

Call To order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held virtually via Zoom on July 12, 2025. Susan M. opened the meeting at 10 am CT 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)
- Tuesday 7-8:30 pm Beginners: Pieter D.
- Wednesday 9:30 am Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader and Alternate WSBC Delegate)
- Wednesday 7 pm Zoom: Eleanor W.
- Friday 7:30 pm Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday 10 am Crystal Lake: Nancy B.

Visitors:

- There were no visitors.

Opening Ceremonies:

- June L. read the 12 Steps, Neal M. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on the 7th Tradition (Responsibility), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 7th Concept of OA Service (Balance).
- The Agenda was adopted as written.
- Shari D. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The June 7, 2025 SNI Minutes were adopted as written.

Reports:

- Designated Downloader: June L.
 - June's report was posted on our website (OACHicagoSNI.org, click on Downloader tab).
 - Highlights were sent out in the document "What to share with my group".
 - New items:
 - There will be a price increase on OA coins and medallions effective August 1, 2025.
 - There is a WSBC Delegate Support Fund which helps service bodies send delegates to the World Service Business Conference. Contributions to this fund may be made online at oa.org/contribute by selecting Delegate Support Fund from the Designation drop-down menu.
- Vice Chair: Susan M.

- Susan's report was sent in the pre-meeting e-blast and will be part of these minutes.
- We need a volunteer by September to be our registrant/liaison for a new hosting company for our website.
- We discussed new hosting companies for our website:
 - Hostinger: \$2.99/month for 48 months with 3 months free if paid up front.
 - Dreamhost: \$2.59/month for three years paid up front, then \$5.99/month.
- We may consider recording speakers (with their permission) at recovery events. Maureen will look into the possibilities.
- Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R.
 - Welcome to our two new representatives:
 - Pieter D. (Tuesday 7 pm Beginners meeting in Park Ridge)
 - Nancy B. (Saturday 10 am First Church, Crystal Lake)
- TSW Committee: Maureen R.
 - Preparations for the August 2nd recovery event "Growing through Gratitude" are almost completed.
 - The event will be wheelchair accessible for those who have difficulty walking long distances.

Business:

- SNI decided to purchase 7 copies of the *OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies: Recovery Opportunities* to have a copy for each of the board positions, plus 2 to be available for anyone else who would like to borrow one. SNI will retain ownership of these copies, so they can be available to board members and others going forward.
- What can SNI do better?
 - Provide Zoom account(s) that meetings can use, contributing for their part of the cost, so they don't need to pay full price for their own account.
 - Have representatives ask their meeting how SNI can better support the meeting.
 - Provide a way for meetings and individuals to make contributions to SNI electronically.
 - Encourage meetings to have various service positions.
 - Encourage every group to have a treasurer to collect 7th Tradition contributions, pay expenses, and send the excess funds to Suburban North Intergroup, Region 5, and the World Service Office to be fully self-supporting.
 - Encourage meetings to co-host workshops and/or recovery events with SNI. (The August 2nd event is a product of such an arrangement.)
 - Encourage members to be aware of opportunities to spread the OA message (See PIPO activities discussed below.)
- PIPO activities were discussed:
 - Public Information:

- Posting news about events, etc., to various media outlets (community calendars/announcements, newspapers, radio, bulletin board, etc.)
Members are encouraged to look for such publicity opportunities.
- Posting posters wherever possible (libraries, laundromats, cafes, etc.)
- Professional Outreach:
 - Sending letters to the staff of higher education institutes (trade schools, community colleges, universities, etc.) via mail or email using a form letter provided by a WSBC committee.
 - Providing the latest issue of the *Courier* (and maybe OA posters) to medical professionals.
- Most of these activities can be done by individuals, groups, or committees.
- It was decided that the PIPO Committee would use some of their budgeted funds to purchase posters and copies of the *Courier* to offer for sale at our events.
- Members were encouraged to read (or skim) through the SNI Bylaws and Policies, looking for what to expect, what is expected of us, and what needs to be updated.

Wrap up:

- The next SNI meeting is scheduled to be hybrid **August 2, 2025**, 10 am – noon CT, at the Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, followed by our recovery event “Growing through Gratitude”, 1-4 pm.
- The meeting was closed at 12:00 pm with the Seventh Step Prayer and the OA Responsibility Pledge.

Susan M., Acting Recording Secretary

July 2025 SNI Vice Chair Report

- Region 5 will not have a summer conference this year, but will be posting a summer packet of reports from officers, committees, subcommittees, etc. on July 19th.
- If you notice anything that needs updating on our website (OACHicagoSNI.org), please email Shari at TheGratefulGoof@gmail.com.
- Wanted: An SNI member who would be willing to be the registrant with our website host. It can be set up so that the public cannot access your name.
- Check out the Milwaukee Area Intergroup In-Person Retreat: Exploring Trust
 - September 26-28, 2025, St Iakovos Retreat Center, Kansasville, WI
 - For more information: https://www.oamilwaukee.org/event/exploring-trust-oa-mai-2025-in-person-retreat/?instance_id=79387
- I continue to serve on the WSBC Bylaws Committee and Everyone Has a Voice Subcommittee, as well as chair the Region 5 Bylaws Committee and serve on the Region 5 Intergroup to Intergroup Subcommittee.
- I plan to join you at the August 2nd SNI meeting and regret that I won't be with you in person at our August 2nd event.

Susan M, SNI Vice Chair