



SENY Assembly Minutes

January 10th, 2026 | 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

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 10:00 am

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

Area Officer Reports:

Treasurer | Mike

Key Budget Highlights: Proposed 2026 budget was presented, highlighting key adjustments based on historical spending and the transition back to in-person service.

- **Delegate's Line:** Reduced from \$5,000 to \$4,000. Historical data shows spending rarely exceeds \$3,200. Some past expenses (like printing) were previously miscategorized under this line.
- **Technology & Communications:**
 - The "Website" line now shows as \$0 because web expenses are consolidated under the **Technology Committee Officer (TCO)** budget.
 - An additional \$1,000 was requested by the TCO for a data protection tool to assist with county integration.
 - Total tech lines were combined into a single line for transparency.
- **Accessibility & Interpretation:**
 - **ASL:** \$2,000 is budgeted for trusted servants. Requests for ASL at assemblies require 1–2 weeks' notice due to cost.
 - **Spanish Interpretation:** Budgeted at \$25,000. While \$25,008 was spent last year, that included a one-time cost for translating budget guidelines.
- **Archives:** Budgeted at \$9,000 total (\$2,500 for storage, \$1,500 for preservation, and other related lines), bringing it back in line with historical averages.

- **Assemblies:** Budgeted at \$30,000. This is a \$10,000 reduction from last year's \$40,000 budget, as actual spending was under \$24,000.
- **Accounting & Legal:** The IRS has closed its investigation of the Area; SENY is in good standing.
 - The Area is seeking a new accountant.
- **Equipment:** Reduced to \$3,500, aligning with pre-pandemic spending levels.
- **General Service Conference:** Contributed \$10,500 (the full cost of the Delegate's participation), continuing the pre-pandemic practice of being fully self-supporting for this expense.
- **NERAASA 2027:** Includes a \$2,500 pass-through line for the upcoming convention hosting duties.
 - **NERAASA Scholarships:** \$13,050 total. This covers 15 hotel rooms and a \$450 stipend per attendee for transportation and meals for GSR scholarship winners.

Q&A and Discussion

- **Prudent Reserve:** The guidelines require a 7–8 month reserve; SENY currently has ~10.6 months on hand. Motions to contribute excess funds to GSO will be considered later in the year after monitoring actual expenses.
- **Financial Management:** SENY spent approximately \$7,700 over income for the 2025 period. Effective reserve (excluding earmarked funds) stands at ~\$140,000.
- **Reporting:** Standing Committee chairs will provide monthly reports and 60-day forecasts to improve budget accuracy.
- **Total Budget Amount:** The total 2026 Budgeted Expenses are \$224,450.

Vote on 2026 Budget

- A motion to approve the 2026 Budget was made and seconded.
- **Voting Results:** 96 Yes | 0 No | 3 Abstentions
- Motion Passes. The 2026 Budget is adopted.

Tech Officer | Ray W.

General Updates

- **NERF:** Highlighted the regional need for increased group and individual contributions.
- **Website:** Improvements to the SENY site are underway; details to follow.
- **County Integration Project:** The January priority is migrating county websites and emails to the shared Area system.
 - **Scope:** Transitioning officers to @aaseny.org emails and establishing sub-domains (e.g., orange.aaseny.org).
 - **Status:** Manhattan, Staten Island, Queens, and Brooklyn are currently in the migration process.
 - **Benefits:** This opt-in project reduces county expenses by eliminating independent hosting fees.
 - **Action:** Interested counties should contact the Technology Officer to begin.

Q&A

- **Hybrid Meetings:** SENY committed to ensuring all in-person speakers use microphones for the benefit of online attendees.
- **Goals:** Ray reaffirmed that integration aims to share resources and costs without mandating participation.

Registration Officer | Justin K.

Database & Registration Status

- **Maintenance:** Cleanup of the area shared database and Fellowship Connection has resumed to ensure record accuracy. We are in a seasonal slow period; unregistered GSRs are encouraged to submit their information now.

