

SENY ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Serenity Prayer – Love is Love Jeff

SENY Statement of Purpose – Lucas

Serenity Prayer in Spanish – Jorge

SENY Statement of Purpose in Spanish - Jessica

Opening Remarks

Approval of November Assembly Meeting Minutes – APPROVED.

Treasurer's Report – Rich S treasurer@asesny.org

The December and Year End financial statements as well as the 2021 proposed budget were presented at the January 4th SENY Committee Meeting and the Committee approved the reports and adopted the budget. We'll display them here today for your review. I won't go through them in depth but I will point out significant items and briefly explain the methodology we employed in creating the budget.

Not a lot of activity during the month of December – we had approximately:

- \$10,000 in revenue from Contributions
- \$10,600 in Operating Expenses, including \$4,300 for the printing of the revised SENY Handbook.
- \$50,000 contribution down the triangle to GSO which has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds were excess revenues after expenses which had been accumulated over the past few years and are apart from our Prudent Reserve. The decision to make the contribution was made at an Officers' meeting attended by both the Panel 69 outgoing officers and the Panel 71 incoming officers and it was unanimous.

As for the year end, it is obvious that 2020 was not a normal year as the COVID-19 pandemic essentially shut down all in person activities after the Delegate's Day of Sharing in early March. Despite that, our Revenues held up pretty well with Contributions of over \$103,000 and total revenues equaling 83.4% of the budgeted amount.

Total operating expenses, however, were significantly below budget at 51.2%, yielding a net operating surplus for the year of \$5,600 which was reduced to a net deficit of \$44,365 after we made the contribution to GSO.

Our ending cash balance for the year which we carry forward into 2021 was \$21,144 and our Prudent Reserve was \$127,073 or 7.73 months.

The 2021 Budget was a bit of a challenge as we needed to plan for a year which would be virtual at least through June and, then, hopefully back to in person activity in the second half of the year.

As a not for profit, we need to present a balanced budget which we have. We referred to the 2019 and 2020 actual results and met with the Officers and Committee Chairs to determine what they estimated their needs to be and developed a budget with “blended” numbers which we believe to be realistic and achievable. But, it is only a projected budget and can be amended if necessary as we move through the year.

Among the highlights are projected Group Contributions of \$110,000 which is an average of what we received for the past three years. The total budget is \$144,593 after we include our opening cash balance, 7th Tradition Contributions and Literature Sales.

Expenses are conservative estimates that are generally down from the 2020 budget, reflecting the hybrid year we anticipate. The primary exception is Tech and Communication expense which is up due to increased expense incurred in switching to the virtual platform and the addition of new positions created by the restructuring approved last year. We also included increased funding for two Assemblies later in the year. Assemblies have been budgeted at \$4,000 each but we increased that to \$6,000 as we expect to need larger venues in order to comply with social distancing requirements which will probably be more costly.

The prudent reserve remains at \$127,000 but, with the reduction in budgeted expenses, it is now projected at 10.5 months – well above our target of 7.5 – 8 months – and providing an ample cushion if we encounter unexpected events.

In short, we came through 2020 in good shape and have ample reserves if needed in 2021 so we will continue to be able to support our groups via our SENY services and programs.

One additional point, 2021 is off to a good start as we have received contributions of \$12,676 through January 15th which is 11% of the total yearly budget in just half a month.

If you have any additional questions after our discussion, please feel free to reach out and I will be happy to discuss this further. Thank you.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s report, 2nd:

Motion passes

Introduction of New GSRs – Over 150 people introduced themselves

New DCMC Intro/County & Hispanic District Reports

Melissa – DCMC Suffolk – Unity breakfast March 14th 9am-1pm free registration, but you have to pre-register <https://aasuffolks-ny.org/2021-unity-breakfast/>

Laura G- Bx Upper Manhattan – Next meeting is Feb 10, it is virtual at 7pm

Marty – Nassau DCMC – Highly recommend reading the January edition of The Link to find out how to be effective in current times. This past Monday we had a Concepts 1 & 2 workshop, all Concepts workshop are listed at <http://events.aaseny.org/events>

Next Nassau County General Service meeting is Feb 15th at 7:30pm, orientation starts at 7pm

Nassau County 36th Unity Breakfast - June 27th - first time it will be virtual

Brian C- DCMC Staten Island – Next meeting is Sunday 2/14 at 7pm, Gail W is going to make presentation and Delegate Tom B will also be attending

Larry- DCMC Manhattan - next meeting will be March 16th, 3rd Tuesday of every other month.

