

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held by Zoom on March 1, 2025. Susan M. opened the meeting at 10:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Present were:

Board members:

- Vice Chair: Susan M. (also acting Chair, acting Recording Secretary, Region 5 Representative, and WSBC Delegate)
- Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R. (also Keeper of the SNI Sponsorship List and the Zoom Committee Chair)

Representatives:

- Monday 6 pm Zoom: Shari D.
- Tuesday 7 pm Zoom: Paul A. (also TSW Chair and PIPO Chair)
- Wednesday 9:30 am Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader and Alternate WSBC Delegate)
- Thursday 12 pm Crystal Lake: Diane M. (also Alternate Region 5 Representative)
- Friday 10 am Zoom: Florence L.
- Friday 7:30 pm Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday 10 am Crystal Lake: Carrie V.
- Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Sue S.

There were no visitors.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Paul A. read the 12 Steps, Diane M. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on Tradition 3 (Identity), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 3rd Concept of OA Service (Trust).
- The Agenda was adopted as amended.
- June L. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The February 1, 2025 SNI Meeting Minutes were adopted as amended for typos.

Reports:

- Designated Downloader: June L.
 - June's report was posted on our website (OACHicagoSNI.org, click on Downloader tab).
 - Items not on the posted report were announced, most of which were listed in the "What to share with your group" document.
- Vice Chair: Susan M.
 - Susan's report was sent in the pre-meeting e-blast and will be part of these minutes.
 - We are looking for nominees for the following SNI positions:
 - To complete a term ending October 2025: Recording Secretary
 - To complete a term ending October 2026: Chair
 - To run for office in October 2025: Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, WSBC Delegate, WSBC Alternate Delegate, 2 Region 5 Representatives, and Region 5 Alternate Representative
- Treasurer Carolyn S.
 - Carolyn's treasurer report was posted on our website. (OACHicagoSNI.org, click on Resources, then on SNI Treasurer's Reports).
- Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R.

- Maureen's report was sent in a separate email Wednesday before this meeting.
- The event evaluation report was sent out in the pre-meeting e-blast.
- There is a screen and WIFI capability in the room we have used for events at the Kingswood United Methodist Church in Buffalo Grove, so we may be able to do hybrid events in the future.
- Maureen was able to complete the deregistration process for three groups that have recently closed.
- Media Coordinator: Shari D.
 - Shari shared the statistics of who has visited our website.
 - We are getting more viewers.
 - We have had people from Germany, China, Canada, and Russia visit our site.
 - Shari puts the address of our website (OACHicagoSNI.org) in the chat at all her Zoom meetings. That is something we each can do to spread the news!
- TSW/PIPO: Paul A.
 - Paul's church lists 12 step information in its bulletins. Paul has added information about SNI.

Business:

- The following groups would like support:
 - Wednesday 7 pm face to face, Lake Barrington
 - Wednesday 7 pm Zoom
 - Friday 9 am Zoom
 - Friday 10 am Zoom
- We discussed possibilities for less expensive storage, much of which is listed in the Vice Chair report.
 - Susan M. was able to negotiate a price change from \$82/month to \$41/month. She is looking into less expensive possibilities at other facilities.
 - No one objected to changing storage units as early as this month.
 - An argument for using a storage unit rather than a member's home to store SNI property is that a storage unit is accessible, but an individual's home may not be when something is needed.
 - It was suggested that we start the process of scanning historical documents.
- WSBC Agenda Questionnaire (AQ):
 - Five groups submitted the results of their meetings vote, but did not have a representative present to vote for their group. We decided to allow those votes to count with the votes of the people attending the meeting.
 - We finished voting for the AQ, which is good because it is due this week.

Closing:

The next SNI meeting is scheduled to be **hybrid** on **April 5, 2025**, at the Buffalo Grove Youth Center, 50½ Raupp Rd, Buffalo Grove, IL and via Zoom.

The meeting was closed at 12:04 pm with the Responsibility Pledge and the Third Step Prayer.

Susan M

Acting Recording Secretary

SNI Vice Chair Report for March 2025

- I was informed of one typo in the February minutes and I found a couple more. I have corrected them (extra words under VC report and a couple of missing letters). Let me know if you have found anything to be corrected.
- **Storage Unit issues:**
 - I have been contacting different self-storage facilities, and we can save a significant amount of money by moving to another facility. We need to decide if we want to go ahead and move.
 - On the other hand, we are not storing that much. We have:
 - the banners we displayed at the event
 - the steps and traditions banners
 - a coffee maker
 - some tea/creamer/etc.
 - some decorations, like flowers and doilies
 - binders for SNI handbooks
 - historical documents
 - baskets we used to use at events
 - perhaps some more stuff
 - Alternatives thoughts
 - Is it even worth having a storage facility?
 - Is there anyone who could store the banners?
 - Could we scan any important historical documents and store them on flash drives?
 - Do we need the coffee maker/tea/etc., as we have not been offering hot water at our events?
 - Will we reuse the old flowers?
 - Most of what we have could be replaced for what we would pay for a couple of months' rent.
 - We could move to a less expensive unit temporarily while we consolidate what we have and find homes for what we want to keep.
- We need to decide if we will accept the **Agenda Questionnaire votes** of meetings who have submitted the results of their vote but have no rep at the March SNI meeting.
- June and I attended the Region 6 Intergroup Forum last Sunday. Three speakers shared how they got into service and how it has contributed to their recovery.
- The next Region 6 Intergroup Forum will be on March 23rd and be about **PIPO**.
- Consider whether we want to create an occasional **newsletter to groups** with useful information as well as recovery inspiration.
- Please consider whether you are ready to **grow in service** to new positions and/or types of service. This could be volunteering to do a particular task, to work on a particular committee, to chair a committee, or to run for a position. The opportunities are many.

Susan M
SNI Vice Chair