

Motions by NYSIW 2026 Chair

A. MOTION TO FACILITATE VIRTUAL AND HISPANIC PARTICIPATION

Background: With the goal of making the 2026 NYSIW as inclusive as possible, the SENY planning committee for the 2026 New York State Informational Workshop is offering two options which may maximize participation in the weekend event. First, the main panels will all be hybrid, so people can participate even if they are unable to attend in-person. To this end, we need a dedicated Tech Chair to run the virtual components of the hybrid meetings. Secondly, in order to include members of our Hispanic District, we wish to offer Spanish to English interpretation of all of the main panels. Our plan is to offer English interpretation to Spanish speakers who participate virtually. We plan to offer interpretation virtually rather than in person in order to keep the cost down. Also, it is anticipated that our Hispanic District members are more likely to attend virtually than in-person.

Registration costs have been kept as low as possible for all participants. As a result, the requested expenses will not be covered by registration payments. In this regard, we respectfully request that SENY funds be used to cover the following expenses:

1. The cost of weekend registration for our Tech Chair who will be on duty all weekend long. Double occupancy registration for them is \$365.
2. Our two proposed Spanish interpreters request a discounted rate of compensation in the total amount of \$2,000.00 They will be on duty for about for 14 hours, switching off at regular intervals.

Total funds requested: \$2,365.00. There's no better way to spend basket dollars entrusted to SENY than to encourage service participation by supporting the success of the 2026 NYSIW!

The First Motion: It is respectfully requested that \$2,365 of SENY funds be used to pay NYSIW registration for the NYSIW Tech Chair and Spanish interpretation, with the understanding that all NYSIW registration payments and 7th Tradition receipts in excess of necessary NYSIW expenses will be transferred to SENY after the event.

B. MOTION TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS TO NYSIW

In order to make this special weekend event accessible to AA members new to service, we are also requesting that SENY fund 6 scholarships for AA members who have never attended a NYSIW and wish to attend this year. Double occupancy registration (\$365 per person) for 6 lucky scholarship winners will be \$2,190.

The Second Motion: It is respectfully requested that SENY funds be used to fund 6 scholarships in the total amount of \$2,160 and that such scholarships be awarded by lottery to be run by the SENY Chair or, if the SENY Chair prefers, by the NYSIW 2026 Chair.

Yours in service,

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