Jeff- DCMC Sullivan County -we haven't had regular meetings yet

Bert – DCMC Queens- next meeting is Feb 22, meet on the last Monday of the even months.
<http://qcgsa.org/>

Kevin- DCMC Westchester – had our first meeting this past Wednesday , monthly meetings are hybrid

John L DCMC Putnam County – <https://putnamcountynya.org/> we meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Brigitte Alternate DCMC Brooklyn County – we have our first meeting Jan 27th , we are meeting on 4th Wed of the Month at 7:30pm. It is on the AA seny calendar

Eric O-DCMC Orange County – Had a meeting this past Tuesday, hybrid. Going to have a follow up meeting this Tuesday.

Jorge R– Hispanic District CMDC – there were 2 meetings, had our first assembly with good attendance, participation is good, now at this assembly there are 5 mcids and also a past DCM. The Hispanic community is motivated to participate, we hope to count with your support

Standing Committee Reports

Gail – CPC I've met with the Tech committee to discuss having CPC be more of a virtual presence to both AA members and the professional communities, specifically requesting consideration for a landing page on the SENY website. I believe that this vision will be moving forward. The CPC landing page will be for

professionals and AA members to facilitate both information gathering and retrieval and to increase the possibility of AA as a valued resource for the professional communities.

I've reached out to all Area DCMCs to make myself available to attend their general service meeting(s) to briefly share on CPC and encourage participation. I'm booked for one county and a couple of DCMCs have expressed interest. I am also available for Area, county and district workshops. Do you know the percentage of people that do not know AA exists or the number of Doctors that don't believe alcoholism is a disease? Invite me to share on CPC and that will be some of the stunning information I will bring, along with ideas to help change these statistics.

I have attended the national CPC/PI committee and was blown away by the information and united vision we hold. I also met virtually with the chair of this committee to discuss a near future Area workshop and to review the CPC presentations and discuss new and out-of-the-box ideas.

We held our first CPC/PI committee meeting this week on January 21st. We brainstormed how to get more Area and fellowship involvement, as well as reaching out to the professional and public communities with our vital 12th step work.

Our next CPC/PI meeting will be Thursday, February 18th from 7-8 pm virtually on the Zoom platform: 998 938 7641 (PW: 714921).

Chris – SENY Intergroup Liason- we had our first meeting and it was nicely attended

Paola – PI next meeting is Feb 18th 7pm BE THERE

We met jointly with CPC for the first time on Thursday, January 21st (2 days prior to assembly). We had a somewhat decent showing. Had representatives from Staten Island, Suffolk, Putnam and YPAA (*calling out other counties...*). Because there were no requests directed at SENY PI during COVID in 2020, we discussed drafting a fun, attractive blurb to announce at AA meetings letting people know that we would appreciate any leads on places that could want our service. We are also looking for A LOT of volunteers to do easy service (literally do one PI event if they are even available when one is requested). We are also going to reach out to county and intergroup web chairs throughout SENY to discuss ways to implement SEO.

Hank G- Treatment Facilities Chair – The outgoing chair Ed, has briefed me thoroughly on the duties of my position, and introduced me to people I will be working with. I have set up a contact list with treatment facility folks throughout Southeastern New York. I am still reaching out to DCMCs, asking for contact information for your Treatment facility chair people.

On Jan. 14th I attended a Bridging the Gap meeting with NY Intergroup. Bridging The Gap, The program whereby people leaving treatment facilities request temporary AA contacts to bring them to their first meetings. Bridging The Gap is set up and running in most counties in our area. Bridging The Gap requests have been slowed down during the COVID era. NY Intergroup has a google hot line in place and ready to respond on an instant's notice.

