

SENY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Monday, January 4, 2021, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

7:00pm – 7:30pm - New DCM, DCMC Orientation

7:30pm - Opening Remarks

SENY Statement of Purpose

The Southeastern New York (SENY) Articles of Association state: "The purpose of the organization is to serve the needs of the AA groups within its geographical area and to function as a constituent part of the AA General Service Conference of the United States and Canada." We are here to be reminded of that purpose and to carry out service efforts that will ensure those needs are met.

Serenity Prayer in Spanish

Serenity Prayer in English

Treasurer's Report - Rich S.

- \$10,173.99 in total income consisting of \$9,600 in Group and Individuals Contributions; \$268 in 7th Tradition Contributions from our Committee Meeting and Other Events and \$300 in Literature Sales.
- Operating Expenses for the month were \$10,811 with about \$1,300 in final year end reimbursements to Officers and Committee Chairs; approximately \$3,000 in Office Expense such as \$1,500 Rent Expense, \$900 in Tech and Website expense which is primarily our ZOOM account costs; \$6,500 for SENY Services including \$4,300 for printing the new SENY Handbook, \$1,600 for Interpretation and Translation services and \$400 for the Link.
- The most significant expense in the month was a non-recurring \$50,000 donation down the triangle to GSO. This contribution was approved unanimously by the SENY officers of both Panel 69 and Panel 71.
- Revenue for the year held up pretty well and operating expenses went significantly down. Contributions were \$99,487 which was 83.5% of the budgeted amount. 7th Tradition actually exceeded budget while literature sales of \$4,000 were 67% of budget.
- Operating Expenses, however, were way down almost across the board totaling 51.2% of the total budgeted amount. Reimbursements to Officers and Committee Chairs were \$13,000 versus a budget of \$35,000. Office Expenses

were mixed – insurance, postage and rent were close to budget, printing was down significantly but Tech and Website Expense were above budget due to the need to convert to virtual platforms. SENY Service expenses were only 1/3 of budget as Assembly and Workshop expenses were down dramatically as were printing costs for The Link/En Lace and the History Book.

- On an operating basis we had positive net income of \$5,600 but after the \$50,000 contribution, we had a net deficit of \$44,365.
- Bank balance at the end of the year: \$21,144 with an additional \$556 in uncleared checks.
- Prudent reverse: \$127,073

Budget vs. actuals FY20 P&L sheet was provided as well as 2021 proposed budget.

Rich - Motion to accept 2020 year-end financial report? 2nd.

PASSED. 95% YES (41), No 0%, Absentees 5% (2)

Proposed Budget:

- As a not-for-profit we are required to have a balanced budget which we do – zero net profit.
- Normally, we base a future budget on the past year's actuals. Obviously, this was not a normal year so that won't work. Estimates are based on 6 months virtual and 6 months in person activities.
- Budgeting Group Contributions of \$110,000 which is an average of the past three years. We left 7th Tradition and Literature Sales about where they were in 2020's budget and added the 12/31 ending bank balance of \$21,144, which is what remains after our \$50,000 contribution, for a total budget of \$145,000.
- Officer Expenses are budgeted at \$21,650 based on their estimates.
- Likewise, for Committee Chairs which are based on their estimates and total \$21,950 – a \$10,000 reduction from 2020.
- SENY Services: Overall the budget is reduced from \$65,850 to \$43,925. Spanish Translation and Interpretation increased from \$6,000 to \$10,000 as we have contracted out this service. Assemblies are budgeted at \$12,000 assuming two physical assemblies in the second half of the year at \$6,000 apiece as we anticipate needing larger venues to accommodate social distancing. SENY Handbook expense is reduced to \$100. Link and En Lace printing is also reduced from \$16,650 to \$9,100
- Other Expenses are also budgeted for less at \$17,200 versus \$26,500 in 2020. Since the General Service Conference will be virtual, that expense was reduced from \$9,000 to \$3,000 and we also have eliminated \$2,500 for an International Convention Hospitality Room as there won't be one this year.

- As for the prudent Reserve – based on the 2021 budget of \$144,593, our current reserve of \$127,073 represents 10.5 months which is well above our target of 7.5 to 8 months.

JoAnn's comment- based on the new budgeted amount, it comes to 10.55 months of reserve because of the lower budgeted amount. That's the calculation based on what we have in our prudent reserve today and what's in our budget for 2021. So, we have over 10 months of reserve.

