

## November 4, 2019, SENY COMMITTEE MINUTES – Approved

Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. – Jerry R., **Chair**  
Serenity Prayer and AA Preamble, in English and Spanish.  
Quorum established; and Housekeeping (explanation of voting)  
Spiritual Vote Counter: Billy, Spiritual Timekeeper: Mike O.  
No corrections to October minutes; Accepted as written

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Jane E. ([delegate@aaseny.org](mailto:delegate@aaseny.org))

Unity does not mean that we all agree. Unity means that when we disagree, we do so with respect, open mindedness, and good manners.

My primary role is to go to the GSC prepared.

Box 459- is a quarterly Newsletter published by GSO and is sent to Groups with a GSR. I've decided that the latest issue will be placed every quarter on the From the Delegate's page this rotation. Thanks to our web chair! The Fall issue had information about Service Dogs in meetings, the Meeting Guide app and also gives information about an online AA community I joined to become a better-informed AA member). I encourage all AA members to read Box 459! It is my belief that if all AAs read 459, we will have more unity and support our future.

9-12 month of the Combined Operating Expenses of GSO and AAWS and AAGPV combined is the prudent reserve of AA. SENY's current prudent reserve is between 7-8 months operating expenses. This is our SENY conscience, but like any group conscience, can change. A group conscience is to be used as a tool, and like all tools, sometimes needs sharpening or adjusting.

Up to you. The SENY Committee is responsible those the we serve (Traditions 2 & 9, Concepts 9 & 10)

Read from 69<sup>th</sup> GSC Final Report PI page 33-34 re: safety

Read "Workshop Summary" for "Safety in AA" 69<sup>th</sup> GSC Final Report page 43-44

I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help....

The last day to submit an agenda item for the 70<sup>th</sup> (2020) GSC is December 15, 2019

Intergroup (IG) and General Service (GS) work in unity, different roles discussed

We have 93 Areas in the US and Canada, united into 8 regions, ours is the Northeast Regional, from Maine to Maryland.

Update on NERAASA, site to go live on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Should I bid for NERAASA, 2023? I will ask at Assembly, but first, would this committee like me to bid for it? (yes, by acclamation)

SENY Convention Contract: Our Panel 57 past SENY delegate will assist me in negotiating 2021-2023, thanks!

Board weekend (1 of 4 annually) ended this afternoon. The Conference Committee Chairs have a call with their corresponding Trustee Chair before and after Board weekend. We conference committee chairs ask our committees if they have any questions or concerns before the Board weekend and report to the Trustee, then after Board weekend, we talk to our corresponding Trustee and report back to the Committee we serve.

For International Convention/Regional Forums, I'm blessed to serve with Tom A. the Trustee Chair for International Convention/Regional Forums. (Concepts 1 & 2)

Information on the Treatment/Accessibilities and International Convention/Regional Forums, Conference Committees and what was asked, what was discovered before Board weekend.

IC: 2020 SENY Hospitality Room, Melissa and Scott are co-chairs, please see them to volunteer in Detroit

NERD Hospitality Room, will we support? One person would volunteer there. Discussion and Q and A, support via small monetary contribution? Motion to be made later this evening (Chair agreed to add to tonight's new business).

*Members of the body expressed interest in being in the NERD Hospitality Room, and to contribute \$100.00.*

Grapevine is in the red. Is solely supported via subscriptions and purchases, does not accept contributions. Note the transparency of our financials in the GSC Final Report.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Tom B. ([altdelegate@aaseny.org](mailto:altdelegate@aaseny.org))

Good morning / Buenos Dias – I have the joy to serve all of you as your alt delegate.

One of my jobs as your Alternate Delegate is to be your Area Inventory Steward. SENY typically holds an Area Inventory at the last Assembly of each rotation. As trusted servants, we try to keep the messages we received from you in front of us in the current rotation. You picked up a handout this morning about the one a year ago, complete with recurrent themes and an Action Plan.

I mentioned trusted servants a moment ago. There are around 35 Officers, DCMCs and Standing Committee Chairs listed on the back of your Links, with contact information. Additionally, there are roughly 50 active DCMs and Past Delegates that stand ready to serve you. These 85 or so people are your SENY Committee.

