

#### **It's Conference Prepping Time!**

From the SENY Delegate- Panel 69

On February 14, I received the final agenda for the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. There are 97 items across the 13 General Service Conference Committees. The confidential background material was 1068 pages long.

The agenda items fall into three general categories: Review, Discuss, and Consider. "Review" often deals with advisory actions from previous General Service Conferences. "Discuss" falls closer to brainstorming within that particular Conference Committee. "Consider" generally asks that Committee to decide if an item will be sent for consideration by the General Service Conference as a whole. However, there is no strict definition or protocol, and nothing would prevent considering a "Review" item or reviewing a "Discuss" item. That being said, "considerations" usually should be at the level of policy for AA as a whole.

While I thought quite a few items would be of interest to AA members in SENY, the items that I have placed on this year's Delegate's Questionnaire are:

- Item 6 K- Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.
- Item 6 O- Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic".
- Item 4 A 3- Review the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix". Consider draft language related to the "virtual basket".
- Item 13 A- Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
- Item 8 I- Discuss a request "to create a new form of communication" to address anonymity on social media.
- Item 10 B- Consider request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook.
- Item 13 C- Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first time attendees.

Three of these items come from the two Conference Committees I serve on (Treatment and Accessibilities, and International Conventions/Regional Forums).

Final authority and ultimate responsibility for all of AA World Service should reside with the Groups. That's why I really hope that we have active participation and a robust response to the Delegate's Questionnaire. I want to go the General Service Conference as prepared as I can be!

In love, with service, (and in love with service), Jane E.

#### Your voice in *The Link*

Are you willing to share your experience, strength and hope about your service in A.A. at the group, district, county or area level? **The Link** is published ten times per year and welcomes articles from all AAs in our area. Please limit your article to 300 words, and email it to **link@aaseny.org** or mail it **c/o The Link Editor**, **P.O. Box 571**, **NY**, **NY 10116**. **Thanks!**  **Your SENY Office** 

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#### An Aspect of Service - Participation

Hello, Friends in Service! I wrapped up last month's article with the following thought: "Participation is essential in the AA service process, and it shows a special kind of gratitude: the kind of gratitude which helps to carry the message to the next drunk, and the next generation". Although I wasn't thinking about this month's article at the time, apparently I still had more to say.

I once heard a speaker say something like "you've given me a chance to participate in my own recovery". When I chose to start participating, I moved out of the bleachers and onto the field of play; I started taking responsibility for my own actions. That was certainly true in my recovery: when I stopped talking the talk and started walking the walk I went from being a dry drunk to someone who (usually) behaves in a sober, adult manner.

I believe with all my heart that the spirit of participation applies equally to service in A.A. When we take our Delegate's Questionnaire back to our groups, we have the chance to enroll them in the vision of A.A.'s future. When we step up to the microphone and share that vision at the Pre-Conference Assembly, we collectively say that our groups give a damn. And at the Post-Conference Assembly when the Delegate reports back to us, we know for certain that our group's voice was heard (even if the result was not what we hoped it would be).

In a world where many millions of people don't even have the right to say what's on their minds, members and groups of Alcoholics Anonymous can inform the General Service Conference of their thoughts, and perhaps their dreams, of what A.A. can and will be.

The Seventh Step Prayer talks about removing "every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows". In my opinion, our usefulness, whatever form it may take, is brought to life by our participation.

What do you say – shall we trudge the Service Road together?

In Love and Service,

Tom B., Alternate Delegate

Area 49, Panel 69

#### "Our Big Book for Service" Plus Step Three, Tradition Three, & Concept III

**Step Three** - Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.

**Tradition Three** - Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought AA membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together may call themselves an AA group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

**Concept III** - As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relationship between the groups, the Conference, the AA General Service Board and its several Service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership; it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of AA World Services with a traditional "Right of Decision."

#### **Our Big Book for Service - The AA Service Manual**

When I was barely over two years sober, I stayed for a business meeting at one of the meetings that my sponsor attended and I was tricked into becoming that group's GSR. I say tricked, but looking back it was the start of a wonderful life in Service that I did not know was available. It was necessary to start learning the Twelve Traditions at the county meetings. They talked sparingly about an AA Service Manual.