Active Initiatives

- **Texting Service:** Pending regulatory approval for an SMS notification system; privacy policy is available online.
- **GSR Resources:** Finalizing customized kits and an interactive Canva orientation (produced with Service Sponsorship).
- **Self-Service Tool:** Long-term development of a status checker for members to verify their registration via secure links.

Support Protocol

- **Communication Chain:** Members with registration issues must contact their County Registrar first. Local registrars are the primary point of contact for resolving group-level data errors.

Chair | Raj B.

Trusted Servant Appointments: The Chair appointed the following to fill vacancies:

- **Sponsorship Chair:** Kimberly
- **Grapevine Chair:** Bill M.
- **Handbook Editor:** John W. (tasked with the 2026 handbook revision)

Activity and Travel

- **NERF:** The Chair attended the regional forum.
- **Holiday Service:** Fulfilled a Christmas Day speaking commitment in Staten Island.
- **Upcoming Events:** The Chair is registered for NERAASA and will attend the Suffolk County Spiritual Breakfast (Feb 1) and the SENY Convention.

Q&A and Vacancies

- **Agenda Chair:** The position is currently being covered despite a vacancy.
- **Calendar:** Members should continue sending events to the Agenda email; a new website calendar format is under development to improve event tracking.

Alternate Delegate | Jeanne C.

NERAASA & Local Service

- **NERAASA Scholarships:** 15 winners selected from 65 entries for the Portland, ME assembly. Scholarships are non-transferable; alternates will be notified if winners cancel.
- **Event Attendance:** Attended Hispanic District assemblies and YPAA events (LICYPAA, NYCYPAA).
- **Workshops:** Hosted a "Joy of Service" workshop (Dec 14) and continued monthly DCMC service participation meetings.

Regional Forum (NERF) & GSO Financials

- **Unity:** Discussed "Who's Not in the Room," focusing on removing cultural and logistical barriers to reach underrepresented alcoholics.
- **Grapevine:** The new app is self-funding for 2025; "Carry the Message" supports subscriptions for the incarcerated.
- **AAWS/GSO:** Literature sales are up 11%, but GSO contributions have dropped 13% below 2024 levels. The Reserve Fund currently stands at 6.2 months.

Area 49 Contribution Trends

- **Declining Participation:** Group participation in GSO contributions has dropped from 43.9% (2018) to a projected 33.1% (2024).
- **Impact:** While the average contribution per group has increased slightly, the total number of contributing groups continues to decline significantly.

Delegate | Nisaa

General Service Conference Preparation: The Delegate expressed gratitude for the opportunity to carry Area 49's collective conscience to the 76th General Service Conference (April 26–May 2, 2026). Preparation will focus on shared responsibility and informed participation.

Regional and National Service

- **GSB Weekend (Jan 30–Feb 2):** The Delegate will attend as Conference Delegate Chair for the Committee on Trustees to finalize the Conference agenda.
- **NERAASA (Feb 20–22):** Held in Portland, Maine, this assembly is vital for regional sharing and Conference preparation.

Agenda and Questionnaire Timeline

- **Agenda Release:** Final agenda items and background info are expected February 17–20 and will be posted on the SENY website immediately.
- **Questionnaire:** A 7–10 item questionnaire based on the final agenda will be distributed via email and the "From the Delegate" page.
- **Group Conscience:** GSRs are urged to review these items with their groups to ensure their voices guide the decision-making process.

Delegate's Day of Sharing (DDoS)

- **Details:** Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Westchester Community College (Hybrid). Chaired by Chamille T., Orange County DCMC.
- **Format:** The day features in-depth exploration of agenda items. Presenters will provide background for GSRs to discuss with their groups.
- **Resources:** Materials will be available at aaseny.org/delegate with a member passcode.

76th General Service Conference: From April 26 to May 2, 2026, delegates and trustees will meet to address matters affecting A.A. as a whole, guided by the Fellowship's collective voice.

Committee Chair Reports

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

SENY Convention | Shawn (Reported by Annabelle):

- **Registration Status and Availability:** The convention is on track with approximately 150 registrations received so far, and registration, rooms, and scholarships all remain open and available.
- **Planning and Volunteer Request:** The next planning meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 5:00 PM (virtual), and volunteers are requested via email at volunteer@convention.aaseny.org.

