



# SENY Committee Meeting Minutes

February 2nd, 2026 | 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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

## Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

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

## Area Officer Reports:

### Treasurer | Mike O.

#### **Financial Status & Budget Overview**

- **Performance:** Income is currently ahead of the monthly average based on the "8.33% rule."
- **January Summary:** Monthly activity was low, with total contributions reaching \$16,087.
- **Budget Variances:**
  - **Tech & Communications:** Higher due to annual contract renewals.
  - **Archives Storage:** Monthly costs increased by \$80; budget adjusted to reflect a full year of expenses.
- **Cash Position:** Approximately \$200,608 on hand, a slight increase from the year-end balance of \$198,671.
- **Upcoming Expenses:** Large outlays expected for Westchester Community College, the GSC contribution, and a \$5,000 literature purchase.

#### **Operational Updates & Requests**

- **Accountant Search:** Seeking a new 501(c)(3) specialist. Members with recommendations should contact Mike.
- **IRS Investigation:** The investigation is officially closed. Mike thanked Tom B. for his work on the matter.
- **Reimbursement Policy:** New forms will be released soon. Receipts are now mandatory for all reimbursements (e.g., NERF) to ensure IRS compliance.
- **Equipment & Meals:**
  - **Equipment:** Requests must be managed by the Technology Officer (Raj B.) within the \$3,500 budget line.

- **Meal Per Diem:** SENY is adopting GSO rates: \$20 (Breakfast), \$25 (Lunch), and \$35 (Dinner). These apply only when event meal plans are unavailable.

### Tech Officer | Ray W.

- **NERASA:** Attended a transition meeting with Joanne regarding the NERASA website. Transition to Area 49 will occur at the close of the upcoming NERASA. A tech team is already being assembled for the 2027 NERASA.
- **NYSIW (nysiw.org):** The New York State Informational Workshop website has been successfully transitioned back to Area 49 from Area 48, as SENY is hosting the workshop this year.
- **Action Item:** Planning committee members for NYSIW should look for an email to set up their specific service/committee email addresses.
- **Website Inquiry:** In response to a query from Marty K. (Archivist), the Tech Officer will investigate why the December 1st minutes were visible on the website prior to the vote for approval.

### Registration Officer | Justin K.

#### Summary of Activities

- **New GSR Kits:** Materials have been ordered for custom SENY-specific GSR kits. Officers are currently drafting a welcome letter for inclusion in the upcoming rollout.
- **Texting Platform (Twilio):** Update provided on the texting platform for meeting reminders. Campaign approval from Twilio is currently pending, and the body will be notified once it is operational.
- **Database Roster Cleanup:**
  - **Call to Action:** DCMCs, DCMs, and County Registrars are asked to review rosters to remove individuals no longer in service.
  - **Note:** Accurate records are vital to ensure "welcome" emails and general communications reach active trusted servants rather than past members.
- **GSO Coordination:** Ongoing efforts to synchronize the "county column" and SENY records with the GSO Member Services database.
- **New GSR App:** Justin is exploring the concept of a dedicated app to assist in the GSR onboarding process.

### Alternate Delegate | Jeanne C.

#### Outreach & Events

- **Special Forums:** Reported on the GSO Deaf Forum, noting high attendance and enlightenment on accessibility.
- **District & Area Meetings:** Visited District 618 and attended the January Spanish Districts Asamblea. Clarified that a rumored anonymity break on *Saturday Night Live* was a fictional skit and not a Tradition violation.

#### NERAASA 2025

- **Logistics:** Online registration closes February 8th (in-person only thereafter). The event schedule is live, but official housing is nearly exhausted, with only two rooms remaining at the West End hotel.
- **Scholarships:** All winners and alternates are notified and confirmed.

#### Young People in AA (YPAA)

- **Committee Status:** NYCYPAA is active again following recent elections.
- **LONYPAA:** WONYPAA has rebranded to LONYPAA (Lower New York YPAA) to reflect its northern expansion. NYC groups will continue to operate independently via NYCYPAA

### Delegate | Nisaa

#### GSB Weekend & Fiscal Updates

- **Role:** Attended the January General Service Board (GSB) weekend as Conference Committee Chair for

Trustees.

- **Budgetary Actions:** Observed AAWS and Finance sessions. All committees are "belt-tightening" for the 2025-2026 budgets, including line-by-line cost reviews of Conference expenses (e.g., catering) to preserve 7th Tradition funds.
- **Self-Support:** Clarified that rumors of financial protests are unfounded; data shows 20,000 annual contributions, consistent with previous years. Only ~11 letters cited grievances.

