



## SENY Assembly Minutes

April 11, 2026 | 10:00 am to 2:15 pm

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 10:00 am

- Serenity Prayer
- SENY Statement of Purpose
- Approval of Minutes from January Assembly
  - Motion to accept, seconded, minutes approved

### Area Officer Reports:

#### Treasurer | Mike

#### **Financial Status & 2026 Budget Management:**

- **Q1 Expenses & Frontloading:** The Treasurer presented the April 2026 financial report. Total expenses for the first quarter ran to \$76,459, representing approximately 34% of the \$224,500 budgeted annual expenses. This frontloading was generally expected and includes the General Service Conference Delegate contribution, the 2025 GSO contribution, NERAASA travel, and the annual Area Convention.
- **Q1 Income:** Total income is on target for the first quarter at \$42,409, matching the anticipated monthly target of 8.33% (or approximately \$3,125 per month of the annual projected budget).
- **Balances & Prudent Reserve:** Current Cash on Hand is \$164,533 (reconciled in bank accounts).
  - Outstanding budgeted expenses for the remaining three quarters of 2026 stand at \$147,991.
  - The Prudent Reserve has adjusted from 10.62 months on January 1, 2026 (Cash on Hand: \$198,671) to 8.80 months as of April 1, 2026 (Cash on Hand: \$164,533) due to the frontloaded Q1 expenditures. The reserve remains healthy and strong.
- **Operational Updates:** The Finance Committee is currently testing direct payments via Venmo and Zelle to streamline group contributions. Corresponding contact and contribution information is being updated on the Area website. A separate escrow account holds \$11,500 in seed money earmarked for hosting NERAASA 2027.

#### Tech Officer | Ray W.

#### **Website Security & Infrastructure:**

- Reported that the migration of the new SENY email servers is performing securely and successfully.

- Warned all committee members to stay vigilant about phishing emails mimicking Area Officers. These scams utilize realistic addresses to request gift cards or money transfers; Ray reminded everyone that Area officers will never ask for financial details or emergency money transfers via email.

### **District Email Support:**

- The technology team is actively helping newly rotated DCMs and standing committee chairs establish and maintain their official @aaseny.org email redirects.

### Registration Officer | Justin K.

#### **System Updates & Features**

- The Registrar reported on the transition to a new bilingual Airtable registration system designed to simplify data management and Area communication.
- **Enhanced Tracking:** Enables monitoring of GSO welcome packets and seamless data transfer via Fellowship Connection.
- **Automation:** Includes automated term-end inquiries to GSRs to maintain accurate records.
- **Accessibility:** Fully bilingual (English/Spanish) with supporting manuals and a "Find Your District" tool.
- **Dashboards:** DCMs, DCMCs, and County Registrars now have dedicated dashboards to monitor group registrations and validate new entries.
- **Communications:** A pilot program is testing email and text notifications for Area events.

#### **Training & Resources**

- **Pilot Phase:** The system is being piloted this month; the Registrar will provide dashboard training for DCMs/DCMCs.
- **Virtual Asset Basket:** A digital repository of primary materials (Service Manual, SENY Handbook) is now available for member reference.

### Alternate Delegate | Jeanne C.

- **NERAASA 2026 Recap:** Reported on the successful event in Portland, Maine. SENY provided scholarships for 15 members to attend and learn about the regional service structure.
- **NERD (Northeast Regional Delegates):** Attended the weekend in Wilmington, DE, which included a mock Conference session to prepare delegates for the General Service Conference.
- **Area Activities:** Conducted a group inventory for the NYC Workshop Group and spoke at the Suffolk County General Service meeting.
- **Upcoming Calendar:**
  - **April 18:** Group Inventory for Fellowship Road Group.
  - **April 25:** NICYPAA "Ultimate Cool Down" Art Picnic.
  - **May 16:** Speaking at District 601 Workshop.
- **Service Projects:** Currently working on the bid for NERF 2029. A proposal to rename the "Service Participation" meetings will be introduced at the next committee meeting.
- **Literature:** Highlighted the current *Grapevine* magazine, featuring a special section on entering general service.

### County and District Reports

#### **Bronx/Upper Manhattan | Shawn K.**

- **Growth & Events:** Welcomed five new GSRs at the last meeting and set the Bronx Spiritual Breakfast for October 11th at Marina del Rey; flyers will be distributed shortly.