Rich- Motion to approve 2021 proposal budget. 2nd.
PASSED Yes 98% (42), Abstentions (1) 2%

Nisaa: Confirms there is a quorum.
Approval of December Committee Meeting Minutes -
Motion to accept the minutes- 2nd

JoAnn - I didn't say how much was the 7th tradition, that's normally in the minutes. The 7th tradition for last meeting was \$161.60.

PASSED - yes 95% (37) Abstentions (2) 5%

7th Tradition - shared QR code on zoom

John W- Parliamentarian this evening

Nisaa -
Approval of Standing/Ad Hoc Committee appointments

Annabel B - Accessibilities
Jeffrey P "Love is Love" - Archives
Lucas O - Corrections
Gail W. - Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
Kimbly G - Grapevine/La Vina
Christine D - Intergroup Liaison
Mary H - The Link
Kingsley T - Literature
Jeannette K - NYSIW 2022
Paola A -Public Information (PI)

Jessica V - Recording Secretary
Keith P - Service Sponsor Chair
Hank G - Treatments
Larry W - Chair for Ad Hoc Finance
Michael C - Ad Hoc finance committee member
Heidi C - Ad hoc finance committee member

Motion to approve stellar slate of officers for the panel 71. 2nd
APPROVED - 96% (43) Abstentions (2) 4%

Standing committee members reports:

Christine (Intergroup Liaison) -

- Committee meetings will be: 3rd Sunday of each month 4pm- 6pm. Zoom link is available on SENY website

Jeffrey "Love is Love" - Archives Chair

- Committee meeting: every 2nd Monday from 7pm- 8pm. Info on SENY events calendar.

Jeannette - NYSIW Chair

- Welcomes any emails from members with suggestions and pros and cons from their past experiences as attendees at the NYSIW in prior years. EMAIL: NYSIW@aaseny.org

Annabel - Accessibilities Chair

- 2nd Thursday of alternate months at 7:30pm. First meeting will be Jan 14th. This is subject to change depending on the interest.

Hank - Treatment facilities

- Committee meeting will be 4th wed of the month at 8pm.

Kimbley - Grapevine/La vina

- Committee meeting will be the first wed of each month (tonight)
- We had a lot of fun last month, we had a workshop AA 3 legacies. Which will be added to AA SENY archives, very informative
- If you are a grapevine rep, make sure you are registered, I encourage everyone to visit grapevine website, freq and often because there is a lot of information there.
- Jan 15th, we have a deadline for the prison issue if you want to submit an article.

- Feb 15th is deadline If you are a sober senior
- Jan issue is Oldtimers & dealing with COVID 19
- Due to cancellation of Detroit international convention and closings of meetings grapevine/la vina has experienced a significant reduction in sales this year. Estimated loss of over \$300,000

Kinsley- Literature Chair

- Jan 31st is the deadline for the deal. General service office is giving a discount

Lucas - Corrections

- Was just given the keys to the PO box.
- One thing to kick start is the prerelease program. I want to have conversations with our areas to reestablish the prerelease programs.
- With that I want to extend invitation to attend committee meeting Jan 16th Sat at 3pm.
- Email address: corrections@aaseny.org everyone is welcome to get in touch with comments or questions. Thanks a lot!

Gail W:

- Met with Paola, our Area PI Chair, Derrick, our Area email administrator and have also met with and picked up the CPC material from our past CPC Chair, Laura.
- Begun exploring what is on the SENY CPC Google Drive and am creating an easily accessible system for document retrieval. I also have added digital CPC pamphlets, guidelines and documents for accessibility going forward. CPC and PI are planning on updating both AA and professional contacts list to help us in our service work and for future Chairs.
- Currently looking into some ideas to have CPC more digitally accessible and have more of a virtual presence to both AA members and the professional communities. Some of the ideas are to encourage AA members and groups to assist with this vital 12 th step work in varying ways and to allow professionals to easily reach out to our Area CPC.
- Meetings will be on third Thursday of each month from 7-8 pm virtually on the Zoom platform: 998 938 7641 (PW: 714921). Our first meeting will be Thursday, January 21 st

Keith - SERVICE SPONSORSHIP CHAIR

DURING ROTATION 71:

- 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 24th from 4 – 5PM. Details and information will be posted on the SENY Events calendar.

- 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.
- 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.
- To be a resource and information conduit for the Three Legacies to all SENY Area 49 trusted servants of Recovery, Unity, and Service.
- Working with all the Counties in SENY Area 49 as an umbrella to them Service Sponsorship Chairs, Liaisons, DCMCs, DCMs, and GSRs.

