SENY Committee Meeting Minutes

February 3rd, 2025

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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 December 2024
    - Motion to accept, seconded, minutes approved

Area Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report - Eric O. :

- The Treasurer's report is preliminary; some figures are still to be finalized.
- Key income items include: $8,733.39 in online contributions, $518 from the January Assembly Seventh Tradition ($304 cash, $214 online), $286 in cash group contributions, and $688 from literature sales; preliminary total income is $6,325.39.
- Expenses for the month were $8,304.63.
- The Treasurer's access to the post office box is currently restricted due to a lock change and missing account information, which may delay check processing.
- A complete report for January and February will be presented at the March Assembly.

Technology Report - Ray:

- Website is a work in progress
- Explained the importance of using your SENY service email instead of personal email account, to keep communication streamlined and consistent.
- SENY service email accounts are now open to DCM, please reach out to Ray or Prem to obtain a SENY DCM email account.

Registrar Report - Justin K.

- New DCMs are receiving virtual kits, and GSR welcome letters have been updated.
- GSO upload process is being streamlined.
- A Spanish version of the RSG welcome letter and virtual links will be circulated.
- New registrants in MailChimp are automatically added to mailing lists, if they choose that option..
- Systemic shortcomings are being addressed, and a virtual session for DCMs/DCMCs is planned.
- Outgoing SENY email account holders should preserve informational emails for their successors to retain institutional knowledge

Chair Report - Raj:

- Attended the asemblea, SENY was well represented
- Will be working with Rich to edit the SENY handbook

Alternate Delegate Report - Paola:

- **Service Participation Meeting**
    - Ad hoc county structure committee chair Scott discussed examining the SENY structure at the county level.
    - A suggestion was made to create a GSR buddy program, pairing new GSRs with more experienced ones to provide support and generate enthusiasm.
- **YPAA Liaison**
    - EACYPAA will be held in Boston in 2 weeks
    - WORCYPAA recently held elections and is attempting to gather new members, trying to get in contact with the other YPAA groups in the area .
- **Delegate Activities:** Reviewed delegate's responsibilities in the service manual as she would like to focus on increasing interest among AA members in service below the group level.
    - Will attend the Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA) in February and Northeast Regional Delegate's Reunion (NERD) in March.

- **Traditions Workshops:** A collaboration is planned with the Service Sponsorship committee chair, Kimberly, to conduct workshops on applying the AA traditions to daily life and home groups.
- **GSR Informational Reels:** Working with the accessibility chair to create short, anonymous videos (reels on Instagram), using the sock puppet Influencer Izzy for anonymity purposes. Videos will explain GSR roles and assemblies.

Delegate's Report - Nisaa A:

- **Delegate's Day of Sharing (DDoS):** A hybrid event on March 8, 2025, at Westchester Community College, to provide background on Delegate's Questionnaire agenda items.
- **Delegate's Questionnaire:** A tool developed by Area 49 to gather group feedback on selected General Service Conference agenda items. The SENY Delegate compiles the questionnaire from engaging agenda items to maximize participation. The questionnaire, with a deadline of April 12th, will be available by the end of February, pending final agenda items (February 17-25 release). A GSR FAQ guide and presentations from the Delegate's Day of Sharing will be provided; both will be available in hard copy at the Delegate's Day of Sharing.
- **Delegate's Page (aaseny.org/delegate):** The Delegate's Page is the primary source for information between SENY meetings. It provides reports from SENY Assemblies and Committees (in English and Spanish), links to the 75th and 74th Conference agenda items and reports, and a link to "What's New on aa.org". The delegate also posts announcements from "What's New," information on the General Service Office Podcast: "Our Primary Purpose," and links to AA World Service Board of Directors Highlights, Quarterly Reports, and Quarterly Unaudited Financials. Additionally, the page provides Service Resources, such as the SENY Handbook, the Service Manual, the Spanish Service Manual, and the Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference, and information on Proposed Agenda Items.
- **Delegate's Goal:** To ensure all members, especially those new to service, are informed and included in the General Service Conference process.

Convention Chair - Malini

- Will be held March 21st to 23rd at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown.
- Theme is borrowed from the 2025 international convention: Working Together, Increasing Trust, *Trabajando Juntos, Incrementando La Confianza.*
- Highlights of the workshops and panels of the convention include Young People of AA, Old-Timers' Meeting, Al-Anon Meetings, a banquet with dancing, and a Sunday spiritual meeting.
- Scholarships are available for registration only, not for hotel rooms.
- As of February 1st, there have been 300 registrations and 131 banquets purchased.

