

Conference Meeting

2nd Monday of the month @ 7pm

August 11, 2025

Attendees: Sue Breese, Maryanne Portoro, Wendy Allen-Thompson, Mel Wilson, Marina Grennen, Carolyn Dixon, Linda Yonkin, Louise McEvoy, Dawn MacMullen, Vepuka Kauari, Mary Ann Teeter, Eileen Breckenridge, Lilia Hageman-Sheehan, Sue Kossowsky, Francesca Sullivan, Pat Bryne, Mary Harwood, Kathleen Reilly, Mickey Forness, Kathy Conboy

Excused- Jonathan Green, Jonathan Sangas

Discussion of names for the renaming of the yearly scholarship award- many names were stated but the final name given by Louise McEvoy- agreed upon by all attendees – Educational Incentive Program

Speakers – Chair Jonathan Green, Co Chair Vepuka Kauari

- There has been a call for speakers
- Speakers please contact speaker coordinator team at - speakers@nysena.org
- + responses
- National call
- + abstracts received Unsure of tracks yet
- Survey feedback by – August 31st – will know after collation of feedback and last years end of conference survey
- Speaker Chair Jonathan and Co-Chair Vepuka will collaborate results of both

CNE - Chair Linda Yonkin

- Just waiting for speakers – so nothing yet
- Discussion of CNE for viewing posters

Exhibitors- Chair Maryanne Portoro, Co Chair Jonathan Sangas

- Sponsor Opportunities – see website - exhibitors@nysena.org
- Contract on NYSENA website
- Has one exhibitor already
- Have sign on early registration - rate is discounted
- Exhibitor Rate:

Early Registration: \$400.00 - through December 31, 2025

Registration/late: \$550.00 - January 1, 2026 – April 12, 2026

- Working on Stryker bringing 18 wheeler scenario trailer, has reached out
- ? evening time slot or what times for exhibits

Posters – Chair Mary Harwood, Co Chair Marina Grennan

- Link on website to view posters
? for Grey Goose Graphic- see below
- Email posters out ahead of time to attendees with scavenger hunt/ quiz attached
- Run longer on screens
- Bigger screens
- Multiple screens
- Central location for screens
- freeze of screens
- Poster participants – stand with posters
- Posters submitted earlier than such as March 22 so can be emailed to all
- Waiting for new NYSENA Conference email addresses prior to Call for Posters
- Break in agenda to view posters with participants from poster submission

(the email addresses should be out to all chairs by middle of August and on website)

Raffle - Chair Mickey Forness, Co Chair Lisa Kelly

- Volunteers to obtain baskets
- Not move raffle after set up at conference
- Big items
- Little items

Party- Chair Dawn MacMullen, Co Chair Sue Kossowsky

- Early stages – down to choice between 50s theme or Country / Western theme
- Rapidly discussion turned to Country / Western theme
- Country / Western theme
- Line dancing class
- Horse race
- Kevin Richards (WGNA) radio

Welcome Wagon – Chair Louise McEvoy, Co Chair

- What to do in Saratoga Springs
- Why Saratoga Springs
- Race park
- Spa
- Downtown
- But keeping attendees at conference
- Excursions
- Massage
- Photo- professional head shots
- Bowling

Educational Incentive Program – Chair Mel Wilson, Co Chair Jinessa Rosado

- change scholarship award name to Educational Incentive Program
- Change website to reflect new name
- Get word out about name change
- Obtain winners/ students early so they may register when conference registration opens
- Educational Incentive Program to reach out to schools
- Educational Incentive Program – 1st time RN attendees

Registration – Chair Grey Goose Graphics, Co Chair Lilia Hageman-Sheehan

and others to assist as needed

OTHER-

- Many speaker ideas- Lawyer from Mary, Eileen
- *request for any speaker ideas to be sent to speaker chair/co chair*
- ?? about a spot on the website for each committee? From Kathy Conboy
- Raffle -Request to not have in speakers' room
- Honor Guard – Saratoga Springs area- President to set up
- Donation of non-perishable food or personal item - box

I will send a separate email for email requests for chairs of conference 2026 to Grey Goose Graphics and include Wendy (president)

- Conference Chair- Sue Breese
- Speaker Chair- Jonathan Green
- CNE Chair- Linda Yonkin
- Exhibitor Chair- Maryanne Portoro
- Poster Chair – Mary Harwood
- Raffle Chair – Mickey Forness
- Party Chair- Dawn MacMullen
- Welcome Wagon Chair – Louise McEvoy
- Educational Incentive Program Chair– Mary (Mel) Wilson
- Registration Chair- GGG

Kind of outline but not set yet in stone-

Wednesday

Council Meeting 9-11am

Bootcamp or whatever to be called- 1pm-?

Evening, Awards / Dinner

Thursday

Day- speakers

Party in the evening

Friday- ½ day

Speaker

Raffle

Do not know about tracks yet- will have a better handle after survey return August 31

Know we have MFC coming with helicopter trailer for trauma scenarios

POCUS (ultrasound)

Exhibitors- all over the place---

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Breese

Chair Conference 2026