I am excited to have this opportunity to help get AA to return to carrying the message to treatment facilities, be it via virtual meetings, or when the time is right personal face-to-face meetings. On March 6th, at the SENY convention from 330PM Corrections Chair, Lucas and myself are hosting Corrections and Treatment Facilities "Outreach in a changing world". Come see us.

The next virtual Treatment Facilities meeting of SENY will be next Wednesday 730-830 pm

ID and passcode are on the SENY calendar.

Annabel- Accessibility Chair

Schedule

- 2nd Thursday of alternate months (Jan-Mar-May-Jul-Sep-Nov) from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m
- Special meeting 2/11/21 (7:30 - 8:30 p.m.) to discuss upcoming workshop for SENY Convention
- All meetings will be held virtually until further notice

Our first committee meeting for Panel 71 was held virtually on 1/14/21:

Participants expressed a collective interest in providing greater access to AA resources for individuals who face challenges related to technology (the "Digital Divide"), remote geographical access (which includes institutionalization), and/or physical limitations.

In addition, lack of diversity at certain AA meetings was cited as a possible indicator of inaccessibility. Of particular interest is a desire to assist older members of AA. One plan we may pursue involves distribution of The Grapevine to people who have difficulty accessing AA meetings.

JOIN US TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Kingsley – Literature Chair – I am available to drive and deliver literature, New book set release date of February 14th. Encourage people to visit the online bookstore or send me an email if they wished to order the books from me. Thank you

Keith – Seny Service Sponsorship Chair

1. The Service Sponsorship Committee will meet on the last Sunday of every month for a Rotating Speaker / Tradition / Concept Meeting plus a round robin "Ask It Basket" for DCMC / DCM / GSR service questions and solutions. A time to share service experience, strength, and hope. All A.A. members may attend. The first Meeting is Sunday, January 24 th from 4 – 5PM. John W, Delegate, Panel 67 (2017-2018), Area 49, Southeastern New York (SENY) will be speaking on Tradition 1. Details and meeting information is posted on the SENY Events calendar.

2. The Service Sponsorship Committee will be working to develop an up-to-date database of available Service Sponsors to connect with those seeking Service Sponsors. We will be setting up a simple Sign-Up Form using TypeForm on the SENY Website for ease in registering and collating contact information.
3. Available (along with my orientation duties at Committee and Area 49 Assemblies) to speak on all aspects of service to any group who requests the Service Sponsorship Committee's help. Please reach out at sponsorship@aaseny.org.
4. To be a resource and information conduit for the Three Legacies to all SENY Area 49 trusted servants of Recovery, Unity, and Service.
5. Working with all the Counties in SENY Area 49 as an umbrella to their Service Sponsorship Chairs, Liaisons, DCMCs, DCMs, and GSRs.

Mary – Link Editor

The January edition of The Link is out virtually! And it's the new revamped Panel 71 edition that I put a lot of effort into designing so please check it out! You can find it by visiting AASENY.org and clicking on the page for The Link. I am currently in the process of printing and mailing to the people still subscribed via mail. No other print editions are being made at this time, since distribution would normally take place at our in-person assemblies, but if you would really like to get your hands on some print versions in the future for your in-person meetings or Intergroup offices please let me know. I'm working with the Web Chair, Claire, to add a subscribe button on the page for The Link, in order to make it easier for people to access virtually.

I've assembled a small editing team and we are following the SENY style guide, so if you're wondering why your sign off looks different at the bottom of your article -- this is why! All officers, please check the back page for contact info and make sure your name and title are correct. I copied the committee meeting info from the calendar on the website, so if that is incorrect or needs to be updated please email agenda@aaseny.org

I've been getting quotes for new printers in my area, as well as the cost of stuffing and labeling envelopes. Previously, the stuffing, labeling, and mailing of 470 newsletters was done by a volunteer, but it's a lot of effort and takes 3 weeks to complete. This sounds unsustainable and Saadi has already been doing it for 3 years, so I've been looking for something more economical that definitely fits the budget. I'll report back next month with numbers for the committee's review and guidance.

Next month's theme is "Love & Tolerance in Service" and the deadline to submit articles is 2 weeks from now, February 6th, with a distribution date of February 20th.