- **Local Workshop:** A workshop on the first three Steps, Traditions, and Concepts is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th (12:00 PM – 3:00 PM) at 1870 Crotona Avenue (District 708).

### Westchester DCMC | Billy B.

- **Annual Events:** Save the date for the annual Spiritual Barbecue and Picnic on Sunday, August 16th at V.E. Macy Park. Flyers will be available soon.
- **Meetings:** County meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains. The next meeting is this Wednesday.

### Brooklyn DCMC | Eddie

- **Membership:** New General Service Representatives (GSRs) continue to join the county.
- **Brooklyn Share Day:** The annual event is scheduled for June 27th at Lincoln High School (Ocean Parkway). Flyers are available; over 200 attendees are anticipated following last year's success.

### Manhattan DCMC | James T.

- **District Workshop:** District 601 will host a workshop titled "The Upside Down Triangle" on May 16th from 2:00 PM at the Ukrainian Church, 206 East 11th Street.

### Queens DCMC | Maura Z.

- **Upcoming Events:** Queens County Share Day is scheduled for May 17th at IS5 (Mike M., DCM District 3, Chair). The Spiritual Breakfast will be held Saturday, October 3rd at Russo's on the Bay; tickets and flyers are currently available.
- **County Activities:** The county recently completed three successful group inventories over a single weekend. A space search committee, chaired by Joanne M., is currently looking for a new meeting location as St. Mary Gate of Heaven undergoes renovations.
- **Service Coordination:** Members are serving on ad hoc committees for SENY Structure and Rotating Assemblies. Volunteers are also needed for the AA Conference Hospitality Committee and the NYC Sightseeing tour on April 28th.

### Sullivan DCMC | John L.

The Sullivan County DCMC expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the SENY Convention and provided updates on local activities.

- **Spiritual Breakfast:** The Sullivan County Intergroup will host a Spiritual Breakfast on Saturday, April 25th. Flyers with further information are available.
- **Governance:** A county subcommittee has been working on the Articles of Association and Bylaws for Sullivan County.
- **Next Meeting:** The next General Service meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 3:15 PM at St. John's Church in Monticello.

### Rockland DCMC | James T.

- **Upcoming Events:** The county Spiritual Breakfast is taking place tomorrow; last-minute tickets may be available upon request. Rockland Share Day is scheduled for October 18th at St. Mary's in Nyack.
- **Service Committees:** A new CPC team has been formed to begin outreach to local police departments. The county is also planning a workshop featuring a service-related play.
- **County Communications:** The county is currently seeking a Newsletter Editor and encourages interested members to attend county meetings.

### Putnam DCMC | Hank

- **Past & Upcoming Events:** The county hosted a successful Share-a-Day on March 28th with good attendance. Founders Day is planned for June 13th; Stepping Stones will participate, and the event will run from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM (flyers forthcoming).

- **Meetings & Speakers:** General Service meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (7:00 PM – 8:30 PM). This month's guest speaker is Ashley, the Corrections Chair.
- **County Communications:** The county website has been revamped by Ryan, and Wi-Fi service at the meeting location has been improved. The deadline for newsletter submissions is May 25th.

#### **Suffolk DCMC | Heather K.**

- **Workshops & Meetings:** Districts 107 and 110 recently held successful Delegate's Day workshops. The next General Service meeting is April 17th, where Nisa will be attending to discuss the Conference.
- **Events & Memorials:** A celebration of life for Kathy W. will be held on April 19th. Upcoming events include a multi-county event on May 30th and a collaborative meeting with Intergroup on October 3rd.
- **County Business:** A new Unity Breakfast Chair has been appointed, and an ad hoc committee is being formed to revamp Unity Breakfast guidelines. The DCMC also reported that the long-standing "filing cabinet" discussion has finally been settled.

#### **Staten Island | Ronnie B.**

- **County Business:** Work continues on revamping the county guidelines, which is now in the final stages. The officers' meeting resulted in plans to design a district map for the meeting room to help prospective DCMs identify their districts.
- **Speaker Exchange:** The county is developing a new Speaker Exchange program to assist groups in finding outside speakers and to foster better outreach across the Island.
- **Convention:** Staten Island successfully participated in the convention with three speakers; the DCMC expressed gratitude for the turnout and the quality of the sessions.