- Responses to Questions Asked
    - You can register upon arrival at the convention and those with over 25 years of sobriety can enter their name to be randomly selected to speak at the old-timer's meeting

Ad Hoc Committee Chair - Scott

- Ad hoc committee formed in May 2024.
- This is not a decision making body, the purpose is to explore the effectiveness of the county structure and make recommendations to SENY.
- Currently in the fact-finding stage: analyzing the AA Service Manual and working with Archives.
- Committee is seeking one representative per county; currently has representation from Upper Manhattan, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Rockland, Sullivan, and Suffolk. Bronx, Staten Island, and Westchester have no representation.
- Meets online first Tuesday monthly, 7-8 p.m.

2025 Proposed Budget - Eric, Treasurer

- **Financial Highlights**
    - Expected total income: $249.8k (includes $126.3k contributions, $4k Grapevine, $7-11k literature sales, $6k high interest).
    - Significant expenses include: $95k SENY Convention, $3.5k Accountant, $10k Equipment, $10k GSC for Delegate, increased NERAASA scholarships ($1.5k each).
    - Considering moving funds for higher interest income.
    - Aiming to "zero out" as a non-profit; potential $12.5k GSO contribution.
- **Key Concerns & Questions**
    - Missing "2024 Actuals" data hindering budget approval.
    - Concerns about officer lines.
    - Lower projected total income in 2024 despite higher Grapevine contributions raised concern.
    - Questions regarding "storage" cost ($542/month) and the organizational placement of email/mail coordinators and the registrar.
    - Discussion on the definition and significance of budget "variance."
    - Operating without a formal budget is not illegal but considered poor practice.
    - Funds are available for upcoming NERSARAA scholarships.
    - Motion made to work on budget and present at April Assembly, seconded, passed.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Intergroup Liaison - Charlene B.:** Committee meets every other month.

    - Planning on hosting a workshop at the convention.
- **Public Information (PI) Chair - Kevin F.:** Will attend the PI roundtable at NERAASA and will have a table at the convention.
    - Letter of introduction was sent to all DCMCs.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) - Annabel B.:** Several CPC committee meetings have already occurred, they meet virtually on the first Wednesday of each month .
- **Literature Chair - Brian C.:** Total of $1,601 of literature was sold, $1848 was purchased.
    - Working on getting the Big Book in Braille.
- **Archives Chair - Ed M.:** Collecting material to share on aasenyhistory.org
    - Planning archives workshop in Queens.

DCMC Reports

- **Westchester DCMC - Billy B:** New Year's Eve dinner dance and New Year's Day alkathon were successes, they are focused on generating more GSR involvement.
- **Putnam DCMC - Hank G.:** All officer and committee chair positions are filled except chairs for the Grapevine, literatur and accessibilities committees, they are in the process of reviewing bylaws.
- **Rockland DCMC - James D.:** Changing format of their orientation as it is a lot of information to present
- **Manhattan DCMC - James T.:** All county officer are elected, Jane E. will be the speaker at their concept meeting the first week of the month
- **Queens DCMC - Maura Z.:** Will be doing "ask it basket" at their next assembly, concepts will be presented by rotating DCM's.
- **Sullivan DCMC - JOhn L.:** All officer positions are filled.
    - St. Patrick's Day dance on Sat, May 15th
- **Bronx/Upper Manhattan DCMC - Shawn K.:** All committee chair positions filled except for treatment facilities, CPC and Spanish liaison.
    - Planning Spiritual Breakfast and Share-a-Day events.
- **Nassau DCMC - JR B.:** Unity Breakfast will be on Feb 10th and they are dealing with some treasury concerns.
- **Suffolk DCMC - Heather K.:** Unity Breakfast will be on Feb 16th.
- **Staten Island DCMC - Ronnie B.:** Having the first county inventory in 5 years.
    - Spring Fling will ve held on March 14th, tickets are $10 pp.
- **Brooklyn DCMC - Eddie D.:** Working on reactivating districts, will be chartering a bus shared with Manhattan to go to the convention.
- **Hispanic District - Marcos C.** (Translated)**:** Meetings are held the second Saturday of the month, next meeting is Feb 8th and all are welcome
    - District members have verbalized needing guidance on immigration issues, they are working on motivating GSR's.

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