Mary - Link editor

- Right now, I’m designing the new skeleton of the link in InDesign.
- The deadline for Jan edition of Link is Jan 7.
- Deadline for Feb link is Feb 4th.
- Jan 23rd, at area assembly the link gets released.

Paola- PI Chair

- PI and CPC will be doing their meetings together, 3rd Thursday of the month- Jan 21, 7pm.
- PI has not been happening during Covid because no one wanted to do it virtually. We are going to start reaching out to all the places that have had PI in the past and try to do it virtually. We will let them know; we are still here!

Jessica - Recording Secretary

- Please everyone email me your reports before the meetings- VERY IMPORTANT
- Secretary@aaseny.org
- I receive the info@aaseny.org with general questions

Larry - Finance Ad Hoc Committee Chair

- We submitted budget and spending guidelines at the last meeting, if I remember correctly, they were approved. I'm just waiting for the next assignment. That's when I will start the next meeting.

Convention - Kathie W.

- 2021 Convention will be held March 5-7 virtually.
- Register for the 2021 Convention on the aaseny.org website.
- The cost is \$20, and you will need to register to receive the meeting ID's and passwords. As of today, we have about 85 people registered. We need people to register as soon as possible for our tech planning. The event flyer is being mailed to all GSR's this month and is linked on the SENY website.
- We need Tech Volunteers. If you host a virtual AA meeting, you are qualified to be part of that team. If you would like to learn how to host or co-host a virtual AA meeting, you are welcome to be part of the team. We will provide best practices training and rehearsals prior to the event so you will have the tools to do the job we're asking you to do. Our volunteer coordinator is John L from Putnam, contact information is 203-482-2595 email jplivz@yahoo.com. We have determined that we need about 40 people, each willing to make a 4-hour commitment the weekend of the event and some time for training and rehearsal prior to the event. The flyer for the Tech volunteers is linked to the convention web page with an electronic signup sheet.
- The program committee is requesting tech teams as well as speakers from each of the counties. If you'd like to be a part planning, the program committee will meet next on January 10 at 4:00-5:30 PM. The meeting ID is 894-7649-3438 and the password is Starship.

We need you to go back to your counties and talk up the opportunity to be a tech volunteer. We will have training and rehearsals to be sure all volunteers have what they need to do the job we are asking them to do.

If you have never been to a Convention, now is the time; Let's get this party started!
Any questions?

Event Flyer

<https://www.aaseny.org/s/SENY-conv-event-flyer-201110.pdf>

Online Registration Form

<https://tinyurl.com/seny-convention>

2021 SENY Convention Program Committee Meeting

<http://events.aaseny.org/event/2021-seny-convention-program-committee-meeting-virtual-2>

Tech Volunteer Flyer - English —

<https://www.aaseny.org/s/SENY-conv-tech-volunteer-flyer-201110.pdf>

Alka-thon Sign Up Sheet

<https://tinyurl.com/seny-conv-alkathon-signup/>

Officers reports:

Delegate's Report – SENY Committee Meeting, January 4, 2021

Good evening / Buena Noches... I have the privilege, the honor, and the joy of serving as your Panel 71, Area 49 (Southeastern New York) SENY Delegate!

Delegate expressed gratitude and excitement for everyone who has made themselves available to serve SENY and A.A. in this rotation. We will all make mistakes: "... spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection". Everyone on this Committee is here to help – just ask. Delegate listed new SENY officers; they are already working closely together. Unusual challenges last rotation and this one. Let's get to work...

Delegate listed theme for the 71st General Service: "A.A. in a Time of Change" and subtopics. Delegate's Committee assignment for the next two years will be Cooperation with the Professional Community.

Responsibilities as trusted servants. What is a Delegate?

- "Attends the General Service Conference prepared".
- "Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, *and the delegate's enthusiasm*, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, [they] will ask area officers and committee members to share the load".

The Delegate will need everyone's help on the committee with the second one.

The Delegate will also need the Committee's help with the following:

1. Help the Fellowship better understand that General Service is relevant, and is here to serve the groups and all alcoholics.
2. Make sure that we retain what we've learned about using technology through this pandemic, and at the same time make sure that no one is left behind for lack of access to that technology.

3. Become more fully informed on Tradition 7, including the financial impact of the pandemic on General Service, the decrease in / dependence on literature sales, and what “self-supporting” really 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.

