

Conference Meeting

2nd Monday of the month @ 7pm

May 8, 2026

Attendees: Sue Breese, Carolyn Dixon, Mary Ann Teeter, Mickey Forness, Kathy Conboy, Lisa Kelly, Jonathan Sangas, Vepuka Kauri, Louise McEvoy, Mary Harwood, Maryanne Portoro, Mel Wilson, Eileen Breckenbridge, Wendy Thompson, Dawna Scheich

Excused- Marina Grennen, Jonathan Green, Dawn MacMullen

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

speakerchair@nysena.org

- ? Speakers for 2027- see last page of 2026 data

CNE - Chair Linda Yonkin – cnechair@nysena.org

- CNE's submission by February 1st

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

exhibitorchair@nysena.org

- Contract on NYSENA website
- ? Stryker sponsor – exclusive platinum
- ? Stryker sponsor breakfast / with educational speaker
- Too late Wednesday night or just have all day on Thursday, no Wednesday evening
- + BINGO cards – exhibitors like them
- Check in process – wonderful / smooth
- + banners with sponsor's name

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

posterchair@nysens.org

- Link on website to view posters
- Easels for poster presentation in person
- Eval process streamline with 4-5 poster for each judge

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

rafflecahir@nysena.org

- Have ? 2 lilac bushes to raffle
- Extra / more tables for raffle items

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

partychair@nysena.org

- ? party and awards together
- Food taken away too soon- ? later or time framed

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

welcomewagonchair@nysena.org

- Plan earlier
- Not have welcome wagon

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

educationalincentive@nysena.org

- No students – no return on investment

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

- Greeting of attendees and registration – + have list for all activities such as MFC and POCUS
- At registration desk- Conference team to hand out badges to participants while being checked off list / email confirmation at same time
- Close out all conference April 1 , speakers, posters, anything to be submitted such as banner needs etc...
- Because timelines and deadlines were not enforced, items were not able to be batches resulting in more time to address things...
 - Posters were not sent as a group but sent in multiple emails with the expectation of getting them on the site ASAP.
 - Registration needed to be reopened, and continual changes were made up to a few days before the conference. This not only resulted in more direct time handling the changes, but had a trickle down effect with having to rebuild/reprint schedules and update attendance documents.
- Last minute changes and decisions to need banners/posters for the vendors restricted our ability to find a more cost-effective source. It also eliminated time to circulate graphics for proofing.

Jamla – “Setting the Pace Selfies” -

- No comments

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- GGG will have # for all events and attendance, # gave out at meeting
- ? purchase mega phone
- + fastenstors hats so any attend would recognize easily to seek assistance of anything they might need- what room to go to, how to find something, etc...
- + Colored lanyards and a color strip on name badges – “cheat” sheet with lanyards color to be at registration
- ? too many emails
- QR APP has all information r/t conference but also have paper “cheat sheet” for rooms as to speakers
- QR APP code info update for that day
- Larger signs on rooms with daily speakers/topics

- Wifi in Holiday Inn – lost connections
- GGG front rear projection screen (faded picture)
- ? Council meeting time / day
- ? opt out of emails- voting
- Emails fixed for certificates
- Award honor poster
- ? Conference committee meeting time/day
- ? dates April 21-23 2027 – Passover
- When and where to hand out BINGO card / selfie card
- + all attendees that they wore badges at all times
- + new badges, Name badges had 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
- Gave out info and info about fastenators wearers
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Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Breese

Chair Conference 2026