Everyone here knows our Primary Purpose as alcoholics – we hear it at every meeting in the Preamble, as we heard it this morning. In addition, we know from the 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition what each Group's Primary Purpose is. But your SENY Committee has a Primary Purpose, too – it's to support our GSRs, by responding to the needs of you and your group. And if you've had any dealings with any of the Committee members, you know we take our jobs pretty seriously.

Back to the Inventory. I'd like you to notice a sentence in the first paragraph of the Action Plan: "It will be up to all of us in Panel 69 to determine any changes to be implemented". That's not all of *us* [indicate officers], that's all of *us* [the room]. Because *we*, the Committee serve *you*, the GSRs and your Groups. And to do that effectively, you need to communicate with us – specifically – as to how we can serve you.

A question for the GSRs: before today, how many of you had looked on the SENY website, under From the Delegate, at the contents of the Area Inventory, or for that matter, at the AA Communications Audit? The former is at the heart of keeping SENY healthy and vibrant; the latter is the same thing, for all of AA. So we will continue to invite you to use the great resources – human, printed and electronic – which we do our best to provide you.

Do you need to know about the best piece of literature for a situation? Do you want to know how to find something on the SENY website? Would you like one of us to speak at your group, facilitate a group inventory, or just take the time to sit and answer your questions about General Service? The answer to all these questions is the same: ask us!

So, what part of the Area Inventory affects your Group, or impacts you? How can we Support you? What are your challenges with Diversity, Accessibility and Inclusiveness? How can our mutual Communication needs be updated, enhanced, or remedied?

We stand ready to serve you; all you have to do is ask.

I am – better yet, we are – available to facilitate Group and County Inventories, meetings or workshops on Traditions or Concepts. We would love to come visit your group. And beyond being available, we are excited, delighted and honored to be of any service we can to SENY, and to AA as a whole.

Thank you for allowing us to serve each and every one of you! Preguntas?

**CHAIR:** Jerry R. ([chair@aaseny.org](mailto:chair@aaseny.org))

Reading of Concept 11.

Gratitude Month - Our chance to say "Thank You". " The idea is in the air that A.A. might adopt Thanksgiving week as a time for meetings and meditation on the Traditions", A.A. co- founder Bill W. wrote in the November 1949 issue of the Grapevine (The Language of the Heart, p.95) shortly after the publication of the Traditions. Many groups have set aside all of November as marking the occasion with special contributions to G.S.O. in the spirit of the Seventh Tradition.

The Office Manager position has been split into three parts; Coffee and setup at the committee meetings will be George D. (Bronx D.C.M.C.), Electronics will be Liz P., and the S.E.N.Y. office is Jeff P.  
(Liz P. will have the vote).

If you need to schedule use of the SENY office, please contact Leighton B. [lbanton@bocnet.org](mailto:lbanton@bocnet.org). He will need to know how many people will be in your committee, and the date that you need it. If you need it at night or on the weekends, contact Jeff P. at 347-821-9512. You can also contact me if you are having trouble making contact with any of the above.

**TREASURER:** JoAnn M. ([treasurer@aaseny.org](mailto:treasurer@aaseny.org))

Moved overage in SENY convention account to the general fund.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report, seconded, motion passed.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$143.25

**REGISTRAR:** Mike D. ([registrar@aaseny.org](mailto:registrar@aaseny.org))

When a group is new they need to fill out the new group form. Get this from me or from GSO, fill it out, and send it to me or to GSO. It is better to send it to me. I will get the information into the system, and then send it over to GSO. If it is a new group, you need to fill out the New Group form. I will make sure that this is in the resources section of the aaseny website. The new group numbers will be available in first quarter of 2020. FNB is officially shut down. I had two trainings for county registrars. Still working on videos for DCMC'S on how to best utilize Airtable. I have materials from the National AA Tech Workshop. I am not allowed to share them but I can do a workshop for your county, or I can do a webinar on-line.

I am working with Richie to get on-line registration for the convention set up.