Over the years I have experienced the incredible information and historical wisdom that is between the pages of that manual. On the opening page of the manual it says: Concerning any given Service, we therefore pose but one question: Is this Service needed?' If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek AA.

AA has been fortunate enough to have many visionaries that have been able to see how important certain things and events would be to our survival. The piece regarding "Why we need a Conference" is one of them. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees at that time, and one of the architects of the General Service Conference, answered that in the opening talk of the 1954 meeting.

If you read that it will be hard for anyone to not deeply feel how, and why, the conference is needed. The manual goes on to introduce us to Service and its "upside down" organization. (AA Service Manual pg.S16)

The group and its GSR are explained, as well as the DCM and the districts. How an area and how an area committee functions are also explained. Next are the the delegate's duties, term of office, expenses, and qualifications, and the role of the alternate delegate.

There is a famous piece by Bill W. contained

within called "Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need." The General Service Conference and the Conference Committees are explained as well as the General Service Board and the General Service Office.

There is AA Grapevine and La Vina information and guidelines as to how "Our Meeting In Print" functions and operates.

Last but certainly not least, are the XII Concepts

for World Service as adopted by the 12th Annual General Service Conference of AA on April 26,1962. Therein you will see the Short and Long Forms of the XII Concepts, an introduction to them all and the Warrantees of the Conference in Concept XII.

Possibly in SENY's future we will see more workshops dedicated to this wealth of information and how we can continue to make sure that our "How it Works," "Why it Works," and " Because it Works" are available for those who don't know we are here for them.

Jerry R. Pass It On

## A Sneak Peek of our Upcoming SENY Convention Program:

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2		Social Media in AA	Anonimity / WRB Committee	Salon 2		Ray W	
3		Spanish		Salon 3		Lourdes	
4		Steps 1, 2 & 3	Trust God	Salon 4	Nassau Orange Putnam		
5		Vacant	Vacant	Irvington			
6		Grapevine/Link/Literature		Salon A		Chris & Sherry	
7		Intergroup Web	Web & Meeting Guide App	Salon B		Chris & Sherry	
8		Recovery	Who Is Missing In Our Room	Salon C	Queens Rockland Staten Island		
9		Vacant	Vacant	Gmd Bllrm D			
10		Vacant	Vacant	Gmd Bllrm E			
11		Recording /Secretary/Agenda /Registrar		Salon F		Regina Jeannette Mike	
12		Communication Audit		Salon G		Jane	
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16	Young People		Putnam	LICYPAA		
17	Al-Anon		Dutchess		Barbara Margaret	
18	Talleres De Al-Anon		Rockland			
19	Hospitality	All Day	Sleepy Hollow		Brian	
20	Hospitality	All Day	Pocantico	-	Brian	
21	AA Videos		Lynhurst		Tom B	
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2	Sponsorship Committee		Salon 2		Richie N.
3	Spanish		Salon 3		Lourdes
4	Steps 10, 11 & 12	Help Others	Salon 4	Queens Rockland Staten Island	
5	Archives		Irvington		Hank C
6	Struggling In Recovery	Try This	Salon A	Suffolk Sullivan Westchester	
7	Accessabilities		Salon B		Salīy
8	CPC / PI		Salon C		Laura G Mike D
9	Vacant	Vacant	Grnd Bllrm D		
10	Vacant	Vacant	Grnd Bllrm E		
11	Archive Workshop / Spanish Archives		Salon F		Hank G
12	Intergroup Web / Meeting Guide App		Salon G		Regan Paul
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## 2020 S.E.N.Y. Calendar

#### **Assemblies**

Saturday- April 4, 2020- Pre Conference -Queens County

Saturday- June 13, 2020- Post Conference Suffolk County

Saturday- September 12, 2020- Elections - Manhattan County

Saturday- November 14, 2020-

Area Inventory - Putnam County

#### **Committee Meetings**

All committee meetings are at the Church of the Holy Family, 2158 Watson Ave, Bronx N.Y. 10472, 7:30-9:30

Monday May 4, 2020 Monday June 1, 2020 Monday October 5, 2020 Monday November 2, 2020

