

## January 7, 2019, SENY COMMITTEE MINUTES – DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. – Jerry R., Chair

Quorum established; and Housekeeping (explanation of voting).

Spiritual Parliamentarian (Bill C), Spiritual Vote Counter (Brian C), Spiritual Timekeeper (Andy V)

Serenity Prayer and AA Preamble, in English and Spanish.

No corrections to December minutes; Accepted as written

### **DELEGATE'S REPORT** (Jane E)

... welcome to Panel 69, trusted servants!

I registered on our website with my new position and service email. Hopefully we all have by now, I'm excited!

The theme of the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service conference is "Our Big Book- 80 years, 71 languages".

All languages the Big Book comes in are on the table. I wrote to GSO and got this final list and when I asked for it in Spanish, it hadn't been translated yet, but they did it within a week!

Throughout the rotation, I'll be sharing lots of information. Some live, some in our area email, via our website, some emailed to the officers and our alternate delegate will pass it on to the DCMCs to share with those they serve. Please help. It takes every single one of us to have an informed area.

I've received my committee assignments! I'm delighted to say that I've been assigned Treatment/Accessibilities! In addition to what's been included historically, the committee now covers underserved and remote communities, including the armed services.

Important to note is that this is one committee. The words "Special Needs" have been removed from the name. We may want to consider removing those words, too. It might be an idea, I've been at events where people who had accessibilities concerns voiced that the words "special needs" are insulting and condescending. Now, if we're trying to be accessible to all, I'm not liking starting off with an insult.

Long before I was assigned to this Conference Committee, I've been thinking about Accessibility in terms of digital fluency (or lack of it) and AA. How do we get the message to people who communicate mainly through digital media? How do we "step up" as AA members in carrying the message, do we really mean it when we say, "I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that, I am responsible"?

I'm one of the lucky delegates to receive a secondary committee assignment. (They must have known I'm from SENY and can handle two). My secondary Committee is International Conventions/Regional Forums. In reviewing history, I learned that a decade ago the committee asked when planning events, that districts, counties, and groups be mindful not to schedule them for a Forum weekend. May 31-June 2 is the Northeast Regional Forum, and we're hosting! The host contact is John W. Panel 67 SENY delegate.

Please bear in mind other events such as our Convention, NYSIW, NERAASA, and all SENY Assemblies when planning events to keep us inclusive (it will also help attendance at your events).

One thing we'll be working on is: "Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees."

Spread the word that this is not for service people only, it's for all AAs! There's no registration fee and GSO comes to us. It's a great place to ask things like "what happens to our contributions?", or "What's the best way to run a business meeting in my group?" I call it the GSO road show.

Think about how to encourage others, try some of your ideas, and let me know what worked.

I'm asking for your help. It's my job to read like I've never done before (even in Nursing Pre-requisites). And I am. The idea is for the Area to be informed, and no one person can possibly give you all the information that we need to have an informed conscience. I invite you to read with me. There's 68<sup>th</sup> Conference reports here for the taking.

Another favorite of mine is "Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous". And our other basic text (holds up service manual). And everyone's favorite, BOX 459!

Help! Help me! I'm an alcoholic and I need the help of other alcoholics. Let's be informed.

This is our last Committee meeting before NERAASA, the hotel is sold out, but there's an overflow hotel on the NERAASA 2019 site if you've not made reservations yet. I'll be sitting up front on the right at NERAASA and I invite you to come sit with me. I'd love the company.

#### **ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT** (Tom B):

Welcome to all new and returning DCMs, DCMCs, Alternates, Committee Chairs and Guests

So: what exactly does an Alternate Delegate do?

- Prime role: assist and back up our Delegate in any way necessary. Worked together in service for over three years now there will be a lot of unity. Also, should Jane be unable to serve, the AD would step in. Therefore, prayer...
- [Read from AASM – page 51] SENY has 3 major "special functions"
- The first one is liaison to the Hispanic District. 3 years; "groupie". Now, much more important, including calendar coordination and inclusion.
- The second major special function is liaison with the YPAAs. We currently have not one, but 3 [name]. This will be an area of great learning and discovery for me, very excited about it; already attended meetings of all three. Once again, the theme and purpose will be inclusion and unity.
- The third major function is chairing the Ad Hoc Service Participation Meeting, or as our immediate PD John W calls it, the DCMC Support Group. This consists of meetings for DCMCs and their alternates only, and it centers around the development of servant leadership, and effective two-way communication both within and throughout the various counties. Additionally, this group will host several Joy of Service workshops throughout the rotation.
- There are a number of other listed duties as well, which you will find on page 15 of your SENY handbook. Additionally, I have a new duty, which is to act as a steward of the Area Inventory of just two months ago; for those of you who are new, or would like to know more (and that

should be *all* of you!), you'll find the major themes and the record on our area's home page at [aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org) – just look for the supernova.

