

I am currently running for Treasurer unopposed, so I wish to take this time to briefly discuss what I have done over the past two years, both on my own and in collaboration with the rest of our current board, and what I hope to achieve with your support in the coming term.

One major frustration voiced by members two years ago was that it was difficult for members to see how GANYC was doing financially through the year, outside of the AGM every September. I am happy to say that this has been improved – starting this year, we now release quarterly financial check-in reports with major contributions by our committee chairs to keep everyone up to date (and for anyone looking to find those documents who has not already seen them, they are available in the Member Documents section of ganyc.org).

Another frustration voiced by members coming into my first term was with our financial insecurity following a few major financial incidents in the years prior to this board taking office. In November 2023, we had \$8,521 in the bank with little wiggle room for us to fund programming to better meet the needs of our membership; I am proud to say that as of November 3rd, 2025, our financial cushion is now \$34,009.98, leaving us better equipped to take care of both GANYC's day-to-day business and any other new and exciting programming we may have ahead while remaining fiscally healthy in the process.

And while I am extremely proud of what we've achieved over the past two years, I still have more that I would like to do. In terms of day-to-day administrative concerns, I am looking forward to cleaning up GANYC's Google Drive folders to make those files more accessible and user-friendly for our volunteers. I will also be looking for a better office space to suit our organization's needs, as WeWork is not the most stable office environment for us to build a future in any longer. And with our financial cushion rebuilt, I am looking forward to taking this winter to find us a better banking solution that is more transparent, has better customer service options, and helps us to grow our savings more than our current banking situation.

Additionally, while our 50th Anniversary party in 2024 was a cash-neutral success, I will work with our committees to further build out and revise our other existing sponsorship and partnership programs in order to maximize our income from these programs without letting them eat away at our volunteers' energy and efforts.

And finally, I will work with the future board to find new ways to thank and take care of our amazing volunteer members. GANYC is what it is because of the members who step up and make everything we do possible, and I would like to find more ways to show that appreciation to our volunteers both in and outside of our committees.

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as your treasurer for the past two years, and I look forward to serving another two years, taking care of our financial wellbeing while building a more resilient future for our administration and operations.

- *Sara Lyons*