January Assembly Meeting Minutes

Saturday, Jan 18, 2025
(10 am - 2:15 pm)

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Area Officers	
Raj B.,	Chair
Nisaa A.	Delegate
Paola A.	Alternate Delegate
Ray W.,	Technology Officer
Justin K.,	Registration Officer
Eric O.	Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

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

Treasurer Report | Eric O.

- Preliminary online contributions were $8,733.39
- January Assembly 7th tradition
    - $304 in cash, $214 online.
    - Total was $6,325.39
- **2025 Preliminary Budget**
    - Process: Budget process aims for a balanced non-profit budget by including prior unspent funds as revenue (avoiding large surpluses), anticipates increased in-person activities (including hybrid events), and was developed through officer/committee consultation and review of past budgets.
    - Please see Proposed 2025 Budget
    - Responses to questions/comments
        - Kimbley clarified that the Covid reserve was reduced in 2025 due to the reduced risk of covid
        - Some alterations on budget discussed, including contribution to GSO and Covid reserve line items being seperated, 2025 SENY Convention is not hybrid,
    - Motion made to approve preliminary 2025 SENY Budget, seconded, did not pass
        - Revisions will be made by the treasurer and presented at the February SENY Committee meeting

Robert's Rules of Order: Presented by John W., past A49 Delegate

- **Robert's Rules of Order:** Comprehensive set of rules for conducting meetings and making decisions in a fair and orderly way.

- **Incorporating the 12 Traditions**
    - RRoO provides a structured and impartial process that facilitates group unity *(Tradition 1)* through orderly meetings, encourages informed group conscience and humility *(Tradition 2)* by ensuring everyone can be heard and decisions aren't rushed, clarifies membership participation *(Tradition 3)* regarding voting rights, and emphasizes principles before personalities *(Tradition 12)* by focusing on fair process and equal voice for all members regardless of personal influence.
- **Incorporating the 12 Concepts**
    - RRoO strongly supports the 12 Concepts by providing a framework for democratic participation *(Concept 4)*, ensuring minority voices are heard *(Concept 5)* promoting responsible leadership *(Concept 9)* through defined roles, and upholding the Warranties of *Concept 12* by structuring meetings for balanced decision-making through discussion and voting, preventing concentrated power, and encouraging democratic and non-punitive actions.

SENY Convention Report | Malini

- Will be held March 21 - 23, 2025 at the Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Rd, Tarrytown, NY
- The income estimate for the convention is $56,411, we are budgeting for a total expense of $55,771, making a profit is not a goal.
- Theme of the convention is *Working Together and Increasing Trust | Trabajando Juntos, Incrementando La Confianza*
- Events include Young People of AA, Old-Timers' Meeting, Al-Anon Meetings, a banquet with dancing, and a Sunday spiritual meeting.
- The registration fee is $31, banquet fee is $98
- Hotel registration is $170 - we need to have 420 rooms booked for the hotel
- There are 210 available seats of the banquet, as of Jan 15th,, 35 seats have been paid for
- There are scholarships available, info can be found on the convention page of the SENY website
- If more information is needed, email Malini at convention@aaseny.org
- The volunteer coordinator, Camille, is looking for volunteers, her contact info is: volunteer@convention.aaseny.org
- At the time, the hotel block is sold out for those checking in from Thursday through Sunday but will be reopened

Introduction of Panel 75 Committee Chairs

Position	Name	Position	Name
Accessibilities	Matt F.	Literature	Brian C.
Agenda	Jeannette K.	Hybrid Committee	Mike U.
Archives	Edward M.	Public Information	Kevin F.
Corrections	Ashley O.	Recording Secretary	Priya W.
Email Update Editor	Bradley B.	Service Participation/YPAA Liaison	Paola A.
Email Administrator	Prem R.	Service Sponsorship	Kimberley G.
CPC	Annabel B.	Translation	Andrew F.

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Grapevine/ La Viña	Gina D.	Website	Kate F.
Intergroup Liaison	Charlene B.	Ad Hoc Finance	Heidi C,
Link Editor	Reiko D.		