Regarding 4. Tools and 6. Tolerance.

Tools first: Committee’s ongoing responsibility to visit our aaseny.org website:

- Events / Calendar – make sure to be aware of what’s going on at the Area, County and District level.
- From The Delegate – everything posted there will be information that I deem to be highly important to Area 49.
- The Link – we ALL have a voice; let’s all contribute articles.
- Resources – please take a look at both the “SENY-Specific” and “General” sub-headings and refer back to them often.
- Also please visit aa.org regularly, specifically “What’s New” button.

Thoughts on tolerance, acceptance & inclusion. Reference to the last two Area Assemblies of 2019. What happened to the last three words of Tradition 12, “principles before personalities”?

We’re in a period of a great deal of loss, isolation, and pain. Please consider this thought from Dr. Bob, in the Grapevine edition of July, 1944.

[Editorial: On Cultivating Tolerance]

Housekeeping:

- DCMCs: please send Delegate email address and phone number.
- PI and CPC Committees: Delegate will be in regular contact with you.
- To the YPAAs stepping into Area service: way to go!
- Personal request from the Delegate: when you hear someone say “I can’t wait to get back to real meetings”, inform them, lovingly and kindly, that these ARE real meetings, just in a different medium.
- Finally: sign up for NERAASA! This is a virtual event. \$21 registration

This is a great SENY Committee, and it’s going to be a great rotation!

Alternate Delegate - JoAnn M.

- Privilege to serve as Alt Delegate
- So far, I attended 3 asambles (Hispanic district), I attended the last service participation of the year where I met some new DCMCs and some old. I attended

at least one worcypaa meeting, licypaa, NYCypaa meeting. Those are the young people service committees.

- I've been training our new treasurer.
- I attended the NRDs meeting and NERADs.
- As the alt delegate, my job is to assist the delegate, be ready to step in if our Delegate cannot make it to the general service conference.
- NERAASA - highly recommend everyone attends!

Area Chairperson - Nisaa A

- We are going to be virtual until June then we go on summer break, and we will see how things plays out.
- I highly recommend you attend NERAASA <https://www.neraasa.org>
NERAASA Feb 26 to 28 - virtual - [neraasa.org](https://www.neraasa.org) - registration for the entire weekend is only \$20! (to cover tech costs)
<https://www.neraasa.org>
\$21 for NERAASA

Technology & Communications Officer (TCO) - Mike O.

- The TCO is a new position, created during Panel 69, and in many ways is an upgraded registrar's position, with the traditional duties of the registrar distributed among trusted servants. As Area TCO, my duties involve appointing trusted servants whose roles utilize technology, overseeing the Area's use of Technology the Area's communications with trusted servants and Groups, as well as GSO.
- The TCO also chairs the SENY Tech Committee
 - Derrick, T., email administrator; Derrick is the administrator for our email system.
 - Sam R., email update editor: Sam is responsible for sending communications from SENY to the body.
 - Justin K, Registration Chair: Justin performs the traditional duties of an Area Registrar.
 - Claire M., web chair, who is all things website, and Vicki B., agenda chair, who maintains the SENY Calendar.
- There is also a Postal Mailings Update chair, who is responsible for physical mailings. The position is not yet filled, so if you have any ideas about a person able to fill this position, please reach out to me at tco@aaseny.org.

The TCO reports on behalf of all 6, and with that:

Gmail: Passwords and password resets: SENY has set up Gmail accounts for all trusted servants at the alt-DCM level and further down the service triangle. DCMCs, if your County uses SENY Gmail, please appoint an email admin who can reset passwords and grant access to SENY Gmail for County Officers and DCMs within your County, as Derrick's primary responsibility is at the Area level.

Registration: Mike D., Panel 69 TCO, trained the County registrars on AirTable, where info on trusted servants is stored and updated. In addition, for DCMCs, if your County Registrar has not yet gotten in contact with Justin or me, please do so. AirTable is the Area's database system, so that we know who our trusted servants are, and the County Registrar is the trusted servant who checks the data – meaning the names and contact info of GSRs, etc. -, confirms that it is accurate, and then enables you and the Area to contact them.

More generally, as a result of the 2020 changes to the SENY Handbook and Bylaws, we no longer have a "Registrar;" we have a "Registration" Chair. Because the "Registrar" position no longer exists, we will begin phasing out our use of "Registrar." For example, although we will keep the Registrar email active, we will encourage trusted servants with registration matters to contact Justin at Registration@aaseny.org.