Thank you to Jim, Jerry, Jo Ann, Nisaa, and anyone else who helped make this transition as painless as possible.

Lucas- Corrections Chair

After attending our Committee meeting and making introductions the month has been spent getting our Area ready what will be a focus on managing our pre-release program and corrections correspondence program.

We held our first SENY Corrections meeting which was fairly well attended and discussed the prerelease program with our friends from Westchester, Suffolk, Manhattan and Area 47. I have also reached out to the Area Chairs of 48 and 50 to see where we can have a regular quarterly virtual meeting to regulate the progress of our statewide best practices and sharing of information as we look to improve the logistics related to the AA pre-release program in New York State. We will also be arranging a call with our contact at the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to see where we can improve our relations with the State which is a big supporter of Alcoholic Anonymous.

I have also been making arrangements with Hank our Area Treatment Chair to host our Corrections and Treatment workshop – ‘Outreach in a Changing AA World’ which will take place at 3:30pm on Saturday March 6th in the Bronze Room during the Late Program at the SENY Convention.

I have also registered for NERAASA to get involved in the Corrections roundtables and look forward to seeing all of you there!

In addition I have been attending my regular National Corrections Call with fellows from around the country most Sundays where we share information and best practices on all matters corrections. There is a hope that a 2021 National Corrections Conference will take place in New Orleans this year. For more

information you can go to: nationalcorrectionsconference.org

The Winter edition of Sharing Behind the Walls – AA’s Correction’s newsletter is out now – see this link: https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_us/f-97_winter_2020.pdf

I will be doing my best to attend some of the various County and Area virtual service meetings over the next few months to introduce myself and also see where can assess our Grapevine and literature presence in our jails and prisons throughout our Area.

My phone number is 718 809-7425.

Jeffrey- Archives Chair – meeting is 2nd Monday of the month

Senyhistory.org – you can see our new digital archive history book. We have a slot at the Convention coming up, please come check us out. We are going to start meeting the first Friday of the month at 6pm. Feb 6th.

Vicky- Agenda chair – I sent out an email to all the Standing Committees and to all DCMC's about information needed for posting on the SENY calendar; if they were meeting during the summer months; and if they plan to hold workshops to please send the flyers in a PDF or Jpeg file. if you have any questions you can email me at agenda@aaseny.org

Jessica – Please remember to e-mail me your reports before the meetings. secretary@aa-senya.org

Kimbley- Grapevine/La Vina Chair –

I am happy and privileged to serve as the Grapevine/LaVina Chair. I am eager to get to know all trusted servants and begin to spread the good news about the Grapevine and LaVina.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 I cannot get out now to do the wonderful service work of coordinating exhibits, selling Grapevine and LaVina, attending Share-A-Days, spiritual breakfast, area conventions...however there is still much work to do. The committee will meet for the first time in February. All are welcome to attend and become a part of the committee. At that time, the committee will discuss the upcoming SENY Convention and a writer's workshop.

I encourage all to explore the Grapevine link at aagrapevine.org and for suggested Grapevine reps register through that link for their service commitment.

Looking forward to adapting and exploring news ways to outreach to members and service committees.

Larry- AD Hoc Finance Chair- Attended a couple of tech workshops, and awaiting assignment from Chair.

Convention – Katie W

Happy New Year and congratulations to all the incoming service folks. Thank you for your service.

My name is Kathie, I am an alcoholic, my home group is the Patchogue Group in Suffolk County and I currently serve as your SENY Convention Chair. The 2021 SENY Convention will be held March 5-7 virtually. The theme of this year's convention is ***AA In a Time of Change***.

