District 20: June 2025 Business Meeting Minutes

****Meeting began on 24 June, 2025 at 7:01pm EST with Our Declaration of Unity:**

> "This we owe to AA's future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depends our lives and the lives of those to come."

New Member Introduction: none

**** 16 people in attendance**
Members of District 20 Table in Attendance:
Darrell A.
Cathy L.
Jen W.
George S.
Gayle F.
Mike L.
Bill B.
Lorna V.
Julie J.
Zac
Cathy
Mary W.
Chelsea O.
Diane R.
Jessica L.
Diane R.
Number Voting: 15

Visitors (Non-Voting):
Elizabeth BL (ABC Newcomers)
Jeff Z. (GIA Chair)
Marcy T. (D16 DCM)

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Chelsea
The May Minutes were distributed. If information is incorrect or omitted from the Minutes, OR you have an Officer or Committee Report to submit, please email me at chelseairene@gmail.com.

Motion to Accept: Cathy

2nd: Bill B.
Vote: 11 - approved

Treasurer: Diane R.
Beginning Balance: $3547.46
Interest Received: $.06
Balance: $3547.52
Debit card purchase made by AltDCM (on 06/03) for registration, food, and lodging for NY State Informational Workshop: $215.00
Debit purchase for lapel pins for the International Convention: $467.71
Debit card purchase made by AltDCM (on 06/05) for Southwest Airlines for NY State Informational Workshop: $361.41
Outstanding check that has yet to clear for snacks for NY State Informational Workshop: $100
Paypal Fees:
Grapevine:
Paypal Contributions:
Contributions (via check): ??
Bank Balance (as of 06.24.2025): $2503.40
Prudent Reserve: $350.00
Available Balance: $2053.40
No contributions this month.

Motion to Accept: Darrel
2nd: Jen W.
Vote: approved unanimously

DCM: Terry
- attended the Joy of Service, wonderful to hear from Guy and Dolores… had a young people's panel… Zoom was absolutely fabulous, no issues with sound, etc.… heard from people who answer AA Hotline and the content of those phone calls, including their experience and most memorable phone calls… passed the Secretary and Treasurer Reports.
- also attended DCM Fund(?)... less and less people in attendance… next meeting is The election Assembly, in September, more than likely on a Sunday,
- please send inclusions for agenda to dcm20@nenyaa.org

Alternate DCM: Julia
- not in attendance

Records: Darrell
Verbal report was provided during the meeting.

Written report - Currently we have 20 groups registered to District 20. If you are from one of the new groups that have just registered, I encourage you to go to the meeting finder on Area 48's website and check your listing. District 20 listings can be found here:
https://nenyaa.org/meetings/?tsml-day=any&tsml-district=district-20
I also encourage any of the members, whether new or not to periodically check the meeting finders to verify accuracy. Our records data base, which I keep for our district, is what drives the meeting finder for Area 48, and subsequently, the "Chair App" from GSO.

There has been a trial of listing a group in the meeting finder without publishing their password, and instead publishing an anonymous email to request password. I'm happy to report this seems to be functioning well.

I was informed that at this year's Fall voting Assembly that they will be verifying voting members. This will be done through our records database, so if you are a GSR or an Alternate GSR and you are not listed then you will not be able to vote at the assemblies. I have checked our records and I believe everything is correct. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

I have heard from a few GSR's that the issue of not getting the welcome packets has been resolved and they are receiving them.

I attended the Area Records meeting this month. The database has a new function that allows me to remove the last name of members while keeping a last initial. This is helpful in making copies of information in an anonymous way. It was also discovered that one of our groups in D20 is being listed as "inactive" and I don't know why. The Area records chair is looking into it.

We're only a few months away from our position rotations as a district and I will be rotating out. I want to invite anyone interested in taking on this position to reach out to me. It truly is an amazing service job. I thought it was only going to be data entry, but I'm often times the first person a new GSR, or a new group talks to, which has been fun and challenging.

If a group is interested in joining District 20, or if your group has changes the New Group/group Change form can be found here:

https://nenyaa.org/new-group-form-group-change-form/
Or, you can reach me at my contact info:

Darrell Anders

district20records@nenyaa.org

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. Thank you for letting me be of service.
Respectfully Submitted
Darrell Anders

District 20 Registrar

Committee Reports

Corrections: Pat D.
- not in attendance

Finance: Julia
- not in attendance

Grapevine & La Viña/Literature: Jessica L.
- unavailable to give report while driving, will send report to Secretary.

Inclusivity: Cathy P.
- no one is participating and no one seems interested… only 2 in attendance at the Area Meeting.
- there will not be an Inclusivity Committee Meeting in July because of the time conflict with the International Convention in Vancouver.

Tech Committee: Renée
- not in attendance

Accessibility: Vacant (and available)

Bridging the Gap: Pat
- not in attendance.

Functions: Julia
- not in attendance

PI/CPC: Gayle F.
- senior outreach project… packet and information are complete; available to give presentations to your group and able to customize template for a specific group.
- sponsor your healthcare provider project is going well, meeting next Tuesday (will post information in Chat Box)... mostly complete with the packets and should be ready to bring those to the next District Meeting for distribution… packets include instructions, a sample business card that can be customized, a sample letter that can be customized for your healthcare provider, a sample flyer that can be customized with your online

group information for posting in pharmacies, doctor offices, etc. and The Cochrane Report (3 versions: small, medium, and large) - a scientific study that demonstrates that AA is s good or better than other treatments… available for full support via Zoom and to attend group meetings.
- next project is to develop a Public information “spot” to be used for radio stations, to inform the public of the availability of online AA meetings.

