SENY Committee Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2025 | 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Area Officers	
Raj B.	Chair
Nisaa A.	Delegate
Paola A.	Alternate Delegate
Ray W.	Technology Officer
Justin K.	Registration Officer
Tom B.	Interim 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:

Interim Treasurer | Tom B.

- The 2025 comparative budget was discussed, which is to be presented and voted on at the June assembly.

Tech Officer | Ray W.

- Staten Island area was set up with SENY email account
- Will be holding office hours on the fourth Thursday of every month, starting on June 26th from 7 to 8 pm
- Currently working on streamlining processes to run more efficiently

Registration Officer | Justin K.

- New GSR registration has slowed down
- Working with the GSO to streamline process of getting new GSR kits sent out
- Will know if committee chairs or service officers receive packages from the GSO soon

Chair | Raj B.

- On April 26th he spoke at Sullivan County Spiritual Breakfast
- WIll conduct group inventory in Queens next week
- Registered for New York State Information Workshop (NYSIW)
- Will attend archives workshop on June 24th in the Rockaways

- Worked with Archive Chair to secure a larger and more affordable storage unit
- Collaborating with Tom as interim treasurer to finalize the SENY budget for next month's assembly

Delegate | Nisaa

- GSC ended two days ago, delegate's report will be a quick recap of the conference. Full report will be at the next assembly
- **Conference Highlights** The 75th General Service Conference focused on building spiritual trust. Sharing time was shortened, and Friday's session was extended for committee report-backs. Conference members engaged in small group inventory sessions throughout the week, offering a more personal and interactive approach to Conference functioning.

- **Understanding Conference Committee Actions:** Agenda items are assigned to Conference committees for review. Committees can respond in three ways:
    - **Committee Recommendation:** A formal motion sent to the full Conference for discussion and vote. If adopted, it becomes a Conference Advisory Action, which is the only type of committee action that goes to the floor for a vote.
    - **Committee Consideration:** A thoughtful reflection or suggestion recorded in the Final Report, not voted on by the Conference but intended to inform future work and guide trustees and staff.
    - **Take No Action:** The committee decides not to advance the item or make a recommendation

- **Committee Reports & Outcomes**
    - **Cooperation with the Professional Community (Agenda Item E):** The committee discussed informing professionals about A.A.'s role as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics but took no action due to duplicated efforts and no new compelling information to reverse a previous decision.
    - **Finance (Agenda Item A):** A request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action regarding the impact of inflation on contributions and the need for adjustments was discussed, but no action was taken. The committee noted that delegates have the autonomy to report financial information to help groups adjust contributions.
    - **Literature (Agenda Item J):** A recommendation to include the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays in "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" failed to achieve substantial unanimity.
    - **Literature (Agenda Item K):** A recommendation for the Trustees' Literature Committee to update the language and content of the book "Living Sober" was adopted as a Conference Advisory Action, with a progress report or draft manuscript expected by the 2026 Conference.
    - **Policy/Admissions (Agenda Item E):** A request for a super majority vote to change or amend Founders Literature was considered, but no action was taken. The committee emphasized the importance of the topic but felt developing a policy was premature before

defining what constitutes co-founders' writings. Joint meetings were held with the Report and Charter Committee to avoid overlaps.
    - **Report and Charter (Agenda Item B):** A recommendation to classify all AAWS and AA Grapevine literature prior to 1971 (as Recovery, Service, or Archival/Historical) and review policies for updating each classification was adopted as a Conference Advisory Action. A progress report is expected by the 2026 General Service Conference.
    - **Treatment and Accessibilities (Agenda Item D):** The newly revised service piece "Making the A.A. Message Accessible" (F-107), which includes sharing from neurodivergent alcoholics, was discussed, and suggestions were provided for future revisions.
    - **Trustees (Agenda Item F):** The committee reviewed a censure process proposal for the General Service Board but took no action after a robust discussion.
    - **Trustees (Agenda Item G):** A request to include the Lasker Award text from "A.A. Comes of Age" in the "Alcoholics Anonymous" book was discussed, and no action was taken.

- **Service Material vs. Literature**
    - Literature refers to core publications that require Advisory Actions for changes.
    - **Service Materials** (e.g., accessibility guides) are created by A.A. staff and can be updated without Conference approval, but Conference input is valued for shaping tone, clarity, and spiritual accuracy.