#### **Orange County Alt DCMC | Millie**

- The Orange County Spiritual Breakfast is scheduled for June 14, 2026, with digital tickets available starting April 15. A series of six traveling workshops has also commenced, with the first held on Thursday, April 2.
- The county has launched a new informative newsletter, packed full of service information, which is available online on the Orange County AA website.

### [Committee Chair Reports](#)

#### [Standing Committee Chair Reports](#)

#### **Accessibilities | Matt F.:**

The Accessibilities Chair shared experience from the Convention, highlighting successes in providing ASL interpreters and priority seating for members with mobility or vision impairments.

- **Coordination:** The Accessibilities Chair attends weekly "All Access" national meetings (U.S./Canada) to inform committee actions and county support.
- **Upcoming Workshop:** A workshop co-hosted by District 618 is scheduled for October 17th in Manhattan.
- **Committee Meeting:** The next committee meeting will be held this Tuesday at 8:00 PM.

#### **Intergroup Liaison | Charlene B.**

The Intergroup Liaison reported on connections made at the SENY Convention and provided updates on upcoming collaborative workshops and events.

- **Service Workshop:** A hybrid workshop, "Kicking Up Your Summer Service," co-hosted with the Treatment Committee, is scheduled for June 20th at the Nassau Intergroup Office in West Hempstead.
- **Participation:** While engagement with southern intergroups is strong, the committee is working on increasing participation from northern intergroups.
- **Next Meeting:** The committee will meet monthly through July to plan the workshop. The next meeting is Monday, the 13th, at 8:00 PM via Zoom.
- **New York Intergroup:** Tickets are now on sale at [NewYorkIntergroup.org](http://NewYorkIntergroup.org) for the "Big Meeting."

### Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) | Annabelle

- **Committee Meetings & County Outreach:** Our active committee meets virtually on the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., and we are reaching out with a special invitation to Joe, the new Rockland County CPC Chair, to collaborate with us and join our monthly meetings.
- **Events & Workshop Highlights:** Following our highly successful "Anonymity vs. Confidentiality" workshop on April 15th—which featured an excellent panel of a judge, an educator, and an EAP professional—and our presence at the SENY Convention, we are preparing to host information tables at the Nassau County Share-A-Day (April 25th) and Queens County Share-A-Day (May 17th).
- **Web & Technology Developments:** In partnership with Registration Officer Justin K., we are currently beta-testing a new Airtable tracking dashboard for volunteers and are working to completely revamp the CPC page on the SENY website (*aaseny.org*) to make resources more accessible to professionals.

### Service Sponsorship | Kimberly J.

- **Orientation & Assemblies:** We continue to run new-member orientation sessions at all Area Assemblies and Committee meetings, helping incoming GSRs and DCMs quickly match with experienced service sponsors.
- **County Workshops:** Following the SENY Convention, we are coordinating with local county committees to facilitate service sponsorship workshops at the Nassau County Share-A-Day (April 25th) and Queens County Share-A-Day (May 17th).
- **Collaboration & Participation:** We are partnering with Jeanne C. and the Ad Hoc Service Participation Committee to identify unrepresented districts and develop a digital signup registry to help pair new trusted servants with bilingual sponsors.

### Literature | Brian

- **Convention Literature & Sales:** At the recent annual SENY Convention, we purchased approximately \$4,800 worth of literature and successfully generated over \$5,000 in total sales.
- **Speaking and Panel Service:** I participated as a speaker on a service panel at the convention, sharing experience on the topic of what literature and service can do for individual recovery.
- **GSC Hospitality Committee:** On behalf of the General Service Conference Hospitality Committee, I am co-chairing the hospitality preparations with Ronnie B., with our next meeting scheduled for April 20th.

### Archives | Kingsley T.

The Archives Chair shared positive feedback regarding the SENY Convention, noting a high level of engagement with the committee's exhibits.

- **Convention Highlights:** The Archives Jeopardy game was highly successful and well-attended. The committee formally requests that Jeopardy be added as a regular feature on future convention schedules.

