

SNI MEETING MINUTES for Saturday, December 2, 2023

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held as a Hybrid meeting on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Chair Wanda C. opened the meeting at 10:05 am with a minute of reflection followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Present Were:

Board Members: Chair: Wanda C. (also Region 5 {R5} Representative and World Service Business Conference {WSBC} Delegate); Treasurer: Carolyn S. (also WSBC Delegate); Recording Secretary: Laural R. (also Website Chair); Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R. (also keeper of SNI Meeting and Sponsorship Lists and Zoom Committee Chair)

Intergroup Representatives (IRs)

- Monday, 6 pm St. Simons Big Book Meeting: Shari D.
- Wednesday, 9:30 am St. Marcelline, Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader)
- Thursday, 10:00 am Northbrook: Pat H.
- Thursday, 12:00 pm First Church, Crystal Lake: Lynn P.
- Thursday, 7:00 pm St. Giles, Northbrook: Penny N.
- Friday, 7:30 pm St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday, 10:00 am First Church, Crystal Lake: Christine C.G.
- Saturday, 11:00 am St. Giles, Northbrook: Cathy O’G.

Visitor

- Deanna B.

-Carolyn S. read the Twelve Steps; Pat H. read the Twelve Traditions; Neal M. reflected on Tradition 12 (Spirituality); and June L. read the short version of Concept 12 (Selflessness, Realism, Representation, Dialogue, Compassion, Respect).

-There were two corrections to the agenda: 1) Discussion of Bylaws and Policy & Procedures changes tabled to January. 2) Election of the WSBC Delegate Alternate added.

-June L. read the Standing Rules which were adopted.

-The November 4, 2023 Minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports/Questions/Clarifications: The Designated Downloader Report, and a draft of the November 4, 2023 Minutes were posted on the SNI website. The Vice Chair Report, Treasurer Report, Motions to Amend the Policy and Procedure Manual and the Corrected Updates to the SNI Handbook were sent out in the SNI Eblast. Updates and other reports are listed here.

Designated Downloader: June L. (Original Report is posted on the SNI website. www.oachicagosni.org)

WSO News Bulletin - November

<https://4cbqp.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/mr/sh/1t6AVsd2XFnIGKBRQMJoNIGYzeVJZ4/fmrChVz8-L8e>

+ Make End-Of-Year OA Contribution

***Automatic Recurring Contribution:** Quarterly or Monthly - go to oa.org/contribute & select “Make this a recurring gift.” **GREAT WAY TO HONOR OUR 7TH TRADITION, ESPECIALLY IF YOUR MEETING IS ON ZOOM! WSO (OA) NEEDS OUR HELP. Donations are down by 40%.**

***Apple Pay Option:** Apple device users with Safari web browser will see new option to contribute.

Region 5

+ Fall Assembly Packet C (minutes; 2024 budget; updated bylaws, policies, and procedures, standing rules; committee reports) **FULL REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE.**

<https://www.region5oa.org/region-5/assemblies/region-5-fall-assembly-oct-27-29-2023/>

+ Newsletter articles <https://www.region5oa.org/online/> **GREAT RECOVERY RESOURCE.**

Twelve Step Within Day additional events (not on original report):

-Tuesday, December 12 Connecting with Care 6-7:30pmCST (NJ)

https://www.njioa.org/manage/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/ConnectingWithCare_11.16.23.pdf

Zoom ID: 820 1108 3717 Password: 121223

-Tuesday, December 12 Reaching Out in OA 9-10:30pm CST (WA)

<https://www.seattleoa.org/events/>

Zoom ID: 987 6482 0090 Password: 975099

Christmas Day additional event (not on original report):

-Monday, December 25 Christmas Holiday Zoomathon 8am-1pmCST (FL)

Zoom ID: 959 959 1828 Password: 71886

Chair Report: Wanda C.

According to the SNI Bylaws Article IX AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS, Section 2 Editorial Changes:

“Editorial changes may be made by the SNI Board when correcting an oversight or typographical error in these bylaws. Such changes cannot alter the intent or effect of the bylaw. The SNI Chair will report any changes made by the next SNI meeting.”

SNI Bylaw editorial changes made November 2023:

Page E-6, Section 4, B, 1 Removed extra s in “theses”.

Page E-10, third line of Section 6: Removed extraneous “the” before SNI.

Page E-11, first line of Section 10: removed extraneous comma.

Vice Chair Report: Susan M. (Not present. Full report posted on SNI website www.oachicagosni.org .)

Treasurer Report: Carolyn S. (Formal Budget Report posted on SNI website www.oachicagosni.org .)

-Please encourage members to honor our 7th Tradition. OA is finding that many people attend Zoom meetings but do not necessarily contribute. Donations are down by 40% Remind members that *Donations can be made to SNI (Suburban North Intergroup) by mailing a check to P.O. Box 5934, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-5934. SNI, in turn, donates to the WSO and Region 5.* Members can also donate directly to WSO and/or Region 5 on-line. Ask members to include the meeting group number when donating on-line.

-Individual meeting groups are autonomous. Although the normal split for donations to SNI, R5, and WSO are 60-30-10, each group decides how to distribute their funds.