We'll have:

- Theme meetings presented by the counties and standing committees of SENY
- Anon and Alateen
- Young People in AA
- Spanish Speaking meetings
- Alkathon meetings
- Entertainment
- Friday night speakers from GSO and Alanon (translated)
- Lunch hospitality will be Birds of a feather (common interest rooms)
- Long Timers on Saturday afternoon (translated)
- Theme panel meeting "AA In A Time of Change" (translated)
- Saturday evening Dinner hospitality will be Dinner With
 - GSO (General Service Office employees)
 - Class A Trustees (non-alcoholic volunteers on the General Service Board)

- Delegates (Your past and present Delegates to the General Service Conference)
- Alanon Family groups
- Sobriety countdown
- Key Note Speaker (translated)
- Sunday AM Spiritual speaker (translated)

There are also service opportunities, we need tech volunteers. The sign-up sheet is on the SENY Website or click on the link in the chat. <https://tinyurl.com/seny-conv-volunteer-form> The meet and greet and training will be on Saturday, February 5th from 2-4pm so that volunteers have what they need to do the job we're asking them to do. We will be recording the training for volunteers that can't make it on Saturday.

The cost for Registration is \$20 for the whole weekend. We would like you to register early so we can be sure licensing will cover all registrants. As of yesterday, we had 152 people registered. If you want to provide a scholarship, you may pay for additional registration and put the word "Scholarship" in the space asking for your guests first and last name. You can register on the SENY Website or click on the link in the chat <https://tinyurl.com/seny-convention>

There is a Program planning committee meeting on February 7th and a Convention planning committee meeting on February 8th. Details and flyers are on the SENY Calendar at aaseny.org All are welcome.

Let's get this party started! Are there any questions?

Q: How do you pay for a scholarship?

You register for the convention with first and last name, and there is a place where you put name of your guest and there you would put "scholarship"

Break – 30 minutes

Tom B - Delegate

Good afternoon / Buenas tardes... I have the privilege, the honor, and the joy of serving as your Panel 71, Area 49 SENY Delegate! Welcome.

SENY Committee is made up of your DCMs and DCMCs; standing Committee Chairs; five officers and the Recording Secretary; and Past Delegates. SENY Committee = *business* of the Area. Area Assembly = *spiritual* side of GS.

Our Area Assembly = members of the Committee + GSRs. [screenshare the Structure of the Conference, aka upside-down service triangle.

A.A. Groups sit at the top of the structure. A.A. Member is most important title. Concept I: “The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship”. The group is vital.

The voice of the group is carried by the GSR. The Area Delegate carries the group’s voice to the General Service Conference, where decisions and policies are discussed and made.

Everything we do in the Area supports the groups. The Delegate serves every A.A. member in SENY. The Delegate carries the voices of the groups to the General Service Conference.

Special Area process: Delegate’s Day of Sharing on March 20th and Pre-Conference Assembly on April 10th. Most important for GSRs to attend.

7 to 10 Conference agenda items will make up the Delegate’s Questionnaire. Take back to your group for discussion, to get the group’s conscience.

At the Delegate’s Day of Sharing background material will be presented. The group’s conscience will be heard by discussing the questions.

At the Pre-Conference Assembly, GSRs will make their group’s conscience known to the Area and Delegate. Delegate will be fully informed, and other groups will have more information for discussion.

“Informational” portion of my report follows – available, just ask.

- The other four Area 49 officers are a dream team.
- The theme for the 71st General Service Conference is “A.A. in a Time of Change”. My Committee assignment is CPC.
- ·Make it a regular practice to visit aaseny.org, especially Calendar / Events and From The Delegate, including new button: “What’s New” at aa.org.

Effect of the pandemic on literature sales at aa.org:

- Final 2020 draw-down was \$4.0M, vs. \$4.5M authorized.
- Prudent reserve remains at 7-8 months of expenses.
- The Fellowship rally: contributions were north of \$10M.
- Figures are as yet unaudited, but pretty reliable.

Extract of Delegate’s first report to the SENY Committee January 4th:

Vision of what we can strive for over the next two years:

1. *Help the Fellowship better understand that General Service is relevant...*
2. *Make sure that we retain what we’ve learned about using technology, with no one is left behind for lack of access.*
3. *Become fully informed on Tradition 7; what “self-supporting” means.*

4. *To use the tools available to all of us, both from SENY and from aa.org.*
5. *Focus on healing in the Area, both before and after the onset of Covid-19.*
6. *Tradition 3: "the only requirement", tolerance, acceptance & inclusion.*

Listening, a challenge and a commitment.

"Listen as if I want you to change my mind" – be open-minded, acknowledge the other person's view. Challenge for all of us, the words of Dr. Bob's farewell talk: "Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words "love" and "service." We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind."

