

Call To order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was hybrid at the Northwest Community Hospital (rooms 6&7) in Arlington Heights, IL and via Zoom on August 2, 2025. Susan M. opened the meeting at 10:00 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)
- 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.
- 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)
- Thursday 12 pm Crystal Lake: Diane M. (also Alternate Region 5 Representative)
- Friday 7:30 pm Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday 10 am Crystal Lake: Nancy B.
- Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Sue S.

Visitors:

- Deanna B.
- Terrek G.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Diane M. read the 12 Steps, Sue S. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on the 8th Tradition (Fellowship), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 8th Concept of OA Service (Delegation).
- The Agenda was adopted as written.
- Diane M. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The July 12, 2025 SNI Minutes were adopted as amended.

Reports and business:

- **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".
 - **From the WSO News Bulletin:**
 - There is a **call for stories** about "Living Abstinently: How Did You Do It?" for a new publication; the deadline is September 15.
 - **Sponsorship Day** (August 15-17) information. Several events are listed on the Downloader report.

- **World Service Convention** pre-registration is closed, Walk-ins will be welcome.
- Include OA in your **estate planning**. Contact WSO for information at oa.org/contact.
- There were 24 questions in the 2025 World Service Business Conference **Ask It Basket**. You can read the responses at oa.org/documents/2025-ask-it-basket/
- The following **documents have been updated** to reflect WSBC 2025 decisions:
 - Strong Abstinence Checklist and Writing Exercise
 - From Slip or Relapse to Recovery
 - OA Overall Service Structure
 - Affiliation and Participation Flowchart
- **From Region 5:**
 - **Summer Packet of Reports** has been posted on Region5OA.org, under Region 5 tab, choose Assemblies, then 2025 Summer Packet
 - **Elections** will be held at the Fall Assembly for Region 5 Vice Chair and Secretary. The “A Day in the Life” documents and the application form are in the Summer Packet.
- **Events:**
 - Region 6 Forum: **Tips & Ideas for Treasurers**, Sunday August 10, 3-4 pm CDT, Zoom ID: 828 1250 0552, Password 811927
 - Several **Sponsorship Day events**
- **New (additional) information** not on the report:
 - 2025 Q1 **Contributions Report** is available in Documents on oa.org. The Q2 report will be available at the end of August with year-to-date budget data.
 - Check out “What’s happening at OA” on the oa.org home page for **new podcasts** and other new information.
 - **Additional Sponsorship Day event:** Saturday August 16, 1-3 pm CDT, Zoom ID: 847 8506 8099, Password: 164164
 - **Fellowship Fun virtual event** (out of San Antonio) on Wednesday, August 29, 7pmCDT, Zoom ID: 2024 411 1960 Password: OASAAI
 - Virtual Karaoke and More!
 - Sing - A song, or a few lines, or read the lyrics (radio/clean version)
 - Speak - Poetry, journal entry, or whatever is on your heart
 - Show and Tell - Drawing, or something tangible
 - The Milwaukee Area Intergroup is hosting an **in-person retreat** “Exploring Trust”, September 26-28 at St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, WI. More information is available at https://www.oamilwaukee.org/event/exploring-trust-oa-mai-2025-in-person-retreat/?instance_id=79387

- The Better Together Virtual Intergroup is hosting an **in-person retreat** “Connect Energize Envision Recover”, September 12-14 at Sheraton Suites Chicago O’Hare in Rosemont, IL. More information is available at <https://www.btvig.org/retreat2025>
- Vice Chair: Susan M
 - Susan’s report was sent in the pre-meeting e-blast and will be part of these minutes.
 - The *OA Handbook* includes a section on **service positions at the group level**. Positions described are Secretary, Treasure, Intergroup representative, Contact List Person, Designated Downloader, Greeter/Newcomer Coordinator, Literature Representative, Point of Contact (what we call the group’s contact person), Public Outreach Representative, Recorder, Recovery Medallion Person, Speaker Recruiter/Program Chair, Virtual Host/Key Holder. The importance of **rotation of service** was emphasized.
 - It was suggested that we work with sponsors in SNI groups regarding the importance of service and **encouraging sponsees to do service**.
 - At our July meeting, we decided to purchase 7 *OA Handbooks*. We will be ordering them later this month, along with other materials for our events. If you or your group have **items you wish to purchase from the OA Bookstore** and would like to add your order with ours to **save on shipping** (and will be able to pick up your order), please contact Susan (Susan.M.OA@gmail.com) by August 15.
- Treasurer: Carolyn S.
 - The **May and June budget reports** have been posted on our website (OACHicagoSNI.org, Resources, Treasurer’s reports).
 - The **monthly financial reports** for May and June were emailed to the SNI Board and Representatives.
 - We discussed the **possibility enabling online donations**. Members are encouraged to consider/look into the possibility and ask their group members if they would use such a service. Hopefully, we can make a decision in September about how we want to proceed.
 - We also would like to decide whether or not to allow our groups to make an **SNI Zoom account** available for meetings to use at a prorated cost. Again, it would be helpful to hear from our groups whether this service would be of interest to them.
- Corresponding Secretary: Maureen R.
 - Maureen’s report was sent out in a pre-meeting e-blast to the SNI Board and Representatives.
- TSW Committee: Maureen R. and Paul A.
 - Updated schedules for our event were available for those doing service.
- PIPO Committee: Paul A.
 - Susan sent Paul an article from a Minnesota paper about an **OA information event** for the public and health professionals. We may wish to host such an event.

Wrap up:

- The next SNI meeting is scheduled to be via Zoom only **September 6, 2025**, 10 am – noon CT.
- The meeting was closed at 12 pm with the Seventh Step Prayer and the OA Responsibility Pledge.

Susan M., Acting Recording Secretary

SNI Vice Chair Report for August 2025

- I updated the July minutes by adding Shari's last initial in the opening ceremonies.
- I noticed an article about an event to introduce OA to a community in the county where I summer (in Minnesota) and mailed the article to our PIPO Chair, Paul A. Organizing/hosting such an event would be a service SNI could do.
- We have not yet ordered the *OA Handbook* copies we voted on last month. As long as we are placing an order, let us know if there is anything else we should order for SNI business, or if we can combine the order with someone else's to save on postage.
- I have been e-blasting everything to my SNI list which includes anyone who was once active in SNI and hasn't asked to be removed from the email list. There are some documents, like the Corresponding Secretary report and the Monthly Treasurer report that will be sent only to currently active members going forward.
- In reading the *OA Handbook*, I am thinking that we may highlight a topic at each SNI meeting for a while. I think we will start with service at the group level.
- The Friday 10 am Zoom (Benet Lake) meeting is small and could use some support. This is another opportunity to do service.