- **Area 49 Workbook:** The committee historian is developing an archive workbook specifically tailored to Area 49. This project explores the scope of collections at both the County and Area levels.
- **Spanish Workshop:** Coordination is underway via the committee liaison for an upcoming Spanish Archives workshop. Additional Area workshops are also being planned for later in the year.

### PI Chair | Kevin F.

The PI Chair reported on the successful implementation of the PI table at the SENY Convention, noting that all literature was distributed.

- **NYS Fair Proposal:** A proposal will be brought to the May committee meeting to provide the standard \$500 support to Area 47 for the Public Information booth at the New York State Fair.
- **Upcoming Workshops:** Planning is underway for a summer workshop (June or July) regarding the use of pamphlets when working with the public. A second workshop on "Speaking to the Public" is tentatively planned for the fall.
- **Meeting Schedule:** The committee meets on odd months on the third Thursday at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is in May; the Zoom link is available on the SENY calendar.

### Ad Hoc Committee Reports

#### SENY Convention | Shawn:

The Convention Chair expressed gratitude to the committee, officers, and volunteers for a successful event.

- **Attendance & Finances:** Over 1,150 members attended. A full financial report will be presented by the Convention Treasurer, Nicole S., at the June Assembly.
- **Technology:** New AI-integrated registration technology significantly streamlined the process, allowing for real-time schedule updates and Spanish translations.
- **Service Appeal:** The Chair encouraged members, particularly new GSRs, to "say yes" to service commitments, emphasizing the support network available within the Area.

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

The NYSIW will be held in Rockland County the weekend of July 10th. The tentative program includes service panels, AA meetings, trailhead walks, and a bonfire.

- **Pricing:** Full weekend rates are \$495 (single occupancy) or \$365 (double occupancy), including all meals. A Saturday-only commuter rate is available for \$140.
- **Motion for Scholarships:** A motion will be made at the next committee meeting for SENY to fund approximately 10 double-occupancy scholarships to ensure affordability for members.
- **Next Planning Meeting:** Scheduled for April 19th at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Details and flyers are available on the website.

#### NERAASA 2027 | Joanne Mc. (Panel 73)

The NERAASA 2027 Chair, Joann M., reported on early planning and financial status for the event, which will take place February 26th–28th, 2027.

- **Finances & Administration:** The full seed money of \$6,000 has been secured, and a dedicated bank account is being established. Budgeting will begin once the 2026 final report is received.

- **Hotel & Bookings:** The website is being transitioned to Area 49 control; once live, hotel booking links will be released. Room rates are \$179/night. Members are encouraged to book early once the site is active to avoid overflow hotels.
- **Program & Activities:** A Friday morning trip to Stepping Stones is being coordinated by Sean. Like the Area convention, NERAASA will feature a dedicated app for schedules and info.
- **Participation:** A Program Planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th. The full planning committee meets tomorrow from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM; all interested members are encouraged to attend and join a subcommittee.

### **Ad Hoc SENY Assembly | Jane E. (Panel 69)**

I'm a grateful Chair of the Assembly Ad Hoc Committee, my name is Jane. When I say the Body, I mean this Assembly, and when I say the Counties, I mean the 12 geographical counties and the Hispanic District. The total is 13. The Body decided to keep Assemblies Hybrid. Today participation is higher online than in person. In September the Body voted to create the Assembly Ad hoc Committee comprised of DCMCs or other Officer from each county, the Hybrid chair, and at least one member of the Finance Committee, and chaired by a SENY Past Delegate to evaluate the logistics of, inform the Body, update the Guidelines and make a recommendation to the Body regarding rotating assemblies. Our first meeting was October 26. We met 12 times so far. The Committee wants me to report on participation to keep us accountable to those we serve- that's you!

12 of the 13 Counties attend. Westchester came once. Putnam and Brooklyn participated half the time & our Finance member was missing, but after I reported that to our Chair, he appointed a different member and now we have Finance at our meetings. The hybrid chair participates. We have Spanish interpretation at our meetings and all of our documents are translated.

We surveyed other Areas with hybrid Assemblies and learned the biggest challenge is stable internet connection. We determined that our Internet must be a dedicated, hard-wired Ethernet drop within 30 feet of the A/V table. Minimum: 100 Megabits per second total symmetrical. Our Rotating Assembly Venue Assessment Tool was completed Tuesday.