Honoring those in attendance right now. As a GSR, you have the right to expect a high level of support. Delegate's commitment to make sure service journey is positive, satisfying, valuable and fun.

GSR is the voice of the group, and the group's link to the A.A. Service Structure.

Questions:

Q: Delegates day of sharing, delegate questionnaire, when is that going to be available to everyone?

A: Will be available shortly before delegates day of sharing. Will get it out before so not everyone is surprised at delegates day of sharing

Q: Will Tom be serving on a secondary committee in addition to the CPC committee? Jane was on accessibility and secondary was international conventional on regional service.

A: I have no secondary, I will focus on CPC but also whatever the area/groups are interested in.

Alternate Delegate – JoAnn M

Hello everyone my name is JoAnn and I am an definitely an alcoholic, privileged to serve as Area 49's Alternate Delegate. I want to welcome all the new trusted servants to service below the group level. We say below because in our upside-down triangle Tom screen shared, the groups are at the top and all other service is below the group.

The alternate delegate is an assistant to the delegate and the most important responsibility is I must be available and prepared to attend the General Service Conference if the Delegate is unable. After being elected to this position and before the new rotation started; as the incoming liaison to the Hispanic districts I was able to attend the Hispanic districts monthly Asemblea for the past four months. I am also the liaison to the YPAAs (Young People in AA) In our area there are 3 YPAA committees, Long Island (LICYPAA), NYC (NYCYPAA) and Westchester, Orange & Rockland (WORCYPAA). So far I have attended at least one meeting with each committee. I was also honored this past Sunday to moderate at the NYCYPAA group Inventory Meeting. I have visited at a few of the County assemblies and welcome

more invitations to County and committee meetings. Another of my responsibilities is the Chair of the Service Participation meetings which is a meeting for the DCMCs of each county to get together and discuss questions, issues, challenges, and ways to increase participation as described on our handbook. The first meeting will be on the third Thursday of February which is February 18 th . I will send the meeting information out to the DCMCs soon. The meeting is normally held on months where there is not an assembly. I wrote my first article for the LINK as Alt Delegate. I have attended quite a few NERD (North East Regional Delegate) and NERAD (North East Regional Alt Delegate) meetings which are chaired by our Northeast Regional Trustee where we are beginning to receive information about the upcoming General Service Conference. I am available for group inventories and I am looking forward to serving this rotation. Thank you!

Area Chairperson – Nisaa A

- All SENY meetings will be virtual through June meetings
- Breakout room for workshops were successful and we will continue to have them at future assemblies.
- Please check out the SENY calendar at aaseny.org for all the SENY happenings.
- Delegates day of sharing is coming up
- Anyone can participate in service committees (CPC, PI, Archives, etc.) You don't have to hold a position to attend the meetings.
- I'm available for group inventories

Questions

Q: Can we leave breakout rooms open?

A: we can keep breakout rooms open until 9:50pm

Q: In the past we have done 2 votes for proposed budget and end of year financial budget. But we only did a vote for passing the treasurer's report.

Motion to approve 2021 budget, 2nd. Motion passes.

Minority Opinion – 2 people voted no – No minority opinion.

Motion passes

Technology & Communications Officer (TCO) – Mike O

The Registration Chair and Email Chair have been very busy, thanks Justin and Derrick. Things are settling down. County registrars have been trained; however, we are making some updates to AirTable and Mailchimp to simplify the process, as both have improved tools since we adopted them. We are looking into our data retention practices, as we are keeping information on individuals who are no longer in service. I will report back before we take any action. Claire is creating standing committee

pages on the website, although the process is taking longer than anticipated and may take several months. We are also looking into improving the Spanish-language materials for the website, with the hope of achieving parity. Lastly, we have not yet been able to fill the position of postal mailing coordinator.

Questions

Q: committee chairs will have our own page?

A: Webchair and myself and we will work on creating the webpages. It won't be up for the next couple of weeks

Q: What will agenda role be if each officer will have their own page?

A: Agenda will still be in charge of the calendar

Q Will there be a training on how to use AirTable?