-Ring Central will be kept as a way for new people to find out about OA.

-All checks sent to SNI have been cashed. -In December 60% of SNI profits will go to WSO and 40% will go to R5.

-Deanna B. has been removed from the SNI Bank account. Neal M. has been changed to the title of Member and remains an authorized signer on the account, and Carolyn S. has been added as the SNI Treasurer and primary signer on the account. -The bank requires a copy of the minutes authorizing the type of activity as indicated above.

-Additionally, when we elect a new Chair (2024), we need to include in the minutes of that meeting a statement to the effect that SNI desires to have the new chair added as a signer to the account and Neal

M. will be removed. The new Chair could then be provided with a debit card they might use for the WSBC and/or R5 Assemblies. This needs to be discussed in a future meeting.

-As the new SNI treasurer, Carolyn S. needs to be made the primary contact for the SNI PO BOX 5439, Buffalo Grove, 60089.

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

-The minutes are the legal documentation of what happens in a meeting. If a written report is submitted and sent out prior to the meeting, it will be attached to the Minutes. The details of that report do not need to appear in the body of the minutes.

-SNI instructed the Recording Secretary to post only the Y-T-D Budget on the SNI website.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Maureen R.

-Corrections to "SNI Group Meetings, Contact Persons and Intergroup Representatives" list. 1) #8 Mike G. should be Mike H. 2) #17 Delete Deanna B. as alternate. Replace her with Diane MC. 3) #21 Delete Joanne H. as IR.

Business

Twelve Step Within (TSW): Maureen R.

-Next Recovery Event will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 1 to 4 pm

-Location: TBD (Kingswood United Methodist Church or Buffalo Grove Park District Alcott Center)

-Theme: TBD (Suggestion made for "Trudging the Toad of Happy Destiny" focusing on working the steps.)

-Committee formed with Maureen R. as chair.

Budget Discussion

-Refer to Treasurer Report for discussion of meeting group donations.

-SNI needs to see an increase in donations. WSO has an automatic monthly payment feature for donations. Region 5 has a form for 7th Tradition Contributions on its website. Need to discuss the feasibility of this for SNI.

-Hosting SNI Recovery Events is important, as a way of increasing SNI donations and encouraging members to go back to F2F meetings, which would also encourage an increase in donations.

-Currently, SNI donates to WSO (60%) and R5 (40%). Need to discuss this split further with further discussion regarding our prudent reserve funds.

WSBC Delegate Alternate Election

-June L. was nominated and elected to this position.

Intergroup Renewal Goals

Strengthening SNI by visiting all meeting groups

-Wanda C. has begun visiting SNI meetings. She encouraged SNI members to also attend other meetings and introduce themselves as a SNI representative or officer.

-Maureen R. continues to maintain contact with all meeting groups, accessing their needs and encouraging them to be a part of SNI.

Respectfully submitted,

Laural R.

SNI Recording Secretary

Next SNI Meeting: Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 10 am to 12 noon on Zoom

December 2, 2023 SNI Vice Chair Report

I have a schedule conflict with the December SNI meeting. If you have any questions or comments for me, please call, text, or email me at 847-710-8823 or susan.m.oe@gmail.com.

SNI Bylaws:

There were a few **minor editorial changes** made in our bylaws, on which Chair Wanda will report.

SNI Policy Motions:

There are three (3) policy motions that you are receiving with this report. The file name is 2023.11.Policy.motions.pdf. These do not need to be discussed with your groups, as they are policy motions, not bylaw motions. They are scheduled to be voted on during our January meeting. Because they are policy motions and you are receiving them at least 30 days before the vote, they only need a simple majority to be passed.

WSBC Agenda Questionnaire:

Since the World Service Business Conference (WSBC) is the group conscience of the worldwide fellowship of OA, we have the privilege and responsibility to represent all our members through the Agenda Questionnaire. This questionnaire asks us to decide which of the business proposals (both bylaw and policy) we believe should be addressed at WSBC next spring. Each group is asked to consider which proposals are worth taking conference time to address. The group representative then brings those decisions and any comments back to SNI for SNI to vote on and ultimately submit our results.

Please remember that when we vote on the agenda questionnaire, we are not voting on the proposal itself, but rather on whether the proposal is worthy of conference time to be discussed.

The Agenda Questionnaire is scheduled to be posted on oa.org on Friday, January 5, 2024. I plan to write a summary of the proposals as I have done the last few years, but I will not promise to have that done by our January 6th meeting. I also would like to offer a Zoom session, perhaps in the second week of January, to discuss the business proposals and how we can present them to our groups. SNI will need to vote on the agenda questionnaire at either (or both) the February or March meeting(s), as it is due to the World Service Office (WSO) by Thursday, March 7, 2024. There will be more time to discuss the proposals in your groups if we plan to vote in March, however, if we have a March event or other pressing business, we may wish to vote in February.

The results of the Agenda Questionnaire are scheduled to be posted on Friday, March 22, 2024.

Delegates:

The **WSBC delegate registration** forms are due by February 26, 2024.