- Finally, I am available to facilitate Group and County Inventories, meetings or workshops on Traditions or Concepts. And beyond being available, I am excited, delighted and honored to be of any service I can to SENY, and to AA as a whole.

Thank you for letting me be of service to each and every one of you!

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT** (Jerry R.)

SENY has new office: 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx.

GSO will discontinue on-site literature sales starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.

AAWS will access the meeting guide technology.

There is no Link this month. There will be one at the assembly on 2/9 in Staten Island. We are having a hard time getting people to submit articles.

Grapevine Writing Workshop in Sea Cliff, Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

The agenda is on the table for this year's committee meetings and assembly's.

Outgoing treasurer, Michelle, will give Treasurer's report.

#### **TRESURER'S REPORT** (Michelle G.)

Correction: Total expenses should be \$155,050.

Correction: Prudent Reserve should be 8.61 months.

**Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Seconded, Discussion, Motion Passed**

#### **REGISTRAR'S REPORT** (Mike D.)

If you are not getting e-mails, e-mail me @ [registrar@aaseny.org](mailto:registrar@aaseny.org), 347-637-8341.

Will be having committee meeting with county Entry Chairs that will be handling new registrants for counties – will be e-mailing them in the next week or so.

#### **CONVENTION 2019 REPORT:** (Nisaa A.)

217 room nights booked; contractually obligated to have 467.

If cancelling a room, please contact Nisaa (not hotel directly) so we can keep the room in the block.

Registration updates: trend toward on-line registrations. Currently have 79 on-line registrations.

Paper registrations will be recorded in order of post-mark.

We have 46 banquets. To volunteer, contact Nisaa at [convention@aaseny.org](mailto:convention@aaseny.org), you will be put in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator. Program Chair will be sending e-mail to DCMC's for speakers.

Standing committee chairs will be asked to man your workshops.

If you want a table please contact Bill C or [convention@aaseny.org](mailto:convention@aaseny.org)

Brooklyn will have a bus to the convention - \$25 for the day – contact Colleen, Brooklyn DCMC.

Program will be on-line this year.

**7<sup>th</sup> TRADITION:** \$158.90

**PROPOSED BUDGET 2019:** Joann M

Added line to cover stipend for NERAASA - \$2,000.

Increased General Service Conference Delegate's Fee to \$7,800.00 to be fully self-supporting.

Increased budget lines for the following elected officers to compensate for further travel distances:

Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Treasurer.

Increased 60045 Literature Chair to compensate for storage space.

Archives was raised.

Q: What is the reimbursement for mileage, Answer: .40 per mile, plus tolls.

Q: Uncategorized Income? Answer: amount in account that is leftover at the end of the year, rounded up to \$73,500.

Q: line 50005 –Registrar: actual for year 1,500 and now 2,500? A: Increased for travel, etc.

**Motion to accept 2019 Budget, Seconded, All in favor, Motion passes****REPORTS****COUNTY/HISPANIC DISTRICT REPORTS:**

**Hispanic District** (Raina): Working on Day of Sharing in June and 39<sup>th</sup> Spanish SENY Convention (hopefully in November). Please come to Spanish Assemblies – all are welcome.

**Suffolk** (Chris): Will have bus to SENY Assembly – additional stop at Blue Bay Diner in Flushing – see Frank G., Alt DCMC Queens.

Suffolk Unity Breakfast: information is in LINK – tickets also available at aasuffolkgs-ny.org.

**Brooklyn** (Colleen): Next county meeting is Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Brooklyn will have a bus going to the SENY Convention for the day, leaving from the Brooklyn Academy of Music at 7:00 a.m. Contact Colleen to purchase tickets.

**Nassau** (Annabel): Service Bootcamp 1/21, 7:00 p.m. (co-hosted by Nassau Intergroup), March 18<sup>th</sup> movie workshop (will be showing AA approved movies), May 20<sup>th</sup> Bridge the Gap Workshop.

Unity Breakfast – June 2nd, Long Island Marriott, Uniondale. The Big Meeting – November (co-hosted by Nassau Intergroup)

**Queens** (Frank): Share-A-Day, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tri-County.

**Putnam** (Jimmy Z): Unity Breakfast in October, hopefully at Graymoor.

**Manhattan** (Vicky): no announcements - Will be meeting with outgoing DCM's and introducing to new DCM's to talk about plans for new rotation.

**Westchester** (Rich): – Organizational meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Most committees filled, will reach out to SENY Chairs.

**Rockland** (Bob C): 65<sup>th</sup> birthday – Happy Birthday applause.

**Staten Island** (Andy V): looking forward to seeing you all at assembly on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Any questions on how to get there, etc., please contact me.