- **Delegate's Role & Future Reporting** The delegate was elected to serve as Chair of the Conference Committee on Trustees for the 2026 General Service Conference. Official materials from the 75th General Service Conference, including highlights, advisory actions, and financials, will be posted on the Delegate's Page at aaseny.org/delegate. The full delegate report will be presented at the Post-Conference Assembly on Saturday, June 14.

- **Floor Actions** A floor action is a motion made during the Conference that is not on the original agenda. One such motion, submitted by an Area 41, Nebraska AAer,, recommended that the 75th General Service Conference issue a censure against the General Service Board for reasons including contributing to resignations of experienced board members, ineffective communication, unacceptable trustee behavior, and undermining Concept VI. The motion directed the General Service Board to continue its inventory, focus on accountability, and report findings to the Conference. After over two hours of discussion, the motion did not receive substantial unanimity.

- **VII. SENY Area Highlights & Gratitude** SENY is described as an area of "willingness," eager to grow, adapt, and serve through technology, accessibility, workshops, and service events. Access and participation are prioritized, with all five Assemblies and Delegate's Day of Sharing held in a hybrid format, including simultaneous Spanish interpretation at all SENY Assemblies and Committee meetings. SENY's county-level structure covers twelve counties and a Hispanic district. Gratitude was expressed for Area 49 Hospitality Committee's work during Conference week, creating a joyful and welcoming atmosphere for guests.

Alternate Delegate | Paola A.

- Service Participation Meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, virtually. ID and password TBD.
    - Joy of service workshop is traditionally held twice a year, however, it's not in the SENY handbook
- WORCYPAA is planning a campout and would like to co-host the event with SENY planning campout.
- GSO is developing own protocols about how to handle ICE raids in AA meetings.
- Has collaborated with other alternate delegates to present how a Proposed Agenda Item becomes an Agenda Item in the "Schoolhouse Rock" style.
- **North East Regional Forum (NERF)** Would like to start planning the bid package to host North East REgional Forum (NERF) soon.
    - **What it is:** The Northeast Regional Forum is an annual "GSO roadshow" hosted by AAWS, occurring in the Northeast during odd years. It's fully GSO-funded and designed for transparency, allowing members to engage directly with GSO staff and trustees.
    - **Next Forum:** The next Northeast Regional Forum is in **December 2025**.
    - **SENY's Bid:** Alternate Delegate chairs the committee that bids for SENY to host. There's no cost to SENY if we host, as GSO covers expenses.
    - **Benefit of Hosting:** Having the forum locally makes it more accessible for Area 49 members to learn about GSO's activities, fostering transparency and engagement.
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Ad Hoc SENY Structure Committee Chair | Scott

- In the process of delving into SENY archives to become more familiar with how the SENY structure was developed. Past SENY handbooks, meeting minutes and Link newsletters are being reviewed.
- Creating a survey to be distributed in the late summer about how the area structure functions.
- Full participation from the entire area is imperative, committee members are still needed from the Bronx, Staten Island, and Westchester.

SENY Convention Treasurer | Kathie

- **Financial Summary:** The checking account currently holds **$17,577.60**. This amount includes:
    - **$6,000.00** in seed money.
    - **$1,745.00** in scholarship money.
    - **$9,832.60** in profit.
- **Recommendation for Funds Retention:** Kathie recommended that the profit of $9,832.60 remain in the convention account. This recommendation is based on the convention's revenue cycle, where more than half of registrations typically come in by March, while the final large hotel payment (approximately $30,000) is due in February. Keeping the funds in the convention account would

prevent unnecessary transfers between accounts. Details of the hotel contract are available upon request for background information.

- **Convention Success:** The convention was financially successful, with 828 registrations generating $25,676.00 in revenue. An additional $2,700.00 was received for scholarships. Detailed reports are available for review, and Kathie offered to answer brief questions.
- Motion was made to accept this report and seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

NERF Bid

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- A few meeting participants expressed their appreciation for NERF, stating that although it has a basic structure they found it very informative and generally a positive experience.

** A motion was made to extend the meeting until all reports were given, which was seconded. The motion failed to pass, as it required a two-thirds vote, and did not achieve the necessary majority. **

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