

Area Committee Meeting

Monday May 6th, 2023

Area Officers						
Name	Position					
Paola A.	Chair					
Jo Ann M.	Delegate					
Nisaa A.	Alt Delegate					
Ray	TCO					
Kimbley G.	Treasurer					

County Reports

Rockland (Kevin)

- Open Positions: ADCMC, Sponsorship, Accessibilities
- Spiritual Breakfast successful
- Chair for next year and the planning has already begun—It will be April 14th, 2024 at the Pearl River Hilton
- Archives took trip to Stepping Stones , Archives Chair setting up displays and bringin the archives to county events
- CPC and PI on task
- Forming a county tech committee to foster use of technology, find some with interest and skill to better serve RC
- Started discussions about a Concepts workshop
- Preliminary discussions on Sober Jam 2, reached out to Gregg (Putnam) and Dan(Orange) to get intercounty participation

*Manhattan (Justin)**

- Manhattan Share-A-Day will be held on Saturday, August 12th
 - St. James Church, 526 Madison Avenue.
 - Theme: A.A.s Three Legacies: Our Common Solution.
 - Planning committee is working with the facility to arrange virtual participation, as well as ASL and Spanish Translation.
 - The Manhattan County Website now contains links to sign up for service at the event and to make individual or group contributions specifically to Share A Day.
- Concept meeting workshop: Monthly Concepts meetings are held virtually on the first Wednesday of every month at 8 PM, featuring a speaker on the Concept that corresponds to the month, followed by sharing and a Q and A
- Website updated
- On Saturday, May 13, from 10 AM to 3 PM. District 620 will be having its 17th Annual Service Workshop. This year's theme is "Our Greatest Responsibility is to Each Other and Those to Come" (virtually)
- A flyer can be downloaded from the Manhattan County website.
- Open County Service Positions:
 - County Web Chair
 - 4 Alternate-DCM positions
- The Manhattan County Website has again been updated and now features a section to download flyers for upcoming events.

*Nassau County (Catherine, DCMC)**

- *Virtual workshop-service below group level*
- *April 17th 2023*
- *Share a day*
- *June 25th*
- *Working on filling standing committee chairs.*

*Suffolk County (DCMC, Kimberly L)**

- *Some people have resigned, need some people for service*
- *Starting coffee with DCMs- before county meeting every month*

*Brooklyn (Charlene)**

Westchester (Peter-paul)

Staten Island (Dan)

Queens (Raj)

Sullivan (Jeff)

Putnam (Gregg)

Hispanic District (Nelson)

Maura (Queens County)

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Nelson (DCMC_Spanish):

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Greg (DCMC Putnam):

Dan (DCMC, Staten Island)

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Bronx ()

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**Checking for a quorum –we will have a quorum **

New Business

New Office:

- We previously discussed new office space, the larger location could accommodate archives.
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Motion to move the office to a location run by sinardi; the

Vote Two

Chair asks for motion to accept budget with asterisk:

- *Yes: 31; 3 abstentions*

Questions:

Q1: Is there a subway?

Yes

Q2: What is the location, 135?

Q3: Would the larger space eliminate the need for storage?

- No.

Q4: Why don't archives have their own separate storage?

- When they were moving all the office stuff, archives allowed SENY to use their office space?

Q5: 800 v 1600 - square footage?

- 8x9
- Larger is almost double

Amendment to by-laws :

Allowing Alternates to Vote:

Motion: to add a footnote to article 4 of the by-laws to allow all alternates to stand in when the primary is not present. (motion seconded)

2/3rds required to amend bylaws; we have a quorum

Vote

Yes: 32

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion Passes

Add Registrar Positions :

Motion: to add a footnote that the registration chair has no vote on the committee to reflect current structure and practice (motion seconded)

- Vote

Yes: 15

No: 3

Abstain: 19

Discussion:

- Is this premature because there is an ad hoc committee looking at the structure of the TCO and the responsibilities?*

Minority Opinion:

- *I don't think it was ever an issue; registration was known to NOT have a vote; I agree that we should allow the adhoc committee to look at the TCO position and we may need more than one person to*
- *Simple Vote:*
 - *To discuss more (2 members would like to change vote)*
 - *Yes: 12; No: 16, abstain: 7*

went back and got a motion and seconded to reopen topic

Standing Committee Reports:

Marty (Archives)

- Preserved a 1947 memo on a letterhead WANA (WeAre Not Alone). A national organization of former mental patients began in Rockland State Hospital.
 - The document says in the spring or early summer of 1943 there was a meeting in the hospital of the group that formed WANA.
 - Bill Wilson founder & head of A.A. was there and said a few words.
- 1950 AP release "10,000 bequest rejected by AA"
 - Asked that member to forward any documents, so we can preserve the archival material. Waiting for a reply.
- May 2 meeting with our Archives Advisory Panel to review the Draft "Historian".
- Spoke with Michelle Murzor, our GSO Archivist, and discussed her 4 Editions Printings Presentation.
 - Potential dates, June 8th, July 13.
 - Archives committee will attend
- We haven't had a SENY Historian since Cookie was our Delegate, Ruth Hawsource.
 - No area historian since panel 49

- 2nd Thursday of every month (invited GSO Archivist)

