

## **Conference Meeting**

**2nd Monday of the month @ 7pm**

**April 13, 2026**

Attendees: Sue Breese, Carolyn Dixon, Linda Yonkin, Mary Ann Teeter, Mickey Forness, Kathy Conboy, Lisa Kelly, Jonathan Sangas, Vepuka Kauri, Marina Grennen, Sue Kossowsky, Louise McEvoy, Mary Harwood, Dawn MacMullen, Maryanne Portoro, Tammy Aiken, Eileen Breckenbridge, George Contreras

Excused- Mel Wilson, Jonathan Green

**Speakers – Chair Jonathan Green, Co-Chair Vepuka Kauri –**

**[speakerchair@nysena.org](mailto:speakerchair@nysena.org)**

- Speaker Chair Jonathan and Co-Chair Vepuka will continue to collaborate
- Linda/Vepuka/Jonathan have speakers bio for conference and request assistance as needed for introductions of speakers

**CNE - Chair Linda Yonkin – [cnechair@nysena.org](mailto:cnechair@nysena.org)**

- CNE's submission has been completed
- CNEs – have been paid – one could potentially receive 16 CNEs if attends all lectures
- Completed Bios for speakers' introductions

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

**[exhibitorchair@nysena.org](mailto:exhibitorchair@nysena.org)**

- Sponsor Opportunities – see website - [exhibitors@nysena.org](mailto:exhibitors@nysena.org)
- Contract on NYSENA website

- Have 30 exhibitors
- Stryker sponsor – exclusive platinum
- Baxter sponsor breakfast
- LifeNet sponsor desserts and drinks
- Jonathan- 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
- Floor plan to be completed this week
- Raffle will be in exhibitor room
- Making “bingo” card

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

**[posterchair@nysens.org](mailto: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 to be sent out 4.14.2026
- \$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
- 17 posters
- 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
- ? regarding ribbons -? virtual

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

**[rafflecahir@nysena.org](mailto:rafflecahir@nysena.org)**

- Multiple items so far-committed
- NYSENA bracelet- Maryanne Portoro sister donation- purple/white/NYSENA sell for \$10.00 each – 25th anniversary of 911
- Tickets are ready
- Signage ready
- Mickey will have boxes for poster answers sheet, selfie , exhibitors “bingo” and Raffle ticket for next year 2027 conference

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

**[partychair@nysena.org](mailto: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
- jail back ground for photo opportunities
- Call out for props such as cowboy costumes, hats, gloves, guns etc..
- Backdrops for pictures
- Eileen has ordered 4-6 bales of hay

**Welcome Wagon – Chair Louise McEvoy, Co-Chair \_\_\_\_\_ -**

**[welcomewagonchair@nysena.org](mailto:welcomewagonchair@nysena.org)**

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

Educational Incentive Program – Chair Mel Wilson, Co-Chair Jinessa Rosado –  
[educationalincentive@nysena.org](mailto:educationalincentive@nysena.org)

- 21-1<sup>st</sup> time RN/student have registered

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

- Greeting of attendees and registration – have list for all activities
- 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, +
- Mel and Anne will assist at registration table
- 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, # gave out at meeting
- I will be at grandson wedding April 18 but available via phone 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- Tammy, MaryAnn, Carolyn, Dawn, Louise
- Colored lanyards and a color strip on name badges – “cheat” sheet with lanyards color will be at registration
- National ENA for 2026 ENStrong Challenge info and is on the APP
- QR APP has all information r/t conference
- I will set up a – What’s up app for conference use
- NYSENA table at conference- Wendy will be at this, info/papers for becoming a member too
- #NYSENA for all picture/info- linked for all social
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### **Wednesday**

Morning - Council Meeting 9-11am

Afternoon - Conference starts at 1pm

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

After awards Gala- Dessert / Drinks - 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