

# SNI Meeting Minutes: Saturday, February 5, 2022.

**SNI Mission Statement:** “To welcome, inspire, strengthen and grow the fellowship of OA”

**OPENING:** The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Saturday, February 5, 2022, via Zoom. Chair Wanda C. opened the meeting at 10:05 am with The Serenity Prayer.

## Present Were:

- Chair: Wanda C.
- Treasurer: Neal M.
- Recording Secretary: Laural R.
- Acting Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R. (Also, keeper of the Meeting and Sponsorships Lists)

## Intergroup Representatives (IRs):

- Monday 6 pm St. Simons, Arlington Heights: Elisa R.
- Wednesday 9:30 am St. Marcelline, Schaumburg: June L.
- Wednesday 7 pm Barrington: Lauryl B.
- Thursday 12 noon Crystal Lake: Carol G.
- Friday 9 am Elgin: Darlette P.
- Friday 10 am Bennet Lake: Susan M.
- Friday 7:30 pm Grayslake: Paul A.
- Saturday 10 am Crystal Lake: Christine G.
- Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Penny N.

## Visitors:

- R5 Vice Chair: Deanna B.
- SNI Webmaster: John C.

-Elisa R. Read the 12 Steps; Darlette P. read the 12 Traditions; Carol G. reflected on the Tradition of Month (Tradition 2-Trust) and June L. read the short version of the month's concept (Concept 2-Conscience)

-The proposed agenda stood with only one correction: Under the “Opening”, the second and third bullet points will be combined going forward.

-Wanda C. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted.

-The January 8, 2022 Minutes were approved.

**REPORTS, QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:** Reports from the Designated Downloader, Treasurer, Acting Corresponding Secretary, and Website Committee were sent out before the meeting. Updates and other reports are listed here.

## Designated Downloader: (June L.)

The WSBC 2022 will be held virtually due to current public health conditions.

Three new service structure documents are now available. These include: 1) OA Region map <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2021/12/oa-regions-map.pdf> 2) OA Overall Service Structure Affiliation and Participation Flow Chart and 3) <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2021/12/affiliation-and-participation-flow-chart.pdf>

The 2022 *Professional Community Courier* is now available. This outreach tool was written by health and wellness professionals for other healthcare professionals. See <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/01/courier-2022.pdf>

*A Step Ahead* – First Quarter 2022 is available at <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/01/a-step-ahead-first-quarter-2022.pdf>

- *Lifeline* is returning. See contributor guidelines at <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/01/contributor-guidelines-for-lifeline-stories-of-recovery-blog.pdf> and the story submission form at <https://form.jotform.com/220035565825050>
- Included in *A Step Ahead*: 1) Chair & Treasurer messages, 2) How the pandemic inspired OA to overcome the language barrier to WSBC, and 3) Letter to the fellowship from OA Young People.
- Second call for diverse voices (see flyer for details); story submissions due by April 29. <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/01/a-common-solution-call-for-stories-flyer-bw.pdf>

Monday, February 14 Hol-i-daze Zoom-A-Thon from 5 am to 11 pm (CST) Zoom ID: 959-959-1828 Passcode: 718863

Virtual Region Convention-February 18-20, 2022. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/there-is-a-solution-2022-oa-virtual-region-convention-registration-226285194107?ref=eios>

OA Unity Day: Saturday, February 26 at 11:30 am local time – Take a moment of silence to express gratitude for the OA Program

Saturday, February 26 Unity Day – Practicing Principles Before Personalities 9-10:30 am (CST) Register: Send first/last name, cellphone #, email address & length of time in OA to [WeRCVIG@gmail.com](mailto:WeRCVIG@gmail.com) with Unity Day in the subject line.

Saturday, February 26 Unity Day Welcome Home 9-10:30 am (CST) Zoom ID: 737-803-0229 Password: 11111

Saturday, February 26 No Longer Alone Noon-2 pm (CST) Zoom ID: 854-2131-9063 Call Christine M. at 765-299-7186 for password.

Saturday, February 26 Unity Day 1-3 (CST) Zoom ID: 531-800-4465 Password: 11111

Sunday, February 27 Unity in Diversity 4:30-6 pm (CST) Zoom ID: 233-409-141 Password: 149771

## New Downloader Updates

A new document *Frequently Asked Questions about OA Bylaws* is now available. This document brings clarity to the process of registering a service body and maintain that service body with the WSO. <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/01/faq-frequently-asked-questions-about-oa-bylaws.pdf>

15-Week Step Study Workshop (sponsored by CHI-WIF) will be held on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm (CST) starting on February 24<sup>th</sup> and continuing through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. You must register for this event. For more information and to register contact Dawn: [dawnrocks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dawnrocks@sbcglobal.net).