Christina (Intergroup liaison):

- Meeting discussed protection of information online
- Try to increase participation to get more representations from counties-
- 3rd Sunday in May at 2pm virtually

Moses (Accessibility)

- Had accessibility workshop
- Trans group helped facilitate
 - Speciality groups and safety
- May 24th 8 PM, 4th wed of the month
- Young people's committee
 - How to get people more information to young peoples meetings

Sherry (SENY-Agenda Chair)

- Continue to post on the calendar
- Talked to new TCO
- Meeting tomorrow will open discussion about current calendar
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Matt & Jess (Service Sponsorship-Co-chair):

- First Tuesday of the month
- Tomorrow (on the calendar)
- Please send service sponsorship chair or alternate DCMs
- Discussing workshops in different areas

Toby (Corrections Chair)

- Exhaustive list of facilities –what needs service
- Correspondence program is great
- Need more men, especially who speaks spanish
- Please sign people up for the program to pre-release
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1p5HQ_vfbx9QAHeGcjN7ojkqBEILS77hhjrXP3qOdO10/edit#gid=0
- Working with DCMCs and their Corrections counterparts to see what prison service we can give out to the local groups (especially YPAA in youth facilities!).
- Let me know what facilities you are going into for your county. Will work with CPC and PI to set meetings up where needed.

- The Corrections Correspondence Program. Please consider writing to save a life.
 - Form: <https://www.aa.org/corrections-correspondent-sign-form>
- The Pre-Release program (formerly Bridging The Gap).
 - Form for contact: <https://www.aa.org/aa-corrections-prerelease-contact-information-outside>
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Devin (CPC)

- 18-19 doctors
- Presentations
- One more presentation this Friday
- Last wed of the month
- Trying to reach out to faith leaders
- cpc@aaseny.org

Derrick (Hybrid-Chair)

- Provided support for 2023 convention
- Still need highly skilled reliable people,
- Training is available, but audio, video, zoom experience
- Arrive at 7 am - and set up cameras –preferably someone with a large vehicle
- If any committee needs hybrid, give us heads up 60 days.

Jeanette (Public Information Chair)

- Connected to over 30 schools
- Making pamphlet available
- Wants to update podcast–anyone interested please contact Jeanette
- PI invited to speak at a school in Manhattan this week as well as a workshop in June.

Eric (Literature)

- Price of books increased so we placed a large order right before increase
- Let me know if you would like me to attend meetings let me know and ill be there selling books at the old prices.
- June 3rd Stepping Stones hold annual picnic; looking for volunteers

Hugo (TF-emailed)

- TF has received 6 bridging the gap requests.
- We set up a table at the SENY convention and connected members interested in TF service with their local TF coordinators.
- Please attend our next committee meeting with us on Monday, June 26th at 7pm at the SENY Committees Zoom address.

Derrick(Hybrid-emailed):

- Open positions: 4-6 highly skilled reliable people to work with.
- About positions:
 - Audio/visual/computer/zoom setup skills job.
 - Training available.
 - Should be the sole position this person holds as it requires focus throughout, running and supporting the meeting.
 - Involves switching camera views controlling audio levels.
 - Involves arriving at 7 AM to set up and run cables setting up the zoom room. Camera set up microphone set up taping down cables once they are set up granting cohost rights working with ASL and translation.
- Also require an alternate, preferably someone with a SUV/van, able to pick up and deliver equipment to and from locations.
- Once we have a permanent SENY office we will meet to set up mock assembly.
- One important note:
- Any hybrid support must have 60 days in advance notice.

Gina D (Link Editor):

Submitted by email

**We are proceeding to DCMCs for reports **

Treasurer's Report()

Kimbley G. (Treasurer)

- Family emergency; will update in June

Technology Report

Ray. (technology chair)

- contacted most of the committee members
- hoping to bring back postal mailings
- hoping to wrangle the calendar

Chair Report

- Renewed insurance
- Meeting was only 2 weeks ago, not much to report

Alternate Delegate Report

Nissa (alternate delegate)

- Can go to County breakfast
- Helped to find speakers for LISTS
- Share-a-day June 11th will attend (Spanish District)

Delegate's Report

JoAnn (Delegate)

- NERASSA bid went to Maine
- 3 Virtual Q & A
- 304 delegate questionnaires
- Expecting a list of advisory actions
- Plain Language: we all had 1 hour -will give a full report in June , welcome to email author,
- Trustee committee took a long time
- There was a motion to censure that failed - 49 voted against
- Suggest conference members meet at least twice a year outside of conference
- Important recommendations were suggested concerning transparency and feedback
 - Reestablish trust, better
 - Ask the board to take an inventory
 - Working group to help with inventory

Suggest conference members meet at least twice a year outside of conference

Questions:

Q1: Does intergroup have meeting books right now?

A: I don't think they are printing, but ill double check.

Q2: sharing session was recorded; will it be available?

A: I can find out.

Q3: Why is it so secretive what happened on Jan 29th?

A: gave us a timeline, but does not give a lot of details. They gave examples of why linda needed to resign and they seemed.

Q4: Can we offer transportation to NYS informational workshop?

Motion to Close, we have a quorum.

Closing with the decoration of unity