**Introductions: New DCMC's, DCM's, and/or Alternates:**

**Interim DCM Districts 202/216** (Marty): Looking into donating e-books to schools, are in discussion to have New Year's Eve party with other districts/clusters

**LINK Editor** (Jim S): Submit articles (less than 350 words) and flyers (printed in black and white) to [LINK@aaseny.org](mailto:LINK@aaseny.org). Next deadline is January 20th

**DCM District 405** (Charlene): Continuing AA historical book club with "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers", every 4th Sunday, 3:30 to 4:30, January to July, Old Park Slope Caton Group  
74 East 17th Street

**DCM District 305/315** (Pablo): – March 30<sup>th</sup> History of the Big Book video presentation, St. Mary's Gate of Heaven, Ozone Park

**Agenda Chair** (Malini): Send event info to [agenda@aaseny.org](mailto:agenda@aaseny.org), include title, name of event, date, venue, address, who is organizing it. Please send graphic in JPEG or PDF.

**Archives Chair** (Hank): will be contacting DCMC's to get names of archive chairs to participate in bi-monthly meetings. We will have an archives room at convention and counties are welcome to get a table and set up. We will have a workshop in AM on Saturday and one in PM on Saturday.

**Grapevine LaVina Chair** (Sherry A):

**Grapevine:** Board of Directors is seeking candidates to replace Executive Editor/Publisher, Amy Trophy. Forward resume/questions to [resumes@aagrapevine.org](mailto:resumes@aagrapevine.org) by tonight.

Grapevine 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Toolkit will be available 1/21/19.

Book bundle sales extended to 1/31/19. Upcoming issues and Topics, Submit your stories:

Prison issue due 1/10, African American AA Members 2/10, Getting Sober Young 3/10.

**LaVina:** Now accepting Spanish language stories for May/June issue "Celebrating the Big Book 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary". Grapevine literature/items will be available at Grapevine Writing Workshop, St. Luke's, Sea Cliff, 1/12/19. Grapevine events can be listed on the Grapevine Calendar of Events. E-mail Sherry at [grapevine@aaseny.org](mailto:grapevine@aaseny.org)

**PI Chair** (Mike):

Completed both phases of mailings to high schools,

Scheduled speakers as needed at high schools, made contact with PI at Intergroup, and Spanish PI Chair.

**Intergroup Liaison** (Mel R): – look forward to working with County Intergroup Reps.

**Literature Chair** (Christopher): General Service office discontinued on-site literature sales effective January 1, 2019. Literature contribution system will be shut down from 1/23 to 2/4

**Postal Mailing Coordinator** (Saadi):

Will work with Mike, registrar chair. Mailing went out in December, if you did not get it, you can e-mail me at [pmc@aaseny.org](mailto:pmc@aaseny.org) or, If you can receive e-mail, I will e-mail it to you.

January 7, 2018, SENY Committee Minutes, Draft for Approval

If you can't receive e-mail or print e-mails, let me know and I will mail it to you.  
 Next mailing (for assembly) will be delivered the first week in February.  
 Bounce backs: only four or five, so our registration database is pretty accurate.

**Accessibilities Chair** (Sally B):

Hoping to meet monthly with county chairs – will contact DCMC's for names and contact info.  
 Hoping to use the conference call set up for reps that can't get to meeting.  
 Hoping to use new SENY office in the Bronx for our meetings.  
 Will start setting up new projects that will benefit all counties and the folks in them.

**DCM District 601** (Jerry): will have an archives commitment for this term.

**DCM District 617** (Larry, introduces himself)

**Handbook Editor** (Mike): As you go through your rotation please go through handbook, think about duties as written, and note changes, errors, etc., for your service position and send to me at [handbookeditor@aasenya.org](mailto:handbookeditor@aasenya.org)

**DCM** (Rob McK, introduces himself)

**DCM District 605** (Ben G, introduces himself)

**Frank** – introduces himself

**DCM Orange County** (Patrick, introduces himself)

**DCM 400/402 Brooklyn** (name unclear, introduces himself)

**CPC Chair** (Laura): attended PI/CPC workshop in November, had on-line meeting with other PI/CPC chairs. Will be contacting County Chairs for PI/CPC chair info.

**E-Mail Coordinator** (Gerry): related to SENY e-mail – Please advise Intergroups that GSO decided to authorize use of the national meeting finder. Impact: Intergroups must be sure that their meeting lists are in the database format

**Alternate DCM District 602** (Jay introduces himself)

**Web Chair** (Ray): e-mail transition went smoothly, anyone having trouble please see him or shoot him an e-mail – has updated website to put prominently on home page to update or register.

**Alternate DCM District 440** (Evan, introduces himself)

**Treasurer** (Jo Ann): donation envelopes are on the front table to take back to county or group – will have printing done hopefully before 2/9 meeting

**DCM District 602** (Keith, introduces himself)

**Alternate DCMC Suffolk** (Michelle, introduces herself)

**Alternate DCMC Queens** (Burt, introduces himself)

**CHAIR (Jerry R):**

**Next Area Assembly:** February 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m., P.S. 48 - William G. Wilcox School  
1050 Targee Street, Staten Island, N.Y. 10304

**Next Committee Meeting:** March 4th

**Close with Declaration of Unity**