Ad Hoc SENY Structure Committee | Scott M (Reported by Malini):

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, January 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Agenda:** The session will include short presentations on recent survey results and SENY history, followed by breakout rooms for group discussion.
- **Inclusivity:** Spanish translation and a dedicated Spanish-speaking breakout room will be provided. GSR feedback is specifically requested to ensure the "vital connection" to the groups is represented.

New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW) Workshop | Annabelle:

- **Event Location and Date:** The NYSIW will be held at the Stony Point Retreat Center in Rockland County from July 10th through the 12th (dates approved by all four NY Areas).
- **Format and Activities:** The event will be hybrid, featuring meditation meetings, bonfires, and workshops in various service areas, with an assurance that the venue's food is highly regarded.
- **Volunteer Needs & Planning:** Help is needed with the hybrid setup, and the committee is actively seeking a Tech Chair and a Webmaster. The next planning meeting is tomorrow at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

NERAASA 2027 | Joanne Mc. (Panel 73)

- **Event Details:** NERAASA 2027 will be hosted by SENY Area 49 at the Westchester Marriott on the last weekend in February 2027 (tentatively Feb 20th–22nd). Only a banquet will be offered, and the Marriott relationship ensures favorable coffee pricing for the Hospitality room.
- **Planning Meeting:** The first planning committee meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2026, at 3:00 PM (virtual via Zoom). Key positions filled include Treasurer (Tom B.) and Program Chair (Sherry P.).
- **Volunteer Needs:** The Chair is seeking volunteers for various committees, including Accessibilities, Banquet, Greeter, Hospitality, PI, Registration, Secretary (a role the Chair was informed she must also fill for a business meeting), Technology, Volunteer Coordinator, and Website.

Hospitality Committee at the GSC | Brian

- **Event Details:** Area 49 will host the GSC Hospitality Committee during the last week of April (25th to 30th). The service involves acting as guides to show the plus ones around New York City. The service is described as highly rewarding, enriching personal spiritual lives, and guaranteeing sobriety.
- **Committee Leadership & Support:** Brian and Riley B. are co-chairing, with Riley B. assisting primarily with the electronic aspects of the work.
- **Kickoff Meeting & Volunteer Request:** The kickoff meeting for volunteers will be held this Thursday evening at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The committee is currently seeking Captains to help run the tours and encourages members to get involved. Zoom access information must be obtained directly from Brian.

Jane E. (Panel 69)

It's come to my attention that there's a vocal minority of members who believe 'SENY has a committee to find venues to rotate assemblies!'. Not true. At least not yet. What we are doing is in the

motion you approved on the bottom of the SENY homepage. Please, will you share about the motion on the SENY website so AA members are better informed?

We meet twice monthly & work on the Assembly Planning Toolkit. Our committee is structured like a General Service Conference Committee; to come to an informed conscience, we review background information. We should listen to each other like we have no opinion. If you are interested in background information beyond what is on the motion on the bottom of the SENY homepage, reach out to the Assembly Ad Hoc Committee member from your County. We are happy to share it, just like our delegate shares the background information for Conference Agenda Items. Our recommendation will be reported to the entire Assembly at once, no later than the June/July Assembly.

We thank Rosa for her 8th Tradition work, who comes to every meeting to make our meeting accessible. And more fun. We decided at our first meeting that I will report on our participation to honor the spiritual principle of responsibility to those we serve.

Queens, Manhattan, Nassau, & Orange participated in every meeting. Our Hybrid Tech Chair, Staten Island, Suffolk, the Hispanic District, Sullivan, and the Bronx exhibit robust participation. We are grateful that Brooklyn and Putnam are now able to make it! Will you join me in thanking these members for their hard work?

Westchester and the member of the Ad Hoc Finance Committee each attended one meeting in November. Will you encourage these members to participate, please? Thank you.

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Intergroup Liaison | Charlene B.

- **Service Workshop:** Scheduled for Saturday, May 30th, at the Nassau Intergroup Office. Details and flyers will be available in March.
- **SENY Convention & Outreach:** Volunteers are needed for our table in March (contact liaison@aaseny.org); efforts continue to match Downstate participation levels with increased Upstate involvement.
- **Committee Meeting:** The next meeting is Monday the 12th at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom, with details available on the SENY calendar.

