



Concept IX: (short form) “Good Service leaders together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety.”

September 12th, 2020 will mark a historic day in our Flying Blind Period 2.0: our first ever virtual SENY elections for Panel 71 (2021-2022) Area 49, Southeastern New York (SENY) Officers. Now’s a good time for reflection on our Ninth Concept, the position descriptions found in our [SENY Handbook](#) , and, our responsibility as members to elect the best possible leaders. Bill W. explains this beautifully in “Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need”, which may be found in our [AA Service Manual](#).

Hopefully, we’re mindful that our Districts, Counties, area wide Hispanic Distrito, and Area exist to provide a delegate to the annual General Service Conference to carry the voice of the AA groups.

These elections will have the Spiritual Spectator Room (for all AA members), the Spiritual Voting Room (for voting members of SENY) and the Serenity Sentinel Room. The Serenity Sentinel Room is where SENY past delegates assist if questions, for example, voting eligibility arise. The Serenity Sentinel room is the virtual equivalent of the way SENY past delegates assist in all SENY face to face elections. All “rooms” will see the elections’ events. Information about the elections can be found if you scroll down on our elections page, and, on [the “From the Delegate” page](#).

It’s crucial for voting members of SENY to pre-register here: [elections page](#), and you will find the agenda as well. Non-voting members do not have to pre-register. It is strongly suggested for everyone to download the Zoom app, or, update the Zoom app if you already have it. In the spirit of Tradition 6, SENY is not endorsing a particular platform. In 2018, SENY informed the Body of the address and directions for which train & stop to use for our face to face elections. It was held at Lehman College. We were not endorsing Lehman College, that’s just where it was held. These first ever virtual SENY elections are being held on the Zoom platform, we are not endorsing Zoom, that’s just where it is held. The directions are: 1) Spiritual Voting members, please pre-register 2) all AA members, please download the Zoom app, or, update it if it’s already on your device.

We can expect to hear a timed two-minute service resume for those who make themselves available for each officer position. Unlike many resumes, the candidate is not “selling” anything; instead, the candidate provides information about their AA service experience so the voting members may make an informed decision. Bill W. is clear that an AA election is not a popularity contest; hearing service resumes is one way we practice principles before personalities.

I look forward to seeing you on September 12 as we make even more AA history!

Thank you for my life.

Jane E.

Area 49, SENY Delegate, Panel 69 (2019-2020)

Your voice in <i>The Link</i>	Your SENY Office
<p>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!</p>	<p>Visit: 1231 Lafayette Ave. Suite L2 Bronx, NY, 10474</p> <p>Send mail: P.O. Box 571, New York, NY 10116</p> <p>General inquiries: info@aaseny.org</p> <p>Call: 718-665-1253</p>

Two Aspects of Service – Tolerance and Responsibility

Hello, A.A. Members. Since I zeroed in on Concept IX in April and May, let's talk about those other two critical attributes needed "among our leaders of AA Services at all levels". In my May Link article I suggested that "flexibility" is a thing of the present, whereas "vision" is a thing of the future. I will now suggest that the other two attributes, "tolerance" and "responsibility" are beyond a timeline: they are the very essence of leaders.

Many of us are coming to the end of our two year rotations. Your officers, standing committee chairs, DCMs and DCMCs, the majority of GSRs and their alternates will rotate out at the end of 2020.

Elections will be held in SENY, your county, and your district, and in each case you, as an AA Member, will use "tolerance, responsibility, flexibility and vision" as a large part of your own criteria for choosing the best servant leaders/trusted servants that you can. Please remember: at any level, those who offer themselves are not "running for office", they are "standing together," and "available to serve".

Tolerance and responsibility will (and should) be a big part of your decisions over the next few months in the selection of those trusted servants. As AA Members you understand what Bill W. meant when he said: "Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety".

When you appreciate and respect the job that anyone in AA is doing, ask yourself if these two qualities are present – they probably are.

One last thought: You will note that I used the phrase "AA Member(s)" in each of the paragraphs above. Why? Because, in the words of a past delegate (Vera) from Oregon, and shared by our current delegate Jane, the most important job in AA is being an AA Member. As you choose the next rotation at each level, that may be the ultimate qualification.

May none of us ever, ever lose sight of that.

In Love and Service,
Tom B., Alternate Delegate
Area 49-SENY, Panel 69

Concept of the Month- Concept IX

"Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety.

Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees."

September A.A. History

September 9, 1975 - Jack Alexander, author of Saturday Evening Post dies.

September 11, 2001 - 30 Vesey St, New York, AA's first office was damaged during the World Trade Center attack.

