

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held virtually via Zoom on May 3, 2025. Susan M. opened the meeting at 10 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)
- Treasurer: Carolyn S. (also 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.
- Wednesday 9:30 am Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader and Alternate WSBC Delegate)
- Wednesday 7 pm Zoom: Eleanor W.
- Thursday 12 pm Crystal Lake: Diane M. (also Alternate Region 5 Representative)
- Friday 7:30 pm Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday 8 am Zoom: Cathleen F.
- Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Sue S.

Visitors:

- There were no visitors.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Diane M. read the 12 Steps, Carolyn S. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on the 5th Tradition (Purpose), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 5th Concept of OA Service (Consideration).
- The Agenda was adopted as written.
- Diane M. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The April 5, 2025 SNI Minutes were adopted as written.

Reports:

- Designated Downloader: June L.
 - June is registered to go to the WSBC workshops this week.
 - June's report was posted on our website (**OACHicagoSNI.org**, click on Downloader tab).
 - Highlights (see report for details):
 - The 2024 Contribution to WSO report is posted on oa.org on the WSBC page.
 - New **"Inside OA" podcasts** are available.
 - The first one is about the World Service Convention in August.
 - The second is about the Center Microphone Monitor and was posted after the Downloader Report.

- The early bird registration for the **World Service Convention** is open until July 2.
- Region 5 Convention
 - Preregistration has been extended to May 9, at noon.
 - Walk-ins are welcome.
- Check out the events! Here are a few of the intriguing topics:
 - Flyer creation workshop
 - Chronic Illness
 - Emotional Sobriety
 - Memorial Day Marathon
- Vice Chair: Susan M.
 - Susan's report was sent in the premeeting e-blast and will be part of these minutes.
 - Wanted: Members who are willing to step up to run for one or more of the 9 elected positions that are due to be elected at our October meeting.
 - Consider making a contribution for the restructuring of Find a Meeting, as well as for WSO general fund to support OA as a whole.
- Treasurer: Carolyn S.
 - The monthly financial report for March was sent in the premeeting e-blast.
 - The March YTD Budget report was posted on our website (**OAChicagoSNI.org**, click on Resources, then on SNI Treasurer's Reports).
 - We discussed adding line items that represent regular bills, rather than having them part of a generic line item, specifically for Zoom and Website fees.
- Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R.
 - There has been no change since the April meeting, so there is no new report this month.
 - It was suggested that we investigate getting an inexpensive cell phone for the SNI number, rather than paying for the current service we now have with Ring Central.
- Raffle Basket for the Region 5 Convention: Cathleen F. and Diane M.
 - Since the Convention theme is "Bee Alive in 25", the basket has a Bee theme.
 - The basket is being completed under budget.
- TSW Committee: Maureen R.
 - The next Recovery Event is scheduled for August 2 at the NW Community Hospital, Northbrook, hosted by the Saturday 2:30 meeting at the same venue.
 - The SNI meeting that day will be held as a hybrid meeting also at the hospital.

Business:

- Whether to provide the new *OA Handbooks* for SNI representatives was discussed.
 - Those of us who already have a copy will look it over to be able to discuss this next month.
- WSBC Motions: We discussed some of the motions to be voted on next week at WSBC.

- Please ask your meeting what they would like SNI do to support them.
- It is highly recommended that each meeting have a group treasurer who practices the suggested split of excess funds to WSO, Region 5, and SNI.
- We discussed whether SNI would allow meetings to use our Zoom account. The prior thought was no—that meetings should be self-sufficient. It was suggested that if they paid for part of the account cost, that would be being self-sufficient. We plan to continue the discussion.

The next SNI meeting is scheduled to be hybrid on **June 7, 2025**, 10 am to noon CT. Susan will send out a survey to determine if enough members plan to meet in person to justify a hybrid meeting. When enough people respond, she will announce the decision.

The meeting was closed at noon with the Third Step Prayer and the OA Responsibility Pledge.

SNI Vice Chair Report for May, 2025

- I have been contacting Region 5 unaffiliated groups
 - Several of them no longer exist
 - The Find-a-Meeting update that is being worked on will make this situation less frequent. When the update is complete, meetings will need to update their information regularly to have the listing remain active.
 - Looking into why to affiliate with an intergroup, I discovered that the liability insurance that the Intergroup pays for is important to more than just the meetings required to provide proof of insurance to use a facility. Individual members should not sign the hold-harmless agreement for a venue, because that makes them personally responsible if someone gets hurt at a meeting.
- I attended a Cleveland Central Intergroup workshop (Bee-Techie) that is similar to one that will be offered at the Region 5 Convention on navigating the oa.org website:
 - It was very informative, and I highly recommend attending it at the convention.
 - There is a possibility that it will be offered again virtually, recorded, and posted on oa.org.
 - Oalifeline.org is a website that has lots of archived *Lifeline* articles.
 - Lifeline.oa.org has current *Lifeline* blog articles and can also be accessed through oa.org.
- I contracted for a new storage unit, emptied and canceled the old one, and moved into the new one. The new unit is at Public Storage on Aptakisic Road in Buffalo Grove. Instead of \$41/month, we will be paying \$17/month.
 - I have canceled the insurance, which would be an extra \$15/month. We were not paying for insurance at the previous facility.
 - I have returned the lock that was in the new unit, so we will get a refund of the extra \$21.59 charged for that. (And by keeping our old lock, we don't need a physical key to enter the unit.)
- The Bluehost account for our website expires September 17, 2025. It is in the name of our original webmaster. He is not available to continue as such. The account is not transferable, so we will need to set up another account in someone else's name, then he will transfer our domain name to that person. We need to decide who that person will be.
- I am looking forward to the World Service Business Conference, all of next week. I have already been to the Meet the Makers (of the motions) for delegates, the Bylaws Committee meeting, and the Q & A session for the literature we will be voting on.
 - Sunday there will be two workshops and a reference subcommittee orientation.
 - Monday, we will hear from the trustee nominees and have another workshop.
 - Depending on the need, the reference subcommittee may meet daily Monday through Friday.
 - There will be a recovery meeting each morning Tuesday through Saturday.
 - There will be five business meetings, one each day Tuesday through Saturday.

- Looking ahead to the SNI elections in October, I have created a document with excerpts from our Bylaws and our Policy and Procedure Manual that relate to the Nominating Committee and the elected positions. Please consider being on the nominating committee and/or running for one of the following positions:
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Recording Secretary
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - 2 Region 5 Representatives
 - Alternate Region 5 Representative
 - WSBC Delegate
 - Alternate WSBC Delegate