PI CHair | Kevin F.

- **Workshop Updates:** The Joint PI/CPC Workshop in Putnam on December 13th was successful; the committee is currently planning future workshops for 2026. The PI Chair will also attend NERAASA in Portland, Maine (Feb 20–23).
- **Committee Meetings:** Meetings are held the third Thursday of every odd month at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next meeting is January 15th, and credentials can be found on the SENY website.

SENY Corrections | Ashley

- **Workshops & Coordination:** A corrections workshop is scheduled for May 9th in collaboration with Manhattan County. The Corrections Chair is also working with county chairs to ensure pre-release applications are available in prisons and jails to facilitate the "Bridge the Gap" program for inmates.
- **Committee Meetings:** The Corrections committee meets the third Sunday of each month. Members interested in getting involved with these efforts to connect with inmates upon release are encouraged to attend.

Archives | Ed M.

- **Regional Integration:** The Archives committee is organizing a virtual meeting for archivists across the Northeast region to share items and resources. This initiative aims to establish SENY as a collaborative source of help for other areas in the region.
- **SENY Convention:** Archives will be hosted in the Irvington Room all weekend, featuring displays from all 12 counties. The room will offer an "audio-visual delight" with continuous recordings, videos, and historical record players.

Treatment & Facilities | Rob M.:

- **Role & Communication:** The Treatment and Facilities Chair noted current ambiguity regarding the specific role of Treatment Facilities within the SENY Area. He has initiated discussions with officers and intergroups, encouraging members to read the GSO pamphlet "Overlapping Circles of Love and Service" to better understand these service intersections.

Accessibilities | Matt F.:

- **Special Forum & Outreach:** GSO is hosting a special 8-hour forum for deaf alcoholic members next Saturday (12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). The Accessibilities Chair will be broadcasting the event via projector at a local potluck gathering; interested members should contact him for the address.
- **Committee Activities:** The next Accessibilities committee meeting is scheduled for February 10th at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Accessibilities Chair is available to speak at any county meeting and is currently planning a workshop for later this year.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) | Annabelle:

- **Upcoming Workshop:** A hybrid workshop themed "Confidentiality vs. Anonymity" is scheduled for Sunday, March 15th (3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) at the Nassau Intergroup Office. The event will feature professional speakers from the legal, medical, and education sectors, as well as an EAP professional and Sabrina (PI Chair of Nassau Intergroup).
- **Meetings:** Monthly virtual meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th at 5:30 p.m., with Zoom details available on the SENY calendar.

Literature | Brian

- **Price Increase:** Effective February 1st, literature prices will increase by 25% due to rising costs in printing and delivery (e.g., Big Books increasing from \$12 to \$15). The Chair plans to place a final large order at current prices next week; members are encouraged to purchase existing stock now.
- **Activity & Events:** The Literature Chair will attend NERAASA and the SENY Convention. Planning is also underway for a New York City informational workshop scheduled for July.

[County and District Reports](#)

Queens Alt DCMC | Malini

- **Anniversary Success:** Queens celebrated its 50th Anniversary on December 8, 2025, with nearly 100 members in attendance. The event featured speakers and outreach to members interested in service at the district and county levels.
- **Upcoming Events:** Queens Share Day: The 41st annual event is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2026, at IS5 in Elmhurst (Chaired by Mike M.).

- **Spiritual Breakfast:** The 10th annual breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at Russo's on the Bay (Chaired by Vivian).

Nassau DCMC | JR B.

- **Spiritual Breakfast:** Nassau's Spiritual Breakfast is scheduled for June 28th at the Marriott in Uniondale. Tickets are priced at \$48, and the planning committee will meet virtually on February 9th at 8:00 p.m.
- **County Operations:** The next county meeting is January 19th, with orientation at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. The DCMC is currently seeking volunteers to fill three vacant Cluster DCM positions.