A: It will be available to data entry people , registrar at county level and myself and Justine at the area table. There is a lot of data there, only certain people have access

Old Business -No old business

New Business – no new business

Ask it Basket-

1. What is the difference between DCM vs. DCMC?

AA Service Manual is the best service reference

Page S34 – Redistricting , 3rd bullet point

District Committee Member Chairperson (DCMC): A large district in a city or county may hold regular meetings led by DCMC who serves as the link between the district and the area. Within this large district, there are as many district subdivisions as needed to adequately serve the groups. Each of these may be called a subdistrict, local district, or zone. Each is served by a DCM who may hold regular meetings of GSRs. In some areas, these DCMs are voting members of the area committee and assembly, in some, they are not.

2. At annual seny convention, there are no votes? votes are only taking at district meetings, delegate day of sharing? Where do GSRs votes?

Convention is not in any way a voting convention. Time of fun and fellowship. Seny convention is not where business is transacted.

GSR has a vote at all assemblies, also has a vote at their district and also at their county level

No business at Delegates day of sharing – it's a place to exchange business

SENY handbook, article 4, make up of seny committee is, officers, past delegates, dcmc, dcm, and standing committee chair.

3. Will there be an orientation for new DCM's-

There are 2 orientations that happen during the term. At the committee level, happens before the committee meeting and also happens before assemblies.

If you are looking for service sponsor – last Sunday of every month (Service sponsor committee meeting)

4. How do I get a list of meetings in my district that are all zoom.

Go to your intergroup website. All the groups, make sure your homegroup updates with your intergroup so that it's updated. It should be stated if it's in person or virtual.

5. Should we be saying Virtual or Zoom?

We should say virtual and be careful not to endorse Zoom

6. What's a panel?

AA service manual – appendix D, S109 , whole section on conference panel

7. Where can I find previous minutes?

Archives section of SENY website

8. . Where can I find treasure/group budgeting/contribution info?

Handbook – description of the duty of treasurer

If you are a group treasurer or district treasurer, the groups are autonomous, so everyone doesn't have to do it the same way. The general way is to do them based on the literature.

9. How to get involved with CPC/PI?

Email CPC@aaseny.org , CPC chair is looking to do an area workshop within the next month, please encourage people to ask CPC chair to attend their meetings to explain what CPC is.

10. What does CPC stand for? Cooperation with Professional community. So many people don't know about AA.

11. How to submit for grapevine? Contact Grapevine rep- Kim G. grapevine@aaseny.org

12. Where can I find district number for Staten island?

Please come to next service meeting. DCMC@stantenislandaa.org

13. When do assembly meetings get posted? And when are they shared?

The most immediate way to get minutes, is a week before following assembly meeting. Typically you get them in SENY wide email. They are archived as well on SENY website

14. How do we make sure we are getting SENY emails?

When you sign up as a GSR, there is a form that you fill out and you opt into emails . That is then transferred to air table and into the appropriate mediums. If you are not getting emails from the area, send an email to registratin@aaseny.org. Sometimes because we use a variety of diff programs, there are some technical delays

Please check your spam filters, sometimes they get caught in your spam. Sometimes people register with secondary emails (for subscriptions) and forget to check that email.

15. Are we always going to have workshops before the assemblies?

Yes! We are open to suggestions.

16. We have a very small group of people willing to do service in Putnam. Is it ok if we extend service rotation for more than 2 years.

Tom B- Principle of Rotation (p. S24 - Service Manual): regular rotation so that new people can get exposed to service. Each group is autonomous, each county is autonomous, these are very different times, it's up to the county to decide. Sometimes it's not easy to get people in service. The rotation is to keep egos in check. We like to keep the rotations in sync with the Area rotations, so we are in sync. But the counties need to do what's best for them. Gray area in time of pandemic

John W- Each group is autonomous, but on page S105, part 8 of conference charter it is one of the few places that says shall instead of maybe. "Unless otherwise directed by the Conference, these terms of office shall all be concurrent and of two years' duration each" I would do everything you can to try to keep consistent with the charter conference and not extend the terms.

