/email and potentially transition to the SENY email system.

Staten Island DCMC | Ronnie B.

- **Service:** Ronnie reported a successful Archives Workshop held in October. They also noted a bold display of passion during the bylaws discussion at the last county meeting and successfully transitioned their email system to the SENY platform.
- **Upcoming Events:** Staten Island has an active holiday schedule, including the second annual Thanksgiving Day Marathon, a format change for the Holiday Marathon at the SENY offices, and the Spiritual Breakfast at the Hilton on November 30th, which has sold out at 400 guests.

Hispanic District | Marcos C.

- **Convention Success:** Marcos C. thanked the Area for their support of the recent Hispanic Convention, calling it a "great event."
- **Regular Meetings:** The Hispanic DCMs and Committees meet in Westchester County on the second Sunday of every month, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Upcoming Workshop:** A "Joy and Gratitude" workshop will be held on December 14th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Queens County. Flyers for the event are being prepared for distribution to the Area.

Manhattan DCMC | James T.

- **Recent Events:** District 620 hosted a successful Speaker Dinner, Dance, and Fundraiser on September 27th. A very successful Manhattan Share-a-Day was held on October 12th. The county held two Concept meetings, focusing on Concept 10 (October 1st) and Concept 11 (November 5th).
- **Upcoming Workshop:** District 613 will host an "Having a Voice, an AA Workshop" on November 10th (7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.) at the 79th Street Workshop.

Queens DCMC | Maura Z.

- **Recent Activities:** Queens County hosted a successful hybrid workshop, "Service Without Burnout," on November 3rd. Service efforts are yielding results, with two groups and their GSRs from an inactive district attending the last assembly.
- **50th Anniversary Celebration:** In lieu of the regularly scheduled assembly, Queens County will celebrate its 50th Anniversary Mini-Assembly on December 8th at St. Mary's Gate of Heaven.
- **Holiday Events:** Maura announced the NY Intergroup Bill W. Dinner Dance and the Queens Intergroup Share-a-thon (Nov 26–29) offering around-the-clock meetings during the holidays.

Orange DCMC | Chamille T.

- **Service Sponsorship:** Chamille is registered for NERF, NRASA, and the SENY Convention. The District approved funding for hotel rooms to sponsor GSRs attending their first NERF.

- **High Attendance:** The last Service Assembly was highly successful and had unexpectedly high attendance, requiring extra chairs.
- **Intergroup Coordination:** The District is actively working to establish closer cooperation with the Intergroup service structure, which is also organizing the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas alkathons.

Rockland Alternate DCMC | John

- **Group Anniversaries & Growth:** The two oldest groups in the county, the Suffern Group and Pearl River Group, celebrated their 80th and 62nd anniversaries, respectively, in October. Two new groups also opened: "No Half-Stepping" in Palisades, and the county's second women's group, "The Congress."
- **Service and Fellowship:** Rockland County gained a new Accessibility Chairperson. Since there is no CPC Chair, the committee is splitting the responsibilities. The county had a bonding event with Northern New Jersey, which hosted an Oktoberfest in Rockland.
- **Upcoming Events & Needs:** Upcoming events include a Holiday Alkathon (Dec. 24th–25th), a Spiritual Breakfast, and a Winter Roundup. The main area needing improvement is GSR attendance at county assemblies.

Putnam DCMC | Hank G.

- **Unity Breakfast:** The annual Unity Breakfast on November 23rd (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) at Graymoor is **sold out**.
- **Joint Workshop:** Putnam County will host a CPC/PI Workshop with Annabelle and Kevin on December 13th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mount Carmel Bible Church in Carmel. The DCMC highly recommended this event.
- **Service and Newsletter:** The second edition of the county newsletter, the "Putnam Post," is due out December 1st. Thanks to the efforts of the new registrar, Kathy, the county is doing very well with new group and GSR registration.

Sullivan DCMC | John L.

- **General Service Meeting:** Sullivan County General Service meets on the second Sunday of every month at 3:15 p.m. at St. John's Church in Monticello (details are on the SENY calendar).
- **Traveling Workshop Series:** The DCMC announced a four-part traveling workshop series titled "Getting Started, AA, a New Way of Life," starting next Tuesday with "But for the Grace of God" in Monticello.
- **Workshop Route:** The series is hosted by local groups and will travel weekly to meetings in Monticello, Wurtsboro, Calicoon, and Rock Hill. The DCMC has a digital flyer available for those interested in the dates.

Suffolk DCMC | Heather K.

- **General Service Meeting Changes:** The next General Service meeting on November 21st will be at a different location (True North Church in Bohemia) with catering by Distrito Uno Quetorce (Hispanic districts). Beginning January 2026, meetings will permanently start earlier at 7:30 p.m. (changing from 8:00 p.m.).
- **Successful Outreach:** The county hosted a successful "Joy of Service" workshop on October 18th and a "Service Participation Workshop" on October 25th. The DCMC also attended the Queens and Bronx County breakfasts.
- **Ad Hoc Committee Service:** Heather is serving on a SENY Ad Hoc Committee to study the advisability of returning to rotating assemblies through the counties.

- **SENY Convention Responsibilities:** Heather will serve as the Registration Chair for the upcoming SENY Convention. The first committee meeting for Registration is on November 19th at 6:30 p.m. (Note: The user requested 4 bullets if Convention details were mentioned).

Bronx/Upper Manhattan DCMC | Shawn K.

- **Successful Breakfast Event:** The Annual Bronx Breakfast on October 12th was described as "slammin'" and "off the hook," achieving a sold-out status at a terrific venue. The date for next year's breakfast is already set for October 11th.
- **Increased Participation:** Participation is consistently high, with new GSRs registering.
- **Event Attendance:** Shawn attended the service workshop in Orange County and will be attending NERF and NERAASA.

Nassau DCMC | JR B.

- **Upcoming Big Meeting:** JR announced a Big Meeting scheduled for tomorrow (Sunday), from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Central Nassau (223 Stewart Avenue, Garden City).
- **Service Activities:** JR is registered for both NERF and NERAASA. Tom (Area Officer) attended the last county meeting and gave a presentation on the voting procedures used at the current assembly.
- **Next Assembly:** The next General Services meeting will be held on the 7th (likely of next month), with orientation starting at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.

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