Brooklyn DCMC | Eddie

- **Activity & Integration:** Brooklyn concluded 2025 with a successful Concepts workshop at District 404. The county is currently working with the TCO to migrate its website and emails to the Area system, with an official announcement expected at the next assembly on January 21st.
- **Participation:** The county welcomed several new GSRs in November and January. The Brooklyn DCMC will be attending NERAASA and noted that the Registrar has been active in processing recent registrations.

Suffolk DCMC | Heather K.

- **County Updates:** The Suffolk general service meeting time has moved to 7:30 p.m. Suffolk county has also modernized its financial tracking by approving the use of QuickBooks. The Unity Breakfast is scheduled for February 1st and is nearly sold out.
- **Events & Hosting:** Suffolk is hosting the 2026 LISTS (Long Island Spirituality Through Service) event; a Spanish-speaking representative is currently needed for the committee. The Area Alternate Delegate will visit the county meeting on February 27th.

Sullivan DCMC | John L.

- **Workshops & Outreach:** A traveling workshop series concluded in December thanks to the support of several local groups. Convention Chair Shawn is visiting the county to share information regarding the upcoming SENY Convention.
- **Meetings:** Sullivan County General Service meetings are held on the second Sunday of every month in Monticello. The Sullivan DCMC welcomed all new GSRs and thanked the local groups for their continued regular participation.

Rockland DCMC | James T.

- **Growth & Representation:** Rockland is seeing a surge in participation with 12 members present at this meeting, including 8 GSRs (5 returning, 3 new). The DCMC noted it is a milestone for the county to have a local member serving as the Area Alternate Delegate.
- **Local Initiatives:** The county is planning a "Rockland County Roundup" for the winter/spring season. Despite a vacancy in the CPC chair position, the county has successfully reached out to local law enforcement, with the Clarkstown Police Chief expressing interest in AA's offerings.

Putnam Alternate DCMC | Malakey

- **Events & Unity:** Putnam's Unity Breakfast has returned to Graymoor after a successful event with high attendance. Putnam also hosted a well-attended holiday Alcathon and an Old Timers meeting on New Year's Eve, maintaining meetings through the night as voted by the body.
- **Communications:** The *Putnam Post* newsletter has been revived by the DCMC (Hank), with a submission deadline of March 1st. General Service meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month and include GSR orientation.

Orange DCMC | Chamille T.

- **Newsletter & Workshops:** Orange County has launched a new newsletter after a multi-year hiatus. Inspired by Sullivan County's success, the committee is currently planning its own traveling workshop series to increase local engagement.
- **Holiday Service:** The county successfully hosted several holiday Alcahons over Christmas and New Year's Day; Orange County General Service remains intact and active following the holiday season.

Staten Island | Ronnie B.

- **Events & Growth:** The annual Spiritual Breakfast at the Staten Island Hilton served over 300 people and featured Area officers. While traditional holiday marathons were replaced by a successful "Holiday Big Meeting" due to service vacancies, general service meeting attendance is at a long-term high, including many visitors interested in how AA works.
- **County Projects:** Current priorities include finalizing Staten Island bylaws/guidelines and defining district boundaries, as the current perimeters are unclear. The DCMC plans to focus 2026 on workshops and clarifying service roles for incoming DCMs.

Manhattan DCMC | James T.

- **Meetings & Workshops:** Manhattan held a "Having a Voice in AA" workshop in November and has scheduled a series of Concept meetings, with the next on February 4th. A Corrections Workshop is also planned for May 9th, with monthly planning meetings held the third Sunday of each month.
- **Operations & Fellowship:** Manhattan elected a new registrar in November. Upcoming fellowship events include a Valentine's Day dinner-dance fundraiser sponsored by the International AA Men's Conference, to be held at St. Teresa's in Brooklyn.

Hispanic District | Marcos (Translated from Spanish)

- **Service & Workshops:** The district recently participated in a successful gratitude workshop and continues to host approximately 20 workshops across the various counties. There is currently a high demand for Spanish-speaking members to participate in service at the community level.
- **Committee Activity:** The district is focused on keeping doors open and maintaining active outreach; the first committee meeting of the term is being held tonight. The presenter expressed deep appreciation to the entire Area for their ongoing support.

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