Monday December 7, 2020

Other Incertant Dates

#### Other Important Dates- 2020

March 21-23, 2020- NERAASA March 13-15, 2020 NERD March 27-29, 2020- S.E.N.Y. Convention April 19-25, 2020 General Service Conference



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2020 New York State Informational Workshop Hosted by Area 50

# July 31, 2020-August 2, 2020

Daemen College 4308 Main Street Amherst, NY 14226

Next Planning Meeting

January 31, 2020 at 7PM The Hope Center 781 Maple Road Williamsville, NY 14221

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Light Dinner will be served!! Topics of Interest to ALL AA Treasurers discussed in lively Q & A format!

Guest Speakers: Geralda L - NSGS Treas. Jo Ann M - SENY Area 49 Treas. Jimmy M - Nassau Intergroup Treas.

WHERE: Nassau Intergroup, 361 Hempstead Tpke, West Hempstead, NY WHEN : Monday, March 16th, 2020 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

# WANTED:

**SENY Translation Chair** to form committees for translating and interpreting.

**Graphic designer** to assist in the production of *The Link*.



SAVE THE DATE! SOUTHEASTERN NEW YORK (SENY) AREA 49 ARCHIVES COMMITTEE PRESENTS

AN INSPIRING WORKSHOP IN AA ARCHIVES FOCUSING ON WHERE WE CAME FROM

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2020 10AM TO 4PM Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall 2158 Watson Ave., Bronx, NY 10472 Same location as the SENY committee meetings

Lunch will be served



Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always one condition present; they forget where they came from. Carl Sandburg

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Upcoming LINK Article/Flyer Submission Deadlines:

- 1. 3/18/20 for 4/4/20 Assembly.
- 2. 4/16/20 for 5/4/20 Committee Mtg.
- 3. 5/17/20 for 6/1/20 Assembly.

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Brooklyn (3rd Wednesday, monthly)	St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn, NY 11201	7:30 pm
Hispanic Districts (3rd Sunday, monthly)	Location rotates - please see aaseny.org or aacdhseny49.org each month	9:30 am
Manhattan (3rd Tuesday, every other month)	Seafarer's House, 123 East 15th Street, New York, NY 10003	6:30 pm
Nassau (3rd Monday, every other month)	Nassau Intergroup Office, 361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead, NY 11552	7:30 pm
Orange (3rd Tuesday, monthly)	First Presbyterian Church, Campbell Hall, Rte. 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916	7:00 pm
Putnam (2nd Tuesday, monthly)	Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 76 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512	7:00 pm
Queens (last Monday, every other month)	Saint Mary Gate of Heaven Church, 101-18 104th St., Queens, NY 11416	7:30 pm
Rockland (3rd Wednesday, monthly)	Room #107, #25 Smith Street, Nanuet, NY 10954	7:30 pm
Staten Island (2nd Sun.; no meeting May)	Oakwood Heights Community Church, 345 Guyon Ave, Staten Island, NY 10306	7:00 pm
Suffolk (3rd Friday, monthly)	True North Community Church, 1101 Lakeland Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716	8:00 pm
Sullivan (3rd Sunday, monthly except July & August)	Sullivan County Community College, 112 College Road , Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759	3:00 pm
Westchester (3rd Wednesday, monthly)	Memorial Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605	7:30 pm
Standing Committee Meetings & Workshops	Please visit www.aaseny.org for the most up-to-date information	
Accessibility/Special Needs Committee	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	TBD
Archives Advisory Committee	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave., #201, New York, NY 10001	1:00 pm
Corrections Committee (3rd Saturday, monthly)	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	3-5:00 pm
PI & CPC Joint Committee Meeting (Sundays: 10/20/19, 11/17/19, 12/22/19)	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	12:00 pm
Treatment Facilities Committee (last Sunday, monthly)	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	10:30 am
12 Concepts of World Service Workshop (1st Wed., monthly)	Trinity Lower East Side, 602 E 9th St., New York, NY 10009	8:15 pm
SENY Service Participation Meeting	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201, New York, NY 10001	7:00 pm
SENY Convention Planning Meeting	TBD	7:00 pm
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