<u>Webmaster</u>: Gayle F.

- thank you to everyone who reviewed the website and voted… about 14 people voted via voting poll… integrated changes decided upon at the last District Meeting….
- once the group approves, the website domain (district20.nenyaa.org) will be sent to the Area Webmaster.
- screen shared for demonstration purposes of voting poll….

Old Business

- positions still available: Alt Tech Chair, Alt Webmaster… **Mike L.** is interested in either position and will chat with **Gayle F.** to learn more.
- Accessibility Chair is still available.

All Business

- **New District 20 Website**
- **Terry** asks **Gayle** to share the current website and calls for a vote to approve… Gayle reviews each page of the website, including links, via screen share… if groups have information or events they want included, please email **Gayle**… each Committee has a dedicated page for events and content.
- **Gayle** wants to include a 24/7 hotline in next month's agenda.
- **George** wants to thank gayle for the District 20 Meeting List resource.
- **Cathy** motions to approve, **Darrell** 2nds… passed unanimously.

Groups

- **Loosey Goosey: Lorna**
- meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 3pm PST
- birthday meeting on the last meeting of the month

- **Global Eye Opener: Bill B.**
- 7 days a week, 6am PST… 3 book studies throughout the week as well as a beginner's meeting on Mondays. https://globaleyeopener.org/
- treasury is below prudent reserve this month, business meeting is this Saturday

- **One Day at a Time: Mary W.**
- next business meeting is this sunday… reading report from the last business meeting… survey and survey results were very effective…
- chosen to be part of the OIAA Convention (ad hoc committee meeting to meet this Saturday)…
- replaced sponsorship matching service with a newcomer liaison position…
- thanks to Diane for attending ODAAT finance meeting last month.

- **Cooperstown 5th Tradition: George S.**
- 20-25 consistently in attendance, but newcomers constantly coming in…

- **Just for Today: Jen W.**
- women's meeting, meets on Saturdays, attendance is down, planning to list on OIAA

- **Daily Reprieve: Chrissy O.**
- not in attendance

- **Unshakable Foundation: Zac L. (Alt-GSR)**
- meditation meeting every Sunday at 6pm EST, 3-4 people consistently in attendance
- discussed “Sponsor Your Healthcare” and “ASL videos” at the last business meeting… two important issues for recovery

- **Peace Makers: Darrell**
- every day at 8am EST, attendance averages 30-40 people, big book study on Saturday, 12x12 on Sundays, rotating literature on Mondays
- business meetings once a month… currently have 2 positions open (webmaster and IGR), positions rotating this fall (4 of 8)

- **Early Risers: Pat D**
- not in attendance

- **Rainbow Recovery: Julia H**
- not in attendance

- **Early Risers: Cathy L.**
- likes idea of newcomer liaison because there aren’t enough people to host/cohost
- steady 30-40 people in attendance

- **Our Common Welfare: Julie**
- not in attendance, left meeting early

- **Key West Noon: Mike L.**
- daily noon meetings
- Sunday Speaker Meeting is particularly great - interesting speakers and circuit speakers, including from the Pacific Group
- still very busy and consistent

Other Announcements

- **Elizabeth** - asks if anyone would like to share how they became a part of District 20… **Terry** offers her origin story… **Darrell** shares that his group was initially part of a district that met in-person, despite that his group was online, and so they changed to an online-only district, and Area 48 is especially inclusive with our online district and seems very committed to having an online district participate… **Jen W.** emphasizes the right to participation.
- **Elizabeth** shares discovery that countries outside the United States and Canada have committees but DO NOT have voting power within the GSO.
- **Terry** shares that Joy of Service had an Ad Hoc Committee for online reps can now “stand for” (be nominated and elected) to area positions

- **Elizabeth** shares that her group meets every day, includes people from several countries, and there are a lot of newcomers… https://abcnewcomers.org

Motion to Close: Darrell
2nd: Diane R.
Vote: approved unanimously

****Meeting closed at 8:30pm with The Responsibility Statement:**

"I am responsible...when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there And for that: I am responsible."

Next Meeting to be held on 29 July, 2025 at 7:00pm EST

Minutes prepared by Chelsea O. (District Secretary)
Thank you for letting me be of service.

AREA 48 NENY DISTRICT 20 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Call to Action - Newsletter for Area 48: https://nenyaa.org/hmb-newsletters/

District 20 Email: OnlineDistrict20@aahmbny.org

Contributions:

- Paypal: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=NPTKNEBELGYYE

  OR

- Mail contributions to:
  Diane R.
  15 Healthy Way, Apartment 42
  Ellenville, NY 12428
  (Checks should be made out to: NENY District 20)

District 20 Website: district20.nenyaa.org

District 20 Zoom Account:
Zoom ID: 291 297 7780
Passcode: 011023

Technology Sharing Sessions:
https://nenyaa.org/technology-sharing-sessions/

Chat Transcript

- unavailable at this time

District Flyer



Speaker Meeting Flyer

District Event Flyer