17. Do we have 7th tradition at the assembly?

QR code – you can also donate on SENY website

18. What are general guidelines, for an officer at a group to exercise right of decision without discussion before group of body

AA has no rules and lots of people to explain it

Concept 3- right of decision

As Delegate what I did, was to tell you what I was going to do, and there was an opportunity for people to come to me and tell me their opinion. Depending what the item is, tell your group the action vs. asking for permission.

We will talk about right of decision at length at pre conference agenda

If your question was not answered we are saving it and we will answer it at a later time

Close- motion to close at 1:45pm

****NOTES FROM THE CHAT****

Tom B sends important dates in the chat:

All on seny calendar at aaseny.org

NERAASA – Feb 26 to 28 - \$21 Registration

SENY Convention – March 5-7 \$20 registraton

SEny delegate's Day of Sharing – March 20

Seny Pre-conference Assembly- April 10

Seny Post – conference Assembly – June 12

Tom Bracken – Delegate@aaseny.org - 631-260-0693 (text first please)

Bringing the Traditions (and Concepts!)to your Business Meeting handout:

From John W., A49/P67 to Everyone :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/117045nymx0jtcpBAifQdacMw7ob3SNjd/view?usp=sharing>

10:23:10 From Jo Ann M Alt Del to Everyone : The former and current officers voted to send the \$50,000 to GSO

11:20:53 From Nisaa-SENY Chairperson to Everyone : <https://www.aaseny.org/link>

11:21:30 From Keith P SENY Service Sponsorship Chair to Everyone : SENY SERVICE SPONSOR COMMITTEE MEETING VIRTUAL

January 24 @ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 998 938 7641

Passcode: 714921



11:23:32 From Nisaa-SENY Chairperson to Everyone : https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_us/f-97_winter_2020.pdf

11:32:09 From Tom B - A49/P71 SENY Delegate to Everyone : <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCHFCEQphPVLrKXNH9vHeCkPSYSpnuL48FTNj9wsaDwZrNog/viewform>

11:32:15 From Keith P SENY Service Sponsorship Chair to Everyone : 2021 SENY CONVENTION VIRTUAL

March 5 @ 6:00 PM - March 7 @ 11:00 AM

For more Information and Registration : Please go to the 2021 Convention Landing Page on the SENY Website : <https://www.aaseny.org/seny-convention>

Registration : \$20.00

11:41:19 From Melissa J DCMC Suffolk (she/her) to Everyone : <https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/2021-unity-breakfast/>

11:41:35 From Lucas O - SENY Corrections to Everyone : Lucas O - SENY Corrections Chair - corrections@aaseny.org - 718 809-7425

11:42:35 From Gail W. CPC Chair/SENY Area 49 to Everyone : Pls reach out to cpc@aaseny.org I would love to share at your county mtgs or districts or groups 718-781-7816 TY. Gail

11:43:14 From Rich S, Treasurer - SENY Area 49 to Everyone : Questions on Financial Reports or Budget - treasurer@aaseny.org / 914-447-5156

11:49:03 From pi@aaseny.org Paola A. (she/her), PI Chair to Everyone : Yooooo. Email me at pi@aaseny.org if you want to help with public information. Or even if you don't *want* to help

11:54:16 From Kevin T DCMC Westchester to Everyone : Westchester County website. www.Westchesternyaa.org

13:16:05 From Keith P SENY Service Sponsorship Chair to Everyone : • SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK (SENY) SERVICE HANDBOOK :

• <https://tinyurl.com/y6s4mm6c>

13:26:22 From Mike O - Area 49 TCO to Everyone : My email: tco@aaseny.org

13:26:41 From Mike O - Area 49 TCO to Everyone : The registration chair can be reached at registration@aaseny.org

13:40:00 From Nisaa-SENY Chairperson to Everyone : 7th Tradition SENY website:

https://secure.squarespace.com/checkout/donate?donatePageId=559f4591e4b022e0ff36e443&ss_cid=149c7836-1ad3-4cc2-9b17-fe235ce6be0b&ss_cvist=1609640917612&ss_cvr=bca2c7db-ed00-4f48-a1b1-c90fbf7dd3ad%7C1609640917462%7C1609640917462%7C1609640917462%7C1