



SENY Post-Conference

Assembly Minutes

June 6th, 2026 | 10:00 am to 2:15 pm

Area Officers	
Raj B.	Chair
Nisaa A.	Delegate
Jeanne C.	Alternate Delegate
Roy 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 April Assembly
 - Motion to accept, seconded, minutes approved

Area Officer Reports:

Delegate | Nisaa

Conference Overview

- **Theme:** "Humility In Action" (Agir avec humilité / La humildad en acción).
- **Structure:** 136 voting members (93 Delegates, 26 Trustees/Directors, 17 Staff).
- **Purpose:** The Conference acts as the guardian of A.A.'s world services, Traditions, and Steps.

Committee Outcomes & Recommendations

- **Literature:**
 - **5th Edition Big Book:** Approved with substantial unanimity. Includes 26 new stories. 12 stories from the 4th edition are retained; 30 have been removed.
 - **Editorial Change:** The word "Eskimo" will be replaced with a neutral, non-racial term in "Chapter 7: Working With Others" and in the "Tradition Eight" essay.
- **Corrections:** Recommended updating the pamphlet *"The A.A. Member-Medications and Other Drugs"* (original text from 1984); a progress report is due at the 2027 Conference.
- **Policy/Admissions:** The Equitable Distribution Workload (EDW) process will be discontinued following the 78th GSC.
- **Trustees:** Production of an animated video for *"The Twelve Steps Illustrated"* was approved.

Financial Report (2025/2026)

- **Self-Support:** 7th Tradition contributions totaled \$10.58M (down 6% from 2024). Only 34.1% of active groups contributed.
- **GSO Operations:** Operating expenses were \$18.53M (\$439K under budget).
- **Literature Margin:** Gross profit margin dropped to 48.8% in 2025 due to rising production costs. Price increases were implemented Feb 1, 2026, to restore margins to 53%.

- **Reserve Fund:** Balance as of Dec 31, 2025, was \$11.02M. Anticipated 2026 year-end balance is ~\$8.97M (approx. 4.79 months of operating expenses).

Grapevine & La Viña Update

- **Financials:** The operating loss for Grapevine was reduced to \$300K (a 75% improvement over 2024).
- **Digital Growth:** App subscribers averaged 17,315 (up 22%). Total monthly message carries (across all platforms) estimated at 2,087,892.
- **La Viña:** Circulation increased 6%; gross margin up 63%.

Technology & Outreach

- **"Everything AA" App:** AAWS has assumed full stewardship of this app. It will be maintained as a safe, spiritually-grounded resource. Non-Conference-approved content (e.g., speaker tapes) will be removed to align with Traditions.
- **Professional Outreach:** The committee encouraged the development of short-form audio/visual content to reach busy professionals.

Upcoming Actions

- **2027 Theme:** "Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future."
- **Northeast Regional Trustee (NERT) Opening (2027):** Area 49 will nominate a candidate. Experience in both Conference Area and local service is required.

Tech Officer | Ray W.

NERAASA.com has successfully completed the transfer from Area 28; all group records are currently being verified and reconciled. Updates to the NERAASA website infrastructure are underway, with expected completion in late 2027.

Registration Officer | Justin K.

- **Hybrid Sign-In:** Registration went well today. Future efforts will focus on simplifying the process by eliminating redundant Zoom sign-ins for registered members.
- **Newcomer Packets:** Due to ongoing GSO backlogs, Area 49 is temporarily compiling and distributing local interim newcomer packets.
- **Office Hours:** Online office hours are shifting from the third Sunday to improve manageability. Updated times will be posted on the SENY calendar.
- **Convention App:** The SENY Convention app is currently in development and will feature interactive venue maps based on member feedback.
- **Database Updates:** Updates for 40 districts were uploaded to Fellowship Connection. DCMCs, DCMs, and GSRs are urged to keep local records current to ensure Area database accuracy.
- **Airtable Savings:** Restructuring the Airtable database reduced paid user seats, lowering overhead costs for the treasury.
- **Paper Records:** Hard-copy documentation will continue to be maintained for accessibility, backups, and groups preferring paper.

