

# **SENY Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, June 17, 2017**

**(9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.)**

[Hosted by Queens County General Service]

(9:00 a.m.) Service Workshops

**Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.**

**Serenity Prayer and Preamble** (in English, Jane E. and Melissa J./en español, Hernando.)

## **General Housekeeping**

I'm a grateful and so excited to serve as your Chair alcoholic and my name is Jane E.

If you haven't reviewed the minutes, will you?

Welcome to the 67th General Service Post Conference Assembly of Southeastern NY AA!!! Our Delegate will report on the Conference that our entire service structure is based on! We will not be having county or committee reports today. We have a Committee fair in the Cafeteria. I invite you to visit the Committee tables during lunch.

At the Intergroup Liaison Table, our Chair Steve brought NYIG. They want to update group for existing listings. No new listings will be taken today. We cooperate with Intergroup. The main difference between Intergroup and General Service is that Intergroup covers the phones, meeting lists, and other boots on the ground work while we make sure that AA is here tomorrow as well as today, for all generations, countries and communities. We do that through the Conference structure.

The Web Committee meeting next Saturday has changed its venue and will be held at the Brooklyn Central Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, from 2-3:30.

Today's Parliamentarian is Bill C. Panel 55 Past Delegate. We use a loose form of Robert's Rules of order to conduct our meetings and a timekeeper: the green light comes on when you start, yellow when there are thirty seconds left, red when there are 10 seconds left to the bell. Business & discussion is timed for 2 minutes. 4 minutes if a translator is used. 2 minutes! How come Jane? Because the delegates have 2 minutes at the General Service Conference. And as I look out, I know there are future delegates out there. I don't know who, but I know you're out there. So, this is to help everyone get ready! Supporting our Future. The 2017 GSC theme.

Everyone has a voice, and the following people also have a vote: GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs, Standing Committee Chairs, Officers and Past Delegates. If you are an alternate, you do not have a vote unless your primary is absent. No one who is not here has a vote.

If you are a new rep or DCM or a new visitor, please come up to the Mic or raise your hand for the mic to be brought to you. We'd like to get to know you, and are thrilled you're here! I hope that we make you feel welcome and safe.

Thank you, glad to meet you!

Are there any corrections to the minutes?

**Motion** to approve Minutes from April 8, 2017 SENY Assembly passed.

**Delegate's Report** (John W. — [delegate@aaseny.org](mailto:delegate@aaseny.org))

Panel 67, Area 49 Delegate, on Literature and Archives Committees

Delegate gave a thorough and informative presentation of his experience at the 67th General Service Conference, including a review of outcomes and Conference Advisory Actions. Slides of his presentation are available on the Area 49 website ([aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org)).

John then updated the assembly on a legal action taken by the General Service Board regarding the original printer's manuscript of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The manuscript, currently in private hands, was set to be auctioned on June 8. The board claims AAWS is the rightful owner based on a 1979 letter, which left the manuscript to the AA archives. The suit by the GSB resulted in the manuscript being pulled from the auction. The next step in the proceedings is a hearing on August 2. John suggested that members should discuss with their service sponsors the implications of the board's actions with regards to the 10th Tradition and the 12th Concept as a great case study in understanding and application of our 36 principles.

