

**This is an unadopted draft. If you have suggestions for improving the minutes, please tell me as soon as possible by email ([susan.m.oa@gmail.com](mailto:susan.m.oa@gmail.com)). Thank you for your service!**

**Call To order:** The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was via Zoom only on October 4, 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)
- Friday 7:30 pm Grayslake: Neal M.
- Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Sue S.

Visitors:

- There were no visitors

**Opening Ceremonies:**

- Paul A. read the 12 Steps, Neal M. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on the 10<sup>th</sup> Tradition (Neutrality), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 10<sup>th</sup> Concept of OA Service (Clarity).
- The Agenda was adopted as written.
- Shari D. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The September 6, 2025 SNI Minutes were adopted as written.

**Elections:**

- We had no candidate for Chair.
- Susan M. was elected Vice Chair for her 2<sup>nd</sup> 2-year term.
- We had no candidate for Recording Secretary.
- We had no candidate for Corresponding Secretary.
- We had no candidate for Region 5 Representative.
- We had no candidate for Alternate Region 5 Representative.
- We had no candidate for WSBC Delegate.
- June L. was elected Alternate WSBC Delegate.

**Reports:**

- **Designated Downloader:** June L.
  - June's report was **posted on our website** (OAChicagoSNI.org, click on Downloader tab).
  - **Highlights** and new information were sent out in the document "News and reminders from SNI".
- **Vice Chair:** Susan M
  - Susan's report was sent in the pre-meeting e-blast and will be part of these minutes.
  - Susan read from the **OA Handbook** about the functions of intergroups and group participation in intergroups. (pages 45-46)
  - OA members may volunteer to serve on any project without having a position in SNI.
- **Treasurer:** Carolyn S.
  - The **August budget report** was posted to our website (OAChicagoSNI.org, Resources, SNI Year-to-date Budget Reports).
    - Carolyn will be separating the website and Zoom fees from the SNI Expenses.
    - She will also look into the missing WSBC Registration fees from 2024 and 2023.
  - It appears that there will be an extra \$7 premium on our **insurance** bill this year, which will be paid in November.
  - The August **monthly financial report** was emailed to the SNI Board and Representatives.
  - We discussed the **possibility enabling online donations**.
    - Carolyn has been looking into the possibility of using a QR code, which requires an email address and setting up online banking.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Maureen R.
  - There again is no change to the Corresponding Secretary report.
  - Since Maureen is rotating out of service, we need someone to be the Zoom host for our meetings.
- **TSW Committee:** Paul A.
  - We are looking at having a virtual recovery event early next year, cohosted by the Monday 6 pm BB Visionaries meeting.
  - We would like to have our next in person recovery event at the Northwest Community Hospital again, as that worked well for our last event.
  - Please share topics you would like to see covered at events—email Paul at hjf12@comcast.net.
  - We now have several **12 & 12** books to sell at in-person events.
- **PIPO Committee:** Paul A.
  - Paul attended a workshop on PIPO and would like to try out some of the suggestions.
  - We could have a meeting put on a poster party.
  - Consider providing OA's public service announcements to TV and radio stations.

**Wrap up:**

- **The next SNI meeting** is scheduled to be via Zoom only **November 8, 2025**, 10 am – noon CT.
- The meeting was closed at 11:57 am with the Seventh Step Prayer and the OA Responsibility Pledge.

Susan M., Acting Recording Secretary

**October 2025 SNI Vice Chair Report**

- I changed the title of the document “What to share with my meeting” to “News and reminders from SNI”, and would suggest that reps and liaisons email the document to members of their meetings. IO have also learned how to insert pdfs into Word