

SNI MEETING MINUTES for Saturday, January 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held on Zoom on Saturday, January 6, 2024. Wanda C. opened the meeting at 10:04 am with the Serenity Prayer followed by a thirty-second silent reflection.

Present Were:

Board Members: Chair: Wanda C. (also Region 5 {R5} Representative and World Service Business Conference {WSBC} Delegate); Vice Chair: Susan M; 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, 12:00 pm First Church, Crystal Lake: Lynn P.
- Thursday, 7:00 pm St. Giles, Northbrook: Julie S.
- Saturday, 8:00 am Libertyville: Paul A.
- Saturday, 10:00 am First Church, Crystal Lake: Christine C.G.

Visitor

- Outgoing Rep for Thursday, 7:00 pm St. Giles, Northbrook: Penny N.

-Susan M. read the Twelve Steps; Penny N. read the Twelve Traditions; Susan M. reflected on Tradition 1 (Unity); and Maureen R. read the long version of Concept 1 (Unity).

-One agenda change was made. Members no longer need to sign into the chat. It will be deleted from all future agendas.

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

-The December 2, 2023 minutes were approved with one correction.

Reports/Questions/Clarifications: The Designated Downloader Report and a draft of the December 2, 2023 Minutes were posted on the SNI website. The Vice Chair Report, Treasurer Report, Motions to Amend the Policy and Procedures Manual and the four (4) 2024 Agenda Questionnaire documents were sent out in the SNI Eblast. Updates and other reports are listed here.

Designated Downloader: June L. (Full Report is posted on the SNI website. www.oachicagosni.org)
WSO News Bulletin - December
<https://4cbgp.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/mr/sh/1t6AVsd2XFniGKBRQMJoNIGYzeVJZ4/EopzPYkycMJ9>

+ New Public Information Video: "OA has your back" **(Is this something in which SNI might be interested? Check it out.)**

<https://oa.org/news/oa-releases-new-public-information-video-and-web-page/>

+ OA 64th Birthday: January 19-21 **(See events listed in the full report posted on the webpage.)**

+ Upcoming Deadlines Date for World Service Business Conference (WSBC)

<https://oa.org/news/upcoming-deadline-dates-world-service-business-conference-2024/>

*March 7 Agenda Questionnaire due to WSO

+ Translation Royalties Report: 7 service bodies contributed \$3,222.56 in 2023. **(Royalties are received from countries that translate OA literature into their languages. A royalty of 10% is submitted to OA.)**

<https://oa.org/news/translation-royalties-report/>

+New Guidelines for A Newcomers Informational Meeting: 2-page meeting guide “to answer basic questions...while providing a warm welcome and...message of hope” (**Great way to welcome new people to your meeting.**)

<https://media.oa.org/app/uploads/2023/12/27144330/guidelines-for-a-newcomers-informational-meeting.pdf>

+The *Where Do I Start? Everything a Newcomer Needs to Know* pamphlet is now available for a free download in 22 different languages.

Events

+Saturday January 13 Newcomers Step Workshop 10am-NoonCST

<https://www.oamilwaukee.org/event/newcomers-virtual-workshop-steps-one-two-and-three-3/>

Zoom ID: 850 9549 6827 Password: 1212

+Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King Day Finding Wisdom In My Recovery

7am-11pmCST (Phone Marathon — Meeting every hour)

Phone: 712-432-5200 Conference ID: 4285115#

**+ADDED EVENT – Monday, January 15 MLK Workshop: We Have a Dream 1-2:30 pm CST
Zoom ID: 537 938 3397 Password: Un1ty (The “1” is the number one.)**

Chair Report: Wanda C. - No Formal Report

-Wanda wished everyone a Happy Holiday and introduced our new superpower for the New Year, to keep showing up. – She will be attending the OA Birthday Party in LA later in January and attending the WSBC in May.

Vice Chair Report: Susan M. (Report sent out in SNI Eblast.)

Treasurer Report: Carolyn S. (Report sent out in SNI Eblast.)

-Carolyn now appears on the SNI banking account. – Neal M. and Carolyn will complete the final account transfers at the end of month. -Seventh Tradition contributions to WSO=\$1,000 and R5=\$667.00.
-More *The Twelve Concepts of OA Service* pamphlets will be ordered.

Recording Secretary Report: Laural R. (Also, Website Chair) – No Formal Report

Corresponding Secretary Report: Maureen R.