### Chair Report: Wanda C.

- Region 5 Assembly will be held on March 11-13, 2022. The Bylaws Committee has already been meeting.
- WSBC is now a virtual only event being held on April 27-30, 2022.

### Vice Chair Report: Carolyn S. (Not Present, No Formal Report)

### Treasurer Report: Neal M.

- Neal presented the December 2021 Treasurer Report. Everything has been successfully balanced as of December 31, 2021.
- Personal donations will not include the names of the donors, so that their anonymity may be preserved.
- Even though the January Report will not be submitted until the March SNI Meeting, Neal did report that donations received in January only totaled approximately \$400.
- Neal also presented the Budget (2011-2021). He noted that the budget does not list any of SNI's specific assets. There was a discussion as to whether or not specific budgeted line items should be removed, if SNI has not spent the money budgeted this past year. It was decided that the budget should include all current line items but reflect that \$0 was spent.
- Neal suggested that two lines be added. One to indicate the number of WSBC Delegates and Region 5 Representatives allowed and the second to indicate the number of delegates that were actually sent to WSBC and representatives sent to the Region 5 Assembly.

### Recording Secretary Report: Laural R. (Website Chair)

- The Website Committee Report was reviewed. There were no questions or comments made.
- John C. (Webmaster) will be looking to train an Assistant Webmaster in the very near future.
- Please check out SNI's website and promote it at your meetings.

### Acting Corresponding Secretary Report: Maureen R.

-Three (3) meeting groups have closed. (Heritage Woods, Elgin' Divine Savior, Norridge; and St. Peter's, Antioch.)

- Correction to the Meeting List (2-1-22): Friday 10 am Benet Lake Meeting. Password will be changed from "OA" to "Call Contact Person".
- SNI has purchased a Zoom account at a reduced cost of \$104.93. A promotional discount was offered when SNI accepted billing on a recurring yearly basis.
- Monthly SNI meetings have been scheduled for one year. (Meeting ID: 833-9832-5805 Password: 013291)
- As Scheduling Administrators, Maureen R. and Penny N. will continue to monitor the Zoom account.

## **2022 CONVENTION**

- The Convention will be held for two days, September 17-18, 2022.
- Maureen R. (Secretary, Convention Hospitality Committee) reported that the Hospitality Committee will defer specific planning until more details are received from the Convention Program Committee on the timing/structure for the three (3) three-hour segments of the Convention weekend.
- The 2022 Convention Committee will meet on February 20, 2022.
- Deanna suggested that members of the Hospitality Committee attend the Virtual Region Convention on February 18-20, 2022, to see how virtual programs are held.
- Darlette P. volunteered to be the Chair of the Hospitality Committee.

## **INTERGROUP RENEWAL GOALS/AGENDA QUESTIONNAIRE**

The procedures for voting on the Agenda Questionnaire were discussed and agreed upon. SNI members voted "yes", "no", or "abstention" on each proposed agenda item. Comments were noted.

## **WRAP UP**

What to bring back:

- 1) Unity Day Celebrations/Events/Programs/Workshops – See February Downloader Report for details.
- 2) Promote the SNI website. <https://oachicagosni.org>
- 3) Ask members to write a Recovery Story for our website. Submit stories to [lareinhart@comcast.net](mailto:lareinhart@comcast.net)
- 4) The 2022 *Professional Community Courier* is now available. This outreach tool was written by health and wellness professionals for other healthcare professionals. See <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/01/courier-2022.pdf>
- 5) *A Step Ahead* - First Quarter 2022 <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/01/a-step-ahead-first-quarter-2022.pdf>
- 6) *Lifeline* returning; read more at [oa.org/lifeline](https://oa.org/lifeline)(see contributor guidelines: <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/01/contributor-guidelines->

[for-lifeline-stories-of-recovery-blog.pdf](#) and story submission form: <https://form.jotform.com/220035565825050> )

- 7) Second call for diverse voices (see flyer for details); story submissions due by April 29 <https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/01/a-common-solution-call-for-stories-flyer-bw.pdf>

**Closing**: The meeting ended at 12:01 p.m. with the 7<sup>th</sup> Step Prayer.

**Next SNI Meeting**: Saturday March 5, 2022, from 10 am to 12 noon  
Meeting ID: 833-9832-5805  
Password: 013291

Respectfully submitted,  
Laural R. Recording Secretary