### Conference & Communications

- **Agenda:** Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) and background are expected February 17–20. Detailed minutes and Quarterly Financial Reports (QFRs) are available via email request.
- **Digital Resources:** Updates, including the Big Book in ASL and military audio projects, are posted at [aaseny.org/delegate](https://aaseny.org/delegate) and the AA YouTube channel.
- **7th Tradition:** Encouraged groups to rephrase announcements to: "Thanks to your contributions, we have pamphlets to offer," directly linking funds to services.

### Grapevine & La Viña

- **Performance:** Reporting a major financial turnaround from prior losses.
- **Growth:** Now available in the EU. A new virtual Grapevine meeting launches this Wednesday at noon (eventually becoming a podcast).

### Personal Reflection

- **Board Spirit:** Reported a high level of cooperation and emotional investment from both Class A and Class B trustees, noting that the spirit of the weekend was one of unity and shared purpose.

## Committee Chair Reports

### Ad Hoc Committee Reports

#### SENY Convention Chair | Shawn K.

- **Summary of Activities**
  - **Logistics & Status:** The committee is in excellent shape with the program content complete; current focus is on final formatting and outreach.
  - **Registration & Rooms:** There are 282 registrations to date (117 with banquets). Room sales are strong, with Thursday night already exceeding the goal at 34/20 rooms.
  - **Convention App:** A new SENY Convention app (developed by Justin K.) is in beta. It features schedules, maps, and registration, with specific accessibility settings for text size and contrast.
  - **Outreach:** An email blast with the early app download link is planned, and Shawn continues to visit county meetings to encourage early registration.
- **Action Item:** Members are encouraged to download the beta app from the chat link and register early to help the committee finalize banquet and room totals.

#### NERAASA Chair | JoAnn M.

- **Committee Status:** The committee met on Jan 18 and Feb 1. All committee chair positions are currently filled, though general volunteers are still needed for the assembly. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15 at 3:00 PM.
- **Transition Logistics:** As host chair, Jo Ann will serve as Secretary for the upcoming NERAASA business meeting. Area 49 will receive 8–10 large storage bins of materials on the Sunday of the handoff. A request was made for members traveling by car to help transport these bins back to the Area.
- **Contract & Budget:** Due to new hotel management, the contract now requires incremental down payments rather than a single lump sum. Current scheduled payments include \$2,500 (April 2025), \$5,000 (June 2025), and \$3,000 (February 2026).

- **Motion on Funding:** Jo Ann moved that SENY lend the NERAASA committee \$10,500 to catch up on these contract payments. This will allow the committee to secure the registration link and website.
  - **Vote Results:** 35 Yes, 0 No, 6 Abstentions. Motion Carried.
- **Action Item:** Members attending the upcoming NERAASA who have vehicle space are asked to coordinate with Jo Ann regarding the transport of storage bins back to Area 49.

## Ad Hoc Assembly Chair | Jane E.:

Welcome home from Board weekend, Nisaa!

I'm honored to chair the Assembly Ad hoc Committee, grateful to serve with these trusted servants. Committee members, will you raise your hands please? My name is Jane.

With the exception of Westchester County and the ad hoc Finance Committee, we have robust participation. Our Committee decided I'm to report on participation, because *we are responsible to those we serve*.

Speaking of responsibility, here's some rigorous honesty: in my heart, I call you, the SENY Committee, the "immediate family". I'm asking the immediate family for help. Will you help? Help us to dispel misinformation about the purpose of our Committee, by reading it yourself, & informing those you serve to go to the SENY Home page, scroll down and read what the Assembly Ad Hoc Committee has been tasked to do by the groups of SENY.

Will you help us please?

We have a lot of background information to inform us, which all committee members are able to share with those they serve. For example, we have information from other areas in the US Canada structure with rotating hybrid assemblies. We have the assemblies' costs at Westchester, history of rotation in SENY and tons more. I invite all of you to ask your committee representative for it. We use this to come to an informed conscience.

We're on our first task, part a. Past Area Chairs created the Assembly Planning Toolkit & updated it several times. As needs change, it will need to be updated again. For now, we are updating it for part b of what the groups gave us to do. What's part b? Find it on the bottom of the [AAseny.org](http://AAseny.org) home page!

