

Conference Meeting

2nd Monday of the month @ 7pm

March 9, 2026

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

Excused- Dawn MacMullen

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

speakerchair@nysena.org

- Speaker Chair Jonathan and Co-Chair Vepuka will continue to collaborate
- National speakers and many past national ENA presidents speaking
- Deena Brecher- Myth busters, Triage Edition, (Located on Thursday @ 1430 – 1530) needed to withdraw from speaking – personal, will not place anyone in spot
- All speakers received email as reminder to get their slides into Grey Goose by April 1st- submit to GGG

CNE - Chair Linda Yonkin – cnechair@nysena.org

- CNE's submission has been completed

Exhibitors- Chair Maryanne Portoro, Co-Chair Jonathan Sangas -

exhibitorchair@nysena.org

- Sponsor Opportunities – see website - exhibitors@nysena.org
- Contract on NYSENA website

- Has 16 exhibitors already signed up
- Stryker to be a sponsor – exclusive platinum
- Jonathan- I made a excel spread sheet- has exhibitor's sign in and spaces, should be very streamlined 😊

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- Mary will obtain
- Certificate for poster submitted- Mary will make, Sue has purple award/certificate folders
- ? turn a poster into a resolution- TBD
- Encourage posters to submit at National ENA- How to...Marina
- Marina's journey – poster to National
- 4 posters so far have been submitted and another will be added after hospital name is added to the poster
- TV screen – will rotate thru posters in hallway
- ? posters in hallway, presently electronic posters
- ? time to gather poster submitters and area/time to gather

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

rafflecahir@nyseena.org

- Multiple items so far-committed - 20
- NYSENA bracelet- Maryanne Portoro sister donation- purple/white/NYSENA
- Jessica Castner – has donated 3 quilts
- Tickets are ready

- Purse, coach or Kate from Mary

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

partychair@nysena.org

- Emergency Lights and Western Nights – Name of party
- Line dancing class -Eileen confirmed a with line dance instructor to assist with line dancing- get it started
- Backdrops for pictures – Dawn and Sue are working on this
- Center pieces for table, to go with Country/Western theme- will see what hotel has to offer, wants simple country type decorations on tables
- Cream/brown/gingham color table cloths- will see what hotel has to offer
- Will have a trivia contest
- Eileen will obtain 4-6 bales of hay

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

welcomewagonchair@nysena.org

- What to do in Saratoga Springs
- Research – Welcome, ? for Tuesday evening happenings

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 applicates who have not registered yet

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

- Greeting of attendees
- Lilia Hageman-Sheehan- needed to withdraw from registration chair – personal, Will not replaces anyone in this position
- Kathy Coboy will sit at the registration table and assist with mentoring
- Name badges will have listed out the events that a attendee has signed up for- Gala, Western Party, POCUS and time/date of POCUS, and have a raffle ticket for next year conference

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- GGG has worked very hard to ensure NYSENA have a fantastic conference, they have the knowledge and experience of our conferences so we are moving right along
- Discussion about what to signify Conference members and Board so any attend would recognize easily to seek assistance of any thing they might need- what room to go to, how to find something, etc..., ? vest of bright colors such as safety vests in neon color (green or orange), ? gold shirts, ? hats- we know there will be colored lanyards and a color strip on name badges but this is still hard to visualize see at glance, when an attendee may need something and no one wants to go looking for someone when they need something so because we are horse country and Western/Country theme party- it was decided to have female wear a fascinator kentucky derby type headwear and male wear a classic bowler/derby type headwear
- Mickey will reach out to National ENA for 2026 ENStrong Challenge info
- QR APP has all information r/t conference
- Discussed- meeting weekly in month of April, for a quick – what do we need, updates and anything else that may arise...details
- We will meet again on Monday March 30 @ 7pm- Sue Breese will send out a ZOOM meeting invite to all conference team members, one week before and a reminder on Monday March 30
- Hand written thank you notes

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