

Conference Meeting

2nd Monday of the month @ 7pm

March 30, 2026

Attendees: Sue Breese, Mel Wilson, Carolyn Dixon, Linda Yonkin, Mary Ann Teeter, Mickey Forness, Kathy Conboy, Lisa Kelly, Wendy Thompson, Jonathan Sangas, Jinessa Rosado, Vepuka Kauri, Marina Grennen, Sue Kossowsky, Louise McEvoy, Mary Harwood, Dawn MacMullen, Jamla Rizek

Excused- Maryanne Portoro, Jonathan Green

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

speakerchair@nysena.org

- Speaker Chair Jonathan and Co-Chair Vepuka will continue to collaborate
- All speakers received email as reminder to get their slides into Grey Goose by April 1st- submit to GGG
- Vepuka/Jonathan to call speakers if/as need for slide decks to GGG
- Vepuka/Jonathan to have speakers bio for conference and request assistance as needed for introductions of speakers

CNE - Chair Linda Yonkin – cnechair@nysena.org

- CNE's submission has been completed, updated changes as per request from National ENA
- Speaker Titles have been updated on brochure/website
- CNEs – have been paid – one could potentially receive 16 CNEs if attends all lectures

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

exhibitorchair@nysena.org

- Sponsor Opportunities – see website - exhibitors@nysena.org
- Contract on NYSENA website
- Has 24 exhibitors already signed up, 2 verbally and 4 more in the works so could have 30 exhibitors or more yet
- Stryker to be a sponsor – exclusive platinum
- Baxter sponsor breakfast
- Table for Honor Guard
- Jonathan- I made a excel spread sheet- has exhibitor's sign in and spaces/table #s, should be very streamlined for exhibitors prior to their arrival, check in process- sign in via computer
- Floor plan to be completed this week
- Raffle will be in exhibitor room

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- link constant contact after posters submission date close
- \$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
- 10 posters so far have been submitted and 1 or 2 more coming
- TV screen – will rotate thru posters in hallway
- Will have only electronic posters this year due to brochure advertised as electronic, next year ? poster presentations with each submitted poster
- Mickey has scavenger box for posters
- Mary and Marina will print off scavenger hunt completed submitted to online for box that will be available

- Mary and Marina will have blank scavenger hunt sheets to be filled out at conference
- Judges for posters- Vepuka, Wendy, Caroline and Nancy

Raffle - Chair Mickey Forness, Co-Chair Lisa Kelly –
rafflecahir@nysena.org

- Multiple items so far-committed - 20
- NYSENA bracelet- Maryanne Portoro sister donation- purple/white/NYSENA
- Tickets are ready
- Signage ready
- Send picture of raffle item to Maryanne Portoro- she will be getting picture items out

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
- Request for jail - ? set up
- Call out for props such as cowboy costumes, hats, gloves, guns etc..
- 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 potentially have a trivia contest
- Eileen has ordered 4-6 bales of hay

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

welcomewagonchair@nysena.org

- Greet and meet others for Tuesday evening
Tuesday evening gathering- Strike Zone Bowling offering, \$3 game, \$3 shoes, \$3 drinks
Louise will draft something for this that could go out to all registered attendees via constant contact, with response back to welcome wagon so she has #s

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 applicantes who have not registered yet

Registration – Grey Goose Graphics overall conference personal for conference / speaker support

- Greeting of attendees and registration
- Remind all attendees that they need to wear badges at all times
- Will have list of POCUS, Mercy Flight Central participants
- Will give out “Setting the Pace Selfies” cardstock paper
- Kathy Coboy will sit at the registration table and assist with mentoring Jonathan, +
- Name badges will have listed out the events that an attendee has signed up for- Gala, Western Party, POCUS and time/date of POCUS, and have a raffle ticket for next year conference
- Give out info and info about fastenators wearers
- Louise will welcome with tote bags at hallway entrance area near registration

Jamla – “Setting the Pace Selfies” - Pictures

- On card stock
- Mickey has box for Jamla

- ? + prizes- ? CEN registration
- To be given out at registration
- Will have info on back of card stock
- Will have QR codes for = **Instagram**-newyorkstateena **Linkedin**-NYSENA
and website to have pictures placed on

OTHER-

- GGG will have # for all events and attendance after closed of registrations April 10- I will get them out on next meeting Monday April 13
- John from GGG will be away April 14- 18, Ivan will be at GGG
- I will be at grandson wedding April 18 but available and Carolyn is also available
- Discussion about what to signify Conference members and Board so any attend would recognize easily to seek assistance of anything they might need- what room to go to, how to find something, etc..., fastenator hats will be worn- 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 reached out to National ENA for 2026 ENStrong Challenge info and is on the APP
- QR APP has all information r/t conference
- Discussed- meeting in month of April 13, for a quick – what do we need, updates and anything else that may arise...details
- Thank you notes for speaker are completed
- Vest will be brought forth again for 2027 conference, in parking lot presently
- I will set up a – What’s up app for conference use
- Discussion regarding state table at conference- thoughts were anyone in fastenators or raffle table could direct/answer and encourage of meeting networking/introductions
- Will have a “cheat” sheet with colors for lanyards

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