**2020 SENY Convention Chair:** Richie N. ([convention@aaseny.org](mailto:convention@aaseny.org))

SENY handbooks are available in Spanish and in English.

Convention registration form is available in Spanish and in English as well as Save-the-Date. On-Line will be available, hopefully by the end of this meeting.

All are invited to meetings: December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. January 12 at 9:00 a.m., February 9 at 9:00 a.m. (Marriott), March 8th at 9:00 a.m. (Marriott). The program is almost completed.

We voted and accepted a tentative budget. Registration is now open.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ray W. ([web@aaseny.org](mailto:web@aaseny.org)) Presentation on the Use of Technology in SENY

Excerpts from Communications Audit. Adherence to institutional orthodoxies. Tendency towards indirect vs. direct communication. Most of the technology in place is ineffectual, unattractive, and underutilized. Clear consistent direction. Creation of a Tech Committee.

**Accessibilities:** Sally B. ([asn@aaseny.org](mailto:asn@aaseny.org))

Revised version of AA Big Book in ASL. GSO is revising the pamphlet "AA For the Older Alcoholic" and is looking for content. It is due by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 500-800 words, double spaced, 12-point font, send to [access@aa.org](mailto:access@aa.org). Rockland is looking to have a winter workshop on accessibilities, in January, 2020.

Nassau wants to do something for ASL. Steve S is looking for an ASL instructor to instruct interested AA's on basic ASL. Our next meeting is by phone on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If anyone is interested you may contact me at my new e-mail address, [asn@aaseny.org](mailto:asn@aaseny.org)

Melissa: Co-chair, **International Convention Hospitality Room:** Room is officially slated. Will be attending budget meeting. Will be asking for a budget of \$2,500.

Spoke to archives chair about a SENY display. Would like meeting books from all counties. Looking for volunteers. Text Melissa at 631-278-2764 with day of preference, early, midday, later.

**Agenda:** Malini M.: ([agenda@aaseny.org](mailto:agenda@aaseny.org)) If you have an event please e-mail [agenda@aaseny.org](mailto:agenda@aaseny.org), name of event, date, location, a graphic, and county hosting. If you already have 2020 dates e-mail me right away because I am adding them to the calendar, even if you don't have a flyer. Special shout out to Vicki for translating the agenda for the last several months.

**Public Information:** Mike D. ([pi@aaseny.org](mailto:pi@aaseny.org)) Welcomed new NYIG PI Chair. Covered Interchurch Health Fair at GSO Office. Cancelled our October CPC/PI meeting due to date conflicting with events.

GSO Announcement: Alcoholics who are deaf can access AA's program of recovery in an updated American Sign Language translation of Alcoholics Anonymous on DVD. Can be ordered at [aa.org](http://aa.org) or may be available through local AA offices. The book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" is also available in ASL DVD. For more information, visit [aa.org](http://aa.org).

**Archives:** Hank G. ([archives@aaseny.org](mailto:archives@aaseny.org)) New archivist, Cathy M. James D. will stand in as digital archivist for the time being. Developing a collection policy. We have an Archives database. James did a presentation at our last meeting. In need of cataloging archives. In January will have a sorting meeting and will need volunteers. Planning a workshop for 2020, around May, hopefully in the Bronx area. The SENY history book is being updated. Will e-mail DCMC's or their Archives people for history of last ten years. Next meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at NYIG.

**CPC:** Laura G. ([cpc@aaseny.org](mailto:cpc@aaseny.org)) next meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup> at the SENY office. On October 17<sup>th</sup> there was a telephone meeting with CPC Chairs from about thirty areas from around the United States and Canada. Also in attendance was the coordinator of GSO, Diana. As a result of that meeting a CPC North America group was established. Diana advised that they have developed a LinkedIn page to help professionals maneuver the AA website. Newsletter is also on line for them. Revision to pamphlet "AA in the Community" in the section "What to Expect from AA" to remove the wording "may arrange hospitalization". The GSO Coordinator receives the information when professionals request AA's to come speak to them.

