

Conference Meeting

2nd Monday of the month @ 7pm

February 9, 2026

Attendees: Sue Breese, Mel Wilson, Carolyn Dixon, Linda Yonkin, Mary Ann Teeter, Eileen Breckenridge, Mickey Forness, Kathy Conboy, Lisa Kelly, Dawn MacMullen, Wendy Thompson, Maryanne Portoro, Jonathan Sangas, Jonathan Green, Vepuka Kauri, Marina Grennen

Excused- Lilia Hageman-Sheehan, Sue Kossowsky, Louise McEvoy

Speakers – Chair Jonathan Green, Co-Chair Vepuka Kauari –

speakerchair@nysena.org

- Speakers with contracts / arrangements completed for speaking
- Speaker Chair Jonathan and Co-Chair Vepuka will continue to collaborate
- Speaker's tracks have been scheduled
- There is a broad array of topics
- Speakers from across the state with varies topics – some first-time speakers with fantastic topics (hope to see them go onto national)
- National speakers and many past national ENA presidents speaking

CNE - Chair Linda Yonkin – cnechair@nysena.org

- Speakers' info has been assembled / organized
- Factual statement of what is required from a speaker for CNE process
Disclosure of Financial relationship, Name and Credentials of speaker, Title of topic, Description of topic, Learner strategy/objectives, References
- Chris Parker- last, awaiting all required info- should have it tomorrow
- Plan on CNE's submission later this week

Exhibitors- Chair Maryanne Portoro, Co-Chair Jonathan Sangas -
exhibitorchair@nysena.org

- Sponsor Opportunities – see website - exhibitors@nysena.org
- Contract on NYSENA website
- Has 11 exhibitors already signed up
- Registration/late: \$550.00 - January 1, 2026 – April 12, 2026
- ? Stryker bringing 18-wheeler scenario trailer – more to come
- Working on Stryker to be a sponsor – talks are ongoing
- ? Life Net – Steve, sponsor drinks/desserts with exhibitors on Wednesday evening
- Confirmed evening time slot and times for exhibitors
- Jonathan- I made a excel spread sheet- has exhibitor's sign in and spaces, should be very streamlined 😊
- Use of hallway in hotel

Posters – Chair Mary Harwood, Co-Chair Marina Grennan –

posterchair@nysens.org

- Link on website to view posters
- Will keep posters on website like we do for exhibitors for the year
- Email posters out ahead of time to attendees with scavenger hunt/ quiz attached
- \$100.00 visa card x 2 for poster winners
- Sue to bring purple folders for certificates
- ? turn a poster into a resolution- TBD
- Encourage posters to submit at National ENA- How to...Marina
- Marina's journey – poster to National
- 3 posters so far have been submitted!

Raffle - Chair Mickey Forness, Co-Chair Lisa Kelly –

rafflecahir@nysena.org

- Multiple items so far-committed - 20
- NYSENA bracelet- Maryanne Portoro donation- purple/white/NYSENA
- Picture of items – Maryanne Portoro to send out pictures of raffle items on constant contact after 1st of year
- Jessica Castner – mother’s quilt
- Tickets are ready
- Lisa- wine basket from Long Island

Party- Chair Dawn MacMullen, Co-Chair Sue Kossowsky –

partychair@nysena.org

- Emergency Lights and Western Nights – Name of party
- ? mechanical bull? – too costly and space issue
- Line dancing class -Eileen confirmed a with line dance instructor
- Backdrops for pictures
- ? photo booth- much discussion, cost of photo booth – had a national leadership conference- costly \$2,500,00, looking for other opportunities for pictures with props
- ? jail – backdrops for pictures
- Bandanas – costly and most people have but still looking into obtaining with embroidery
- ? food – BBQ / cornnot totally decided yet- Dawn /Sue / Sue will go thru menus

Welcome Wagon – Chair Louise McEvoy, Co-Chair _____ -

welcomewagonchair@nysena.org

- What to do in Saratoga Springs
- Research – Welcome
- Paint and sip
- Bowling

- ? mechanical bull – party?
- No new information at this February meeting

**Educational Incentive Program – Chair Mel Wilson, Co-Chair Jinessa Rosado –
educationalincentive@nysena.org**

- 28-1st time RN, 7 students
- Mel/Jinessa will reach out to

**Registration – Grey Goose Graphics overall conference personal for conference /
speaker support, Chair Lilia Hageman-Sheehan**

- **Font size of registered attendee list will be 12.5 bold**
- **Greeting of attendees**

OTHER-

- Registration – Would you like to purchase a Henry wear...to include clothes wear to order- Tshirts/sweatshirts etc..Link will be on registration From Henry vendor, who will bring to conference, last date to order April 5, 2026
- ? Add to APP – opportunities to contribute towards foundation, still awaiting information from National- I had reached out to the person Mary gave, this person sent to another person so Mickey has stated tonight she will reach out to foundation for the info-fingers crossed...
- QR codes on back of name badge for ENA membership / discussion personal cell phones but have QR code for attendees to use
- Honor Guard- Carolyn again confirmed- Award Gala Dinner
- Registration to have donation for items for teenagers – more to come from Eileen
- Registration form has dress info r/t to gala/party and classrooms
- Scholarships for 2027, + 1st time RN attendees, target 1st time RN

- Confirmed - Email from registration- have name of who registered, welcome from Team to Setting the Pace 2026, include what they registered for- if answered yes attending adding in Gala Award Dinner, Western Party, POCUS, APP etc...
- conference badge- will be similar to National ENA with color lanyard
- Will have on it what Attendee registered for- such as gala, party, council meeting, POCUS and have raffle for free conference 2027 / drink tickets for Gala and the Western party on the top of conference badge with perforated lines for easy removal of each ticket
- Holiday Inn Hotel- use code **ENA** when making reservations/ cost of rooms \$149.00
- # tag – across all platforms
- Hand Written Thank you notes
- Color of lanyards for easy recognition –
 - Red = Speaker
 - Blue = Board Member
 - Green = Conference Committee Member
 - Yellow = 1st time RN Attendee
 - Pink = Educationalincentive
 - Purple = Attendee
 - Black = Exhibitors
 - White = Extra ticket purchase

CHANGED TO BELOW due to being able to obtain # of lanyard at reasonable cost

 - Red – Speaker
 - Blue – Extra ticket purchase Attendees
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 - Purple – General Attendee
 - Black -Conference Committee
 - White – ENA Board of Directors
- Discussed cost of conferences and #s for food etc, why no at the door registration
- Ensure to register for all/any events an attendee would like to attend on the registration form

- Codes sent out for special registration- GGG will check as registration comes in for names - names have been submitted by conference

Wednesday

Morning - Council Meeting 9-11am

Afternoon - Conference starts at 1pm

Evening - Honor Guard /Awards / Dinner – Formal type dinner

After awards Gala- Dessert / coffee or cheese / or something else - with exhibitors

Thursday

Day- speakers

Evening -Emergency Lights and Western Nights party

Friday- ½ day

Day-Speaker

Raffle

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Breese

Chair Conference 2026