September 13, 1937 - Florence R, 1st female in AA in New York.

September 17, 1954 - Bill D, AA #3 dies.

September 21, 1938 - Bill W. and Hank P. form Works Publishing Co.

September 24, 1940 - Bill W. Twelve Steps Bobbi V. who replaced Ruth Hock as his secretary in NY.

September 30, 1939 - Morris Markey runs a story of AA, "Alcoholics and God."

September 30, 2003 - Searcy W. dies, sober for 20,962 days. (57.4 years!)

September, 1948 - 1st issue of the Grapevine published in "pocketbook form".

Virtual, Virtual, Virtual.

When the Covid 19 Pandemic hit all of us earlier in the year, I initially panicked when the quarantine was implemented and thought of how are we going to carry this life-saving message, and selfishly, how was I to get the message that has saved me from myself. My homegroup was closed down as were almost all groups, and many events were cancelled or postponed. The SENY Convention was cancelled and then the General Service Conference was held virtually and so on.

I am so grateful for a fellowship that can find a way to continue to keep us connected with each other and keep us from going back to our old way of living when a pandemic like this hits as it did this year. I don't remember being on an online meeting before and had to start from scratch like many of you, and the result has been surprising to say the least. Joining the virtual platform and learning to navigate around has been a thrill and I have been able to experience the digital world on any format or topic near and far. Many new terms to learn: "Mute," and "unmute," "video on," "video off," "Participants," "Chat," "Screen Sharing," "Host," etc. To highlight it all, SENY is electing its new Officers for 2021 and 2022 virtually September 12, 2020.

What a gift.
Pass It On
Jerry R.- SENY Chair

Story of the Passing of a Trusted Servant

Antonio the Queens Intergroup Chair passed away last month while in the hospital after a lengthy illness. It was a tough loss. We were doing a lot of collaborating between our different Intergroup offices over the last year or so. He would come to our meetings and events and I would go to his office to advise them. He was amazed by our 24 Hour Hotline and the fact that our office with volunteers was open seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm. I was privileged to be able to drive him home and discuss AA events in Nassau, Queens, and SENY, and I found him to be a man of Service to all of AA.

We went to the Intergroup Seminar last September and whenever we spoke about each other and our respective intergroups there was respect for each other and AA as a whole. Prior to his passing, he had given up all his commitments in February and told everyone it was for personal reasons. He was the CPC/PI Chair for Queens General Services, Queens Intergroup Chair, Entertainment Chair for The SENY Convention, and Alt Intergroup Delegate of the Northeast Region for the Intergroup Seminar; and it was very good to know him! I was very unhappy to hear of his passing away!

I was asked to share in (South East New York Area 49) SENY's history book about Nassau County's participation in Long Island Spirituality through Service (LISTS). LISTS started on June 6, 2010. The event was a Nassau General Services workshop with combined Nassau, Queens, and Suffolk Participation. It was funded by the three counties and continues to be held as a SENY Workshop funded by the Counties who now Participate. They include Brooklyn, the Hispanic Districts, Nassau, Queens, and Suffolk. This was a very new kind of workshop that shows how in Service to AA we find our own Spirituality through working together. There were Meditation Meetings as well as a video tribute to AA participation after 9/11 when there was a great need for meetings in NYC.

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South Eastern New York Area 49 of Alcoholics Anonymous

Mark Your Calendar

53rd SENY Convention

Start: March 05, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Ends: March 07, 2021 @ 12:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous
53rd SENY CONVENTION AREA 49 - 2021



AA IN A TIME OF CHANGE

Convention Highlights

Speaker Meetings • Dynamic Panels and Workshops • Alkathon Meetings • AA Videos Workshops in Spanish • All main Meetings Will be Translated into Spanish • Long-Timer's Meeting • Entertainment • LGBTQ+ • AI-Anon / Alateen Young People in AA • Hospitality room • Much more



2020 WHAT A YEAR! OUR FELLOWSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC



VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
HOSTED BY SENY ARCHIVES

SATURDAY 10/10/2020 AT 10 AM - 1 PM

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Please be advised of the following LINK
publication deadline schedule of submissions
for the balance of 2020:

1. 8/26/2020 produced at the election assembly.
2. 9/16/2020 produced at the October 5th committee meeting.
3. 10/4/2020 produced at the November 2nd committee meeting.
4. 11/18/2020 produced at the December 7th committee meeting.

County General Service Meetings Please visit www.aaseny.org for the most up-to-date information

Bronx-Upper Manhattan (2nd Wed. every other even mn.)	Bedford park Congregational Church, 3008 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458	7:00 pm
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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