-Wednesday, 8:00 am Zoom Meeting, Evanston – The contact person’s phone number is disconnected. Christine C.G. and Susan M. volunteered to attend their meeting to get the correct contact number. -An inquiry from the Wednesday, 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting, Morton Grove was sent to the SNI website email. Maureen will investigate the inquiry.

Business

SNI Policy and Procedure Manual Motions: Susan M.

- Motion to amend Article I SNI General Policies, Section D. Elections, Paragraph 6 to read See SNI Bylaws Article III, Section 4 for who are eligible to vote, passed.
- Motion to amend Article I SNI General Policies, Section J Committees to read 1. Each SNI standing committee shall have a Chair or Co-Chair to lead committee meetings. 2. Standing committees may meet at monthly SNI meetings when time permits, passed.

- Motion to amend Article II RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SNI, Section B. Travel Expenses to read All travel expenses for Region 5 Representatives and WSBC Delegates are to be paid by SNI. Expenses shall include but not be limited to: 1. Hotel Room (to be shared whenever possible) 2. Food 3. Transportation (In the case of Region 5 Representatives, one car expense per assembly), passed.
- SNI decided that the long version of the month's concept would be read at our monthly meetings in accordance with the SNI Policy and Procedure Manual.

2024 WSBC Agenda Questionnaire: Susan M.

- During the month of January and February, meeting reps need to discuss and vote on each of the Policy Proposals and Bylaw Proposals for the May World Service Business Conference (WSBC). Susan explained this process in detail.
- Reps have received all the Agenda Questionnaire documents. Susan suggested reps use the eleven-page summary as a resource for understanding each proposal's intent and rationale. She also encouraged reps to refer to the full documents for more specific information, including any costs involved. Finally, she recommended that reps use her thumbnail summary to record how their meeting group votes and to write down any members' comments, which are extremely important. Reps will report their meeting group's vote at the March SNI meeting.
- Each proposal will be discussed and voted upon with the results being reported to WSO. If a proposal receives 50% of the votes of the responding intergroups and service boards, it will be included on the WSBC Meeting Agenda.
- **An SNI Informational Meeting will be scheduled for those reps that want to know more about this process and the implications of each proposal.** Susan M will chair this meeting.

Budget Discussion

- SNI Budget is normally passed in December for the next year.
- Outgoing Treasurer Neal M and Newly Elected Treasurer Carolyn S will present the 2024 Budget for approval at the February Meeting.

Intergroup Renewal Goals

Strengthening SNI by visiting all our groups

-Please continue to encourage members to attend the Thursday 7 pm (in-person) meeting at St. Giles Church (3025 Walters Ave.) in Northbrook.

TSW (Twelve Step Within) Committee – SNI's Next Recovery Event

-Date/Time: Saturday, April 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm (In-Person) -Chair Maureen R will set up a zoom meeting for anyone interested in helping to plan this event.

SNI Standing Committees

-Committees include Public Information/Professional Outreach (PI/PO), Twelfth Step Within (TSW), Bylaws, and Finance. -If you have a particular interest in any of these committees, please contact Susan M at susan.m.oe@gmail.com

Julie S. read the 7th Step Prayer and Chair Wanda C closed the meeting at 11:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Laural R.
SNI Recording Secretary

Next SNI Meeting: Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 10 am to 12 noon (Hybrid)

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January 2024 SNI Vice Chair Report

Happy New Year!!

- Motions: We have three motions to vote on during our January 2024 meeting.
 - These were sent out in November, hence
 - The first two are removing from the policies verbiage that is in our bylaws, so that we do not have redundancies and two places that need updating if we decide to make changes.
 - The third motion discusses travel expenses for Region 5 representatives. Our policies do not currently include mention of travel expenses for World Service Business Conference delegates. This motion proposes to add that to the policy.
 - Since SNI reps received these motions more than 30 days in advance, a simple majority is all that is required for adoption.
- Agenda Questionnaire: The Agenda Questionnaire for the 2024 WSBC is scheduled to be posted this Friday.
 - I will write a summary of the proposals to facilitate discussion and recording of meeting preferences and comments.
 - The questionnaire is due back to OA by March 7, which means that technically we have an extra month to consider the proposals.
 - Whether we vote in February or March will be partly determined by other SNI business that is scheduled for those months.
 - I plan to offer Zoom sessions for representatives to discuss how to read and understand the proposals. Please consider when (in the next week or so) you would be available to participate.

Please contact me with questions, suggestions, etc.

Blessings,
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