**Alternate Delegate** (Manny A. — [altdelegate@aaseny.org](mailto:altdelegate@aaseny.org))

- April 16 & May 21, 2017 he attended the Hispanic Districts' Asamblea: Reports included presentations on:
  - A Summary of Preliminary Statistics of the 2017 SENY Convention:
  - Reasons for our Delegate's decision to return to the Westchester Marriott for our 2018 SENY Convention.
  - Transportation challenges regarding the Northeast Regional Forum and the resolution reached by SENY to help pay for members travel expense to NERF.
  - He translated the NYSIW registration form from English to Spanish.
- April 22, 2017: attended Baldwin Group Movie Night: Baldwin NY, showing "A New Freedom" Corrections Video and "2009 Young Peoples Videos" – 25 and Under.
- April 22-27: Attended the General Services Conference Opening Dinner and volunteered for GSC Hospitality Committee.
- May 7, 2017: attended the Orange County General Service Spiritual Breakfast.
- May 7 & May 21: attended the NYCYPAA (New York City Young People in A.A.) Meetings.
- May 11, 2017: Chaired the Service Participation Committee Meeting
  - John W., our Delegate, shared with the group (DCMCs & Alt. DCMCs) an overview of the GSC and what occurred at the Conference.
  - Also discussed The Joy of Service Workshop, PI & CPC concerns, Group Inventory concerns.
- May 20, 2017: attended the SENY Joy of Service Workshop and presented on "Where Money & Spirituality Mix." It was hosted and coordinated by Suffolk County General Service. Melissa, from Suffolk, chaired the planning committee; the workshop was excellent. Shout out to Tom B. for his leadership and participation at the workshop.
- He also attended the Hispanic Districts Share-A-Day on June 11. It was a very good event with a host of excellent speakers and workshops.
- He is available for Group Inventories, Group Sharing Sessions and showing of AA videos.

**Treasurer** (Michelle G. — [treasurer@aaseny.org](mailto:treasurer@aaseny.org))

Presentation of April 2017 and May 2017 financials.

**MOTION:** to accept the April 2017 financials.

Motion carries.

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Motion carries.

### **Seventh Tradition — \$372.83**

**Registrar** (Fred M. — [registrar@aaseny.org](mailto:registrar@aaseny.org))

- He completed the Area's update for the regional directory — adding many new contacts and their phone numbers, and removing outdated information — providing more accurate and reliable information for anyone looking for help.
- His next project will be to improve online registration, particularly for submitting updates to existing contact information.
- Based on the many requests he receives for group and district #s, Fred would like to post this information on the SENY website. With the Web Chair's permission he has created a sample (using placeholders, not real information) which includes group name, group #, district #, whether they have a GSR or contact or neither, and whether the group will be in the directory or not. Between now and the September Assembly, please go to [aaseny.org/sample](http://aaseny.org/sample) to see this sample set-up and provide feedback. Fred adds: "Feel free to email or call me with your thoughts — my info is in the Link — and I'd definitely appreciate feedback at the next Area Assembly as well. Again, nothing's being decided now — first I need to hear from the groups."
- "In the same spirit of taking inventory," Fred provides analytical data of General Service representation as of the April Assembly:
  - We know of about 2,000 groups. Of those ~2,000 groups, ~1,500 have a point of contact. Of those ~1500 groups with a point of contact, ~1170 are GSRs. Of those ~1170 GSRs, only 242 have ever attended an Assembly over the last five, a full year's worth. And of those 242, 115 have attended more than once in the last year.
  - So now let's look at that in terms of "conversion metrics." We have about a 25% drop-off of groups with no point of contact. We only have a 22% drop-off going from a group with a contact to a group with a GSR. But then we have an 88% drop-off in those GSRs ever attending an Assembly! And then of those GSRs that do attend at least once, only 50% return for another. And so on.
  - Our biggest opportunity by far is groups who have elected GSRs that don't attend.
    - To the DCMCs and DCMs: you can sort by the "Rep'd at Area" column in your Views to look these people up. Give them an email and a call to support them.
    - We have a really exciting, giant opportunity in front of us — let's seize it.

**Chair** (Jane E. — [chair@aaseny.org](mailto:chair@aaseny.org))

- How was lunch? Thanks, Queens County! I'm a grateful alcoholic and my name is Jane E.
- "Every day is not a bed of roses, but it is such a relief to know that no matter what life throws my way, I never have to do it alone. I can't wait to see what happens next." That's a Grapevine quote of the day. Did you know that if you go to [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org), you can subscribe to the quote of the day for free? For our Spanish speaking members, La Vina offers a quote of the week, just click on La Vina at the top of the Grapevine page.
- My Northeast Regional Forum report is in the LINK. While there, I met a member who used to live in Southeastern NY and now is the DCM for District 2 in Area 13. He'd like to connect with some SENY DCMs. If you're a DCM and are available, please email me asking to connect with Tony, and I'll e-introduce you.
- The Assembly Calendar is online for the rest of the rotation. Venues to be determined, dates are confirmed. I am so grateful to each DCMC for graciously making advance notice possible for the Body. If anyone has questions about how the Calendar is created, it's in

Article IX of the SENY Handbook, and for details, I'm available — my contact info is on the back of the LINK.