Prior to COVID, we rotated Assemblies, the budget for each including food was \$4000-. We currently spend \$3719 including food.

This is a great group of AAs to work with! Thank you for allowing me the privilege.

### **[GSR sharing on Delegate's Questionnaire - Facilitator Nisaa A.](#)**

The Delegate, Nisaa A., welcomed the body, noting that this oral sampling provides vital insights alongside the paper and digital submissions she reviews during pre-Conference preparation.

**Trustees (Animated Videos for "The Twelve Steps/Traditions Illustrated"):** Opinion was split. Opponents called the videos an unnecessary expense during GSO's financial crisis, finding written literature sufficient. Supporters viewed them as valuable outreach tools for visual learners and those with shorter attention spans, provided they do not replace sponsorship or literature study. A minority noted their utility in starting step discussions; one group urged that no AI be used in their creation.

**Treatment and Accessibilities (Locally Produced Safety-Related Video):** Most groups opposed GSO adopting locally produced safety videos. Recommending early police contact during meeting disruptions was flagged as a threat to anonymity and the safety of marginalized or undocumented members (specifically regarding ICE). Groups argued safety is local and best handled via group autonomy (Tradition Four) rather than GSO mandates, which could imply endorsement or legal liability. A few supported it as an optional reference.

**Finance (Twelve Step Study Guide or Workbook):** Most groups opposed a workbook, arguing it undermines the sponsor-sponsee relationship and falsely suggests members can work Steps alone, which are already clear in existing literature. Supporters saw it as a GSO revenue source that keeps members rooted in conference-approved materials, suggesting it be restricted to incarcerated or remote members with a disclaimer that it cannot replace a sponsor.

**Literature (Fifth Edition of the Big Book Draft):** Groups generally supported the draft, trusting the Conference process. However, many lamented rotating out classic stories like "Our Southern Friend" and "Tightrope," which removes historically significant queer representation. One group suggested removing gendered language from the first 164 pages to welcome newcomers, while another felt unable to vote without reading the full story drafts.

**Grapevine / La Viña (Accepting Direct Contributions):** Most supported allowing direct Grapevine contributions to fund digital services (app, podcast, prison tablets) beyond subscriptions, aligning with Tradition Seven. Concerns raised were whether this ends GSB deficit coverage or bypasses local oversight. Proponents insisted that standard GSO individual and group contribution limits must apply.

**Archives (Eligibility for Area-Level Service for Out-of-Area Members):** Most groups opposed GSO-mandated guidelines, preferring local Area autonomy. Opponents argued rigid rules complicate service and members should serve where they feel rooted. Supporters (e.g., "snowbirds") felt guidelines would clarify part-time residency service. One group noted a local meeting split when all online officers lived out-of-state, showing the need for local boundaries.

**Corrections (Pamphlet "The A.A. Member - Medications and Other Drugs"):** Groups unanimously supported updating this dangerously outdated pamphlet. Given the rise of fentanyl, comorbidities, dual-diagnosis, and anti-craving medications, they urged using modern, medically accurate language while reinforcing that AA members do not give medical advice.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (Audio/Visual Clips for Professionals):** Opinion was split. Supporters argued busy professionals need brief, accessible resources, while opponents felt professionals require comprehensive information that brief soundbites might oversimplify.

**Literature (Publishing Personal Stories Removed from the 4th Edition):** There was near-unanimous support for preserving removed Fourth Edition stories. Most groups favored a compiled volume like "Experience, Strength, and Hope, Volume II" alongside free digital access, though one group cautioned against GSO printing costs during current financial constraints.

**Literature (Spanish-Speaking Members' Access to the Big Book Survey):** Groups supported the draft survey but offered constructive feedback. One group noted that listing "behind the walls" as the first interaction option in Question 4 felt stereotypical, requesting a more inclusive revision. They also questioned if the survey originated from Spanish-speaking groups (bottom-up) or GSO (top-down).

**GSR Process Feedback:** GSRs shared successful collection methods: using Google Forms and WhatsApp to gather over 100 responses, holding dedicated business meetings, and focus-debating select key items rather than rushing through all ten.

The session closed with expressions of gratitude, sending the Delegate off to the Conference "informed, but not instructed."

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