**Grapevine/La Vina:** Sherry A. ([grapevine@aaseny.org](mailto:grapevine@aaseny.org)) Upcoming stories:

Due November 15<sup>th</sup> – Stories about being introduced into General Service

La Vina Stories: due December 15<sup>th</sup> – AA Around the World

New catalog is out. New Book: Bajo El Mismo Techo, One Big Tent translated into Spanish

Annual photo contest due on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Send photos to [aagrapevine.org/photocontest](http://aagrapevine.org/photocontest)

Free shipping on-line until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Orange County is hosting a writing workshop on Sat, November 16<sup>th</sup>, Campbell Hall, 12-3

**Literature:** Chris P. ([literature@aaseny.org](mailto:literature@aaseny.org)) Alcoholics who are deaf can access AA's program of recovery in an updated ASL translation of Alcoholics Anonymous, available in DVD. Order at [aa.org](http://aa.org) or in local AA offices near you.

**Website:** Ray W. ([web@aaseny.org](mailto:web@aaseny.org)) Website is updated. If you have anything for the calendar send it to agenda chair, not webchair. I attended the National AA Technology Workshop. I am available for presentations or webinars as I have also been instructed not to publish information.

**Intergroup:** Mel R. ([intergroup@aaseny.org](mailto:intergroup@aaseny.org)) next meeting December 8<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Queens Intergroup. Queens Intergroup is having Thanksgiving Share-A-Thon, November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Nassau's Big Meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-8, Ethical Humanist Society. The NYIG Bill W. Dinner Dance is Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Corrections:** Eddie D. ([corrections@aaseny.org](mailto:corrections@aaseny.org)) correction desk has a new staff member and we have established communication.

Updated service pieces about asking areas for shared experiences in correctional institutions.

Asking for experience from areas as to how to create a service tool to create a database.

Included info on letters that will be sent to professionals at correctional facilities informing them of Bridging the Gap services. FAQ for new corrections committee chairs.

Attended National Corrections Convention. Workshop on corrections on November 24<sup>th</sup> at the LGBT Center in the city, 1-3 pm, Bi-Lingual Corrections Workshop in Queens.

**Treatment:** ([tf@aaseny.org](mailto:tf@aaseny.org)) Met in October. Discussed importance of safety. Continue to hold monthly meetings. Discussed budget for next year. Treatment Facilities workbook for next year.

**Manhattan:** Vicky B. ([dcmc@manhattan.aaseny.org](mailto:dcmc@manhattan.aaseny.org)) stepping down as DCMC, now working at Grapevine at GSO. Thanked SENY for the opportunity and encouraged someone to step up for translation.

**Nassau:** Marty K. - Big Meeting, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30, Ethical Humanist Society, 38 Old Country Road, Garden City. Archives Workshop November 18<sup>th</sup> at Nassau IG office, 7-9.

**Orange:** Frank D. ([frankocdcmc@gmail.com](mailto:frankocdcmc@gmail.com)) AA Grapevine Workshop Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 12-3.

**Brooklyn:** Colleen V. ([dcmc@brooklynaa.org](mailto:dcmc@brooklynaa.org)) Breakfast \$35.00, Dec. 1, 8:30-1:00.

Need someone to speak at Concepts meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Brooklyn.

**Queens:** Frank G. ([dcmc@qcgsa.org](mailto:dcmc@qcgsa.org))

New district Unity dance November 16<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-fifth Share-a-Day will be up on website.

**Suffolk:** Chris D. ([dcmc@aasuffolks-ny.org](mailto:dcmc@aasuffolks-ny.org)) Joy of Service Workshop, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4-8, True North Community Church, Bohemia.

**Putnam:** John – Celebrate the New Year, Baptist Church, 7:00 pm.

Joy of Service, May 16, 2020, details forthcoming.

Motion to contribute \$100 to NERD postponed to next committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 p.m.

Close with responsibility statement.

Next Assembly: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Rockland Community College, Suffern – 8:15 – 3:15

Next Committee Meeting: December 2, Church of the Holy Family, Bronx, 7:30 – 9:30,

New GSR Orientation 7:00