Agenda and Web: Please email all items you wish to have added to the SENY Calendar to Vicki at agenda@aaseny.org. The Panel 69 inventory indicated a general desire to improve the website, and that is certainly on the "to-do" list.

Vicky - Agenda Chair - When you send me dates of workshop and standing committee, please send start time and end time. That would help me a lot.

Motion to affirm the T and C appointments. 2nd.
APPROVED YES (45) 100%

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Motion that the Committee adopt the following Southeastern New York Area Committee and Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous [Area 49] *Technology Committee Mission Statement

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Summary

The Technology Committee Supports the Use of Technology to Facilitate General Service by the South Eastern New York Area Committee and Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous (Area 49) and the AA Groups and General Service Entities within SENY

Mission

1. Establish, maintain, and update as necessary a SENY technology plan consistent with the Articles of Association and By-Laws of the South Eastern New York Area Committee and Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and GSO literature.
2. Establish, maintain, and update as necessary a secure and robust infrastructure to effectively store, update, archive, and communicate information via electronic means within SENY.
3. Establish, maintain, and update as necessary a secure and robust infrastructure to effectively communicate information via electronic means between SENY and GSO.
4. Establish, maintain, and update as necessary a secure and robust infrastructure to effectively communicate information via electronic means between SENY and the AA Groups and General Service Entities within SENY.
5. Make recommendations to SENY about acquiring, implementing, maintaining, and changing SENY's use of technology.
6. Provide SENY Officers with technological assistance in carrying out their duties.
7. Where practical, provide SENY Standing Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Chairs with technological assistance to facilitate their service commitments, bearing in mind that technology acquired for a SENY purpose may or may not be suitable for other SENY purposes.

8. Where practical, make recommendations for and/or provide technology training and workshops.

9. Where practical, provide pertinent information and suggestions to the AA Groups and General Service Entities within SENY about the use of technology, remembering at all times that each Group or Entity is autonomous, and that the Committee should avoid affiliation with, endorsement of, or recommending any specific company, technology, or practice as SENY best practices.

10. Cooperate with GSO and, where practical, other Areas and AA Technology Workgroups.

Q - why is this needed? Why is there a mission statement? Why doesn't this become a part of seny handbook, under this section, like we do for all the other committees.

A: Great questions, it could easily be part of the handbook.

Mike O.: Most of AA committees are defined by AA literature. In some ways I think it might make sense to postpone. I would be fine with postponing, or tabling. Can we table this to the next committee meeting?

Mike O: withdraws the motion.

Motion was not called for a vote. (Mike can bring back motion when he desires)

County & Hispanic District Reports

Melissa- DCMC Suffolk County - Unity breakfast (spiritual breakfast) March 14th from 9-1pm (virtual). We are meeting 3rd Friday of every month.

Larry - DCMC Manhattan County - at the last meeting we passed a motion to contribute excess contributions to various service entities totaling \$5,500, the new business that will be coming up is if the county will continue concepts meeting that were done by district 601. Will be meeting with Jeffrey to talk about Manhattan share a day. Looking for 2 people to join Ad Hoc finance committee.

Marty - DCMC Nassau County - Our bimonthly meeting is on the seny calendar. We are presenting a Concept series which is starting on Jan 18, virtual (Concepts 1 & 2)

730pm-9pm. It is on the SENY calendar. Marty plans on encouraging GSRs to participate in NARAASA and get 20 reimbursements from SENY.

John - DCMC Putnam - meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. It will be virtual at least for the first half of the year. Email jplivz@yahoo.com . contact me anytime. John L 2021 SENY Convention Volunteer Chair 203-482-2595. Contact me anytime we could use more volunteers!

Laura G - DCMC Bx Upper Manhattan - meet 2nd Wednesday of even months, Feb. 10 at 7pm will be the first meeting. I am greeter for convention this year. If you are interested, you can contact me 347- 387-7302

Keven T - Westchester - Westchester had a great New Year's Eve event. Meeting on the 3rd wed of every month on zoom. We are putting up our lineup of yearly events, such as the spiritual BBQ, share a day.

Eric O - Orange - Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Brian - DCMC Staten Island Meet on 2nd Sunday of the month, we are on the SENY calendar.

Nelson A - ALT DCMC Hispanic Districts - Jorge is new DCMC. Still have some positions that need to be filled. Sunday Jan 9th is the next meeting. La asamblea is going to be the 17th.

Close - Closing at 9:25pm.

SENY Assembly Jan 23rd.