- 2018 marks the 50th SENY Convention; March 23-25, save the date! A reminder, our contract with the Marriott is for one year only. I'm wondering what you'd like us to do about that.
- The New York State Informational Workshop is August 4-6. Flyers are here and on our website, aaseny.org. The NYSIW is like camp. Dorm style housing and all meals for 175 dollars for the entire weekend. Lots of people from SENY are coming. Please join us!
- Since we last met, I've been privileged to speak on safety at Hispanic District 814, speak on service at the Rockland Spiritual Breakfast, facilitate Group Inventories at Hastings Lighten Up and the Smithtown Serenity Groups, report on NERF at Suffolk GS, go to NERF, the CPC workshop on SI, The Hispanic and Manhattan Share A Days, the Orange County Spiritual Breakfast, the Suffolk County Birthday Brunch, the Joy of Service Workshop, Bronx General Service meeting, Archives and SENY Convention Committee meetings, the Officers quarterly and the Committee Chair quarterly meetings, was absolutely thrilled to attend the Pre Conference Dinner as a guest of the Host Committee, speak on Concept V at Old Park Slope Caton, and lead Tradition 5 at the Putnam General Service Meeting. I am available to lead group inventories and speak on Traditions and Concepts.
- Our landlord notified us that effective immediately the SENY Office building will no longer be open weekends. I learned this Monday. On Tuesday, I let them know that weekends are necessary for us. On Wednesday, the landlord let me know that sometime in the near future they will meet with the tenants...and that for the immediate future, all hours of operation will remain in place. Our SENY Handbook says that the Chair may call additional meetings if necessary, and I'm hoping to avoid a July or August SENY Committee meeting if we can. I'm basically asking for your blessing to move ahead and learn what I can about the landlord's plans, consult with the other Officers, and move forward in a direction best for SENY. If no weekends is to be permanent or protracted, I'll likely appoint a Search Committee Chair, engage a realtor, start to review our options, and report back in the fall, either here or at the SENY Committee meeting. I remember that the last time we searched, SENY determined to stay put, but we got some weekend hours at that point. We won't know until I learn more, the landlord's date for the meeting has not been communicated. Everyone, I apologize for the inconvenience our landlord is creating. Any objections to the plan? (if none, say "then it will be done")
- Any questions? Thank you!

## **No Old Business.**

## **New Business**

Introduction of 2018 SENY Convention Chair: Michael. First SENY Convention Committee Meeting will be on Sunday July 9 @ 11 a.m. at the SENY office. He has appointed Steve G., (past SENY Chair and SENY Treasurer) to be the SENY Convention Treasurer.

Janice M., 2017 SENY Convention Chair, presents Michael the SENY Convention Project Binder created by the 2017 SENY Committee. She gives a final report on SENYCON 2017, highlighting the huge turnout (1196 attendees), successful banquet which sold out (293 attendees), returned seed money of \$6000 and \$12,600 surplus.

Mel R., Brooklyn DCMC, makes the following motion.

**MOTION** to negotiate an extension of the SENY Convention's contract with the Westchester Marriott, at the current prices, for two years.

Discussion addressed concerns that return to the old venue might have a negative impact on attendance, while acknowledging improved terms in the 2018 contract with the Marriott.

**MOTION** to table passes. (YES — 33 NO — 17)

**MOTION** to close. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. by Jane E., with A.A.'s Declaration of Unity.

**Thank you for participating and for your service!**

**NEXT SENY ASSEMBLY**  
**Saturday, September 16, 2017**  
**8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**  
**Orange County Community College**  
**126 South Street**  
**Middletown, NY 10940**

**NEXT AREA 49 COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**  
**Monday, October 2, 2017**  
**7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**  
**Church of the Holy Family**  
**2158 Watson Avenue**  
**Bronx. NY 10472**