Officer Reports

- **Registration Officer | Justin K.**
  - Highly encouraged to use service and group email accounts to facilitate tracking and consistency
  - However, your personal email is needed to register with GSO
- **Tech Officer | Ray W.**
  - In process of updating our new website
  - New email will be technology@aaseny.org but you can still use TCO@aaseny.org
  - SENY website calendar is color coded and filterable
    - To request an event to be listed on the SENY calendar, send an email to agenda@aaseny.org
  - Responses to Questions/Comments
    - Adding various other events to the calendar was discussed, such as NY Intergroup events and national workshops
    - Ray prefers to communicate thru via phone calls
- **Chair | Raj B.**
  - Thanked Paola and Nisaa for their guidance
  - Raj has already registered for NERASA and SENY convention
- **Alternate Delegate | Paola**
  - Explained that the Alternate Delegate's role primarily a backup for the Delegate, prepared to step in and fulfill all Delegate responsibilities if needed, ensuring continuous Area representation.
  - Additionally, Paola is the YPAA liaison for SENY
  - Will attend the Asemblea is in Long Island
  - Will be hosting the service participation meeting on Thursday, Jan 23rd at 7:30 pm on Google Meet
  - Question was asked about the ad hoc committee
    - Paola explained that the feedback from the DCMC's in the area are that there are too many meetings and it's a struggle to fill DCM positions.
    - Ad hoc committee investigates it this current service structure is still serving us
    - Most counties have a loose have service structure
- **NISAA | Delegate**
  - Timeline of events leading up to the 75th General Service Conference (GSC) - From April 27 - May 3, 2025
    - November 2024: Preliminary agenda items were released
    - December 2024: Delegates were assigned to committees
      - Nisaa was assigned to the Trustees' Committee - WIll review nominations for 2 Class A Trustees, 2 Regional Trustees, 1 Trustee-at-Large, 3 General Service Trustees, 3 Non-Trustee Directors

- February 2025: FOllowing the General Service Board meeting, the final agenda items will be released
    - Delegate's Questionnaire (DQ) will be created and will contain 7 - 10 items from the final agenda list
    - DQ is used for the delegate to carry the area's collective feedback to the conference
    - WIll be posted on the From the Delegate page on the SENY website and sent out via email
- March 8, 2025: Delegate's Day of Sharing (hybrid)
    - Background info of agenda items from the questionnaire will be presented
    - GSR's will have opportunity to ask questions for clarity before taking the DQ to their groups, this is not the time ot make statements about the DQ items
- April 12, 2025: Pre-Conference Assembly
    - GSRs share experiences and discussions from the DQ, due date for the DQ

County and DCM Reports

- **Orange County DCMC | Chamille T.:** Spiritual Breakfast will be held on May 18th in Goshen
- **Staten island DCMC | Ronnie B.:** Holiday and New Year's Eve Alkathons, Spiritual Breakfast and their first Thanksgiving Alkathon were all successes
    - Will hold a Spring FIing in March
- **Westchester DCMC | Billy B.:** Spiritual BBQ will be held on August 16th
    - WORCYPAA will be holding elections on Jan 26th, after elections will be karaoke
- **Sullivan DCMC | John L.:** Beginning to plan a GSR workshop
- **Bronx/Upper Manhattan DCMC | Shawn K.:** Recently voted to transition their meetings to a hybrid format
- **Manhattan DCMC | James T.:** Held a Concept 1 meeting, service meeting is scheduled for Jan 21st
- **Queens DCMC | Maura Z.**: All officer and committee chair positions are filled, only 1 inactive district
- **Putnam DCMC | Hank G.:** Planning Founders Day workshop for June
- **Nassau DCMC | JR B.:** Planning a Unity Breakfast for June 8th
- **Rockland DCMC | James D.:** Spiritual Breakfast will be on March 30th
- **Brooklyn DCMC | Eddie D.:** District 411 was reactivated, seeking to fill registrar position
- **Suffolk DCMC | Heather K.:** Unity Breakfast in February is sold out
- **Hispanic District | Marcos C.** (Translated): Working on doing a census of the area on a Hispanic level

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