## Standing Committee Chairs

### Service Sponsorship Chair | Kimberly (Read by Natalie S.):

- **County Outreach:** Reviewed the Service Sponsorship intake form with the Manhattan Registrar and is connecting with county reps from Staten Island and Suffolk to coordinate monthly Tradition meetings and share information.
- **Meetings:** The first meeting is scheduled for February 8 at 10:00 a.m. Regular meetings will continue on the second Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m., with agendas driven by area needs and questions.
- **Contact:** Members can submit questions or agenda items to [sponsorship@aaseny.org](mailto:sponsorship@aaseny.org).

### Archive Chair | Ed M (Read by Jane E.):

- **Convention Presence:** The committee will be in the Irvington Room all weekend, featuring displays from all 12 counties and the SENY archives.
- **Technology & Access:** Exhibits will include record players and video tapes, with a strong emphasis on demonstrating how to access digital archives.
- **Website Ownership:** Reported that discussions regarding the ownership of [aasenyhistory.org](http://aasenyhistory.org) remain ongoing after six years without a resolution.

### Public Information (PI) Chair | Kevin F:

- **Financial Motions:** Proposing a \$500.00 motion to support the New York State Fair PI Booth in Area 47, continuing the practice of splitting costs across all four New York areas.
- **Outreach Projects:** Seeking a graphic designer to create new business cards with QR codes for the Meeting Guide app, targeting young people, the Spanish-speaking community, and those seeking immediate help.
- **Workshops & Events:** Planning a springtime workshop (tentatively May 2026). The PI table will be featured at the SENY Convention and the Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast on April 12th.
- **Committee Meetings:** The committee meets at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom on the third Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Kevin is available for group inventories and presentations on the Traditions and Concepts.

### Literature Chair | Brian C.:

- **Sales & Inventory:** Reported \$271.00 in total sales at the January 10th assembly. Ordered \$5,791.18 in literature to ensure full stock for the SENY Convention in March.
- **Travel:** Confirmed attendance at the upcoming NERAASA in Maine.

### Intergroup Liaison | Charlene B.:

- **Workshops & Meetings:** Planning a workshop for Saturday, May 30, 2026, at the Nassau Intergroup office. The committee is now meeting monthly, with the next session on February 2nd at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Outreach & Participation:** Reporting strong participation from southern intergroups, with ongoing efforts to engage northern intergroups. Collaborating with the Treatment Chair (Rob) on shared initiatives.
- **Service Activities:** Will have a table at the SENY Convention and is attending NERAASA 2026. Currently serving as the Program Chair for 2027 and a member of the GSC Hospitality Committee.

## [DCMC Reports](#)

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

- **Events & Convention:** Currently focused on planning a Share-a-Day event for June and preparing for participation in the upcoming SENY Convention.
- **Meetings:** The district convenes on the second Saturday of each month, and the assembly is held on the third Sunday of each month.
- **Structure:** The district is supported by a Spanish-speaking DCM and expressed gratitude for all those who continue to attend and support their activities.

### Queens DCMC | Maura Z.

- **Upcoming Events:** Queens will host its first 2026 Assembly on February 23rd, followed by Share Day on May 17th and the Spiritual Breakfast at Russo's on the Bay on October 3rd.
- **Service Representation:** Local representatives are actively serving on the SENY Ad Hoc Structure and Assembly committees, as well as volunteering for the upcoming General Service Conference (GSC) hospitality efforts.
- **Collaboration:** The county continues to coordinate with neighboring areas, recently participating in the Suffolk Unity Breakfast and planning for the 2026 LISTS event and SENY Convention.

## Putnam DCMC | Hank G:

- **Upcoming Events & Publications:** Putnam County will host a GSR Orientation on February 10th and is bringing back "Share-a-Day" on March 28th (4:00 PM – 8:00 PM), with a flyer expected soon. The county newsletter is entering its second year with a March 1st submission deadline, and plans are underway for a Founders Day event on June 13th.
- **Service & Technical Updates:** The county is involved with the upcoming NERAASA, the NYS Informational Workshop, and the General Service Conference (Circle Line). Additionally, discussions are beginning regarding the potential transition of the Putnam County website to the SENY web platform, pending further coordination with the Area Technology Officer.

## Rockland DCMC | James D.

- **Upcoming Events & Publications:** Rockland County is hosting a Spiritual Breakfast at the Pearl River Hilton (tickets are \$40 and available at AARockland.org). Additionally, the county is planning a spring Roundup and is successfully relaunching the county newsletter after a collaborative development process.
- **Committee Development:** The county is actively revitalizing its CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) committee; four members have volunteered to participate, and a chairperson is being sought. The committee will meet on the third Wednesday at 6:45 PM to review GSO materials and a PowerPoint presentation in preparation for upcoming service

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