Alternate Delegate | Jeanne C.

Conferences & Events Attended:

- LNYPA (Lower New York Young People of AA) elections.
- Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast.
- Long Island "Sobriety through Service."
- Group Inventory for the Fellowship Road Group.
- Initial meeting/meet-and-greet at the GSC with Nisaa (emotional and significant experience).

Service Workshops:

- District 601 Workshop on the "Upside Down Triangle."
- Co-attended informational meetings for alternate delegates (May/June).

Upcoming Service Calendar:

- **June:** Queens Gratitude Day; NYC YPAA Art Picnic; Putnam County Founders Day, Orange County Spiritual Breakfast, "Take Up Your Service" experience (Long Island), Brooklyn Share-A-Day.
- **July 10-12:** New York State Informational Workshop.

Note: Mentioned the upcoming Hispanic District 40th anniversary event on a Saturday in Manhattan (11 a.m. – 5 p.m.).

Treasurer | Mike

June Treasurer's Report

- **Executive Summary:** SENY remains financially stable. We are currently in a transition period, actively spending down pandemic-era excess funds to align with our 2027 goal of returning to historical budget norms (approx. \$180,000).
- **Financial Performance (YTD)**
 - Income: Total revenue is \$65,305 (30% of the \$219,750 annual budget).
 - *Highlights:* Literature and Grapevine sales are strong at 70% of budget. Group contributions are tracking as expected (41%).
 - *Note:* The \$58,000 "Operating Account" is prior-year surplus, not new income.
 - **Expenses:** Total spending is \$99,605 (44% of the \$224,450 annual budget).
 - *Highlights:* Translation services are high (64% of budget), and Archives storage costs were 33% higher than estimated. Office expenses remain within expectations.
- **Cash & Reserves**
 - **Cash on Hand (June 9, 2026):** \$151,321.
 - **Prudent Reserve:** 8.1 months.
 - **Strategy:** We are not replenishing reserves, choosing instead to utilize prior-year surpluses to benefit the Fellowship.
- **Key Considerations**
 - **Convention Income:** Will be recognized upon receipt of the final report.
 - **Investments:** Establishment of the new Chase investment account is currently delayed.
 - **Responsibility:** SENY has accepted financial responsibility for the July 2026 NYSIW.

Special Finance Report

- See text of June 6th, 2026, Special Finance Report, incorporated by reference herein, which was read in full, after which the Treasurer answered questions.

New Business

2026 NYSIW Finance Motion:

- **Motion:** It was moved that \$2,365 of SENY funds be used to cover the registration of a Tech Chair and Spanish-to-English interpretation for the 2026 New York State Informational Workshop. The motion specified that registration receipts in excess of expenses would be transferred to SENY.
- **Discussion:** Discussion focused on the necessity of providing interpretation for potentially few attendees, the source of funding given the lack of a pre-existing budget line, and whether the hybrid/interpretation components would meaningfully increase registrations to meet event goals. The Chair emphasized the importance of inclusivity and accessibility as a primary goal.
- **Outcome:** The motion passed.

2026 NYSIW Scholarship Motion

- **Motion:** It was moved that SENY funds in the amount of \$2,160 be used to provide six scholarships for AA members who have never attended a New York State Informational Workshop. These scholarships are to be awarded by a lottery to be run by the 2026 NYSIW Chair.
- **Discussion:** Discussion touched upon the selection criteria, the lottery process, and the source of funding. Clarification was provided that there is no pre-existing budget line for this event, and that scholarships would specifically assist members who would otherwise be unable to attend.
- **Outcome:** The motion passed.

SENY Rotating Assemblies Ad Hoc Committee| Jane E. (Panel 69)

Today we are making our recommendation. A Committee recommendation at the General Service Conference is a seconded motion. Our committee recommendation to Area 49, Southeastern NY is a seconded motion. After speaking with our Area chair, our recommendation will be put under old business at the next Assembly in August.

Our first SENY Assemblies in the 1950s were in a central location, and continued at a central location until 1985, when we had our first rotating assembly. Rotating amongst the Counties and area wide Hispanic District continued until the pandemic in 2020 when we went online. In Panel 71, an ad hoc committee was formed to make a recommendation about having hybrid Assemblies. We had our first hybrid assembly in June 2022 at WCC where we are today. Participation at our hybrid assemblies has returned attendance to pre-pandemic levels.

The tasks assigned to the Ad hoc Assembly Committee are found in the motion, this Body, the SENY Assembly, passed in September 2025 and in today's documents. We held 17 Committee meetings, and like any AA committee, worked in between meetings. Our first meeting was October 26 and our last was June 2. At our second committee meeting on November 4, we knew the basic tech requirements for rotation of hybrid assemblies. We collected an enormous amount of background materials (ask your County Ad hoc Assembly Committee member!) and reviewed it all. The entire background is available. If interested, ask your DCMC for that link.

Here is the background for our seconded motion aka our recommendation

- We revised the Assembly Planning Toolkit and contacted 55 venues throughout Southeastern NY Area 49. One of those 55 met needed requirements. This does not count WCC.
- The responsibility for the DCMC to find and secure an appropriate venue given tech requirements would be extraordinary.
- Tech team - for the tech team to trudge around all 12 Counties and wake up at all hours and enter a new venue every time with unknown difficulties is too much to ask, despite their willingness to serve.
- The lift expected of the county chairs to find venues while heavy, is outstripped by the requirements that would be added to the area chairs who would have to ensure the appropriateness of 5/6 venues a year, not only one.
- Any increase in participation in the host county would be countered by a decline in participation from the farthest flung county.

Our recommendation is that SENY does not rotate hybrid Assemblies.

We also offer two committee considerations. They are not seconded motions. They are offered to you, the SENY Assembly, to consider. We believe we should offer these to you, and *you decide* if you want to make a motion about either or both of them. We trust the process. These are the committee considerations. They are not motions!

- **Committee Consideration 1:**

- We, the Ad hoc Assembly Committee of Panel 75, Area 49 offer a committee consideration for SENY to increase the number of Joy of Service workshops from two to three, all to be held in person with an optional hybrid component, to be hosted jointly by no fewer than three counties (including the Hispanic District)
- **Background for this committee consideration:** We had an idea of expanding and rotating the Joy of Service workshop that SENY already does. We think that this would be a great way to bring the area together, and by combining counties the burden wouldn't fall on one DCMC to do everything. Because it's a workshop and not an assembly, it wouldn't have to be hybrid which would eliminate a lot of tech requirements. We believe there may be more than one way to rotate.

- **Committee Consideration 2:**

- We, the Ad hoc Assembly Committee of Panel 75, Area 49 offer a committee consideration that, in the event that no motion to rotate assemblies is passed, that SENY *consider* developing and adopting a protocol for individual counties (Hispanic District included) to volunteer to host an assembly, provided the venue meets the agreed venue selection requirements.
- **Background for this committee consideration:** Certain counties remain confident that given enough time, they can identify suitable venues. Certain counties remain confident that despite any additional time to search, suitable venues cannot be identified. The presumption that rotating assemblies will positively influence in person participation can be validated with willing counties who identify suitable venues. The associated workload adjustments for the tech crew and the area chair could be evaluated in real time.

A copy of this report is available from your Ad hoc Assembly Committee member.

Our Area Chair has allowed us time to answer your questions about our recommendation, aka the motion. This is a time for questions only. It is not the time to voice an opinion. The time for that is at the next Assembly under discussion of old business. In closing, the one motion we offer is that SENY does not rotate hybrid assemblies.

Submitted in loving service, Panel 75, Area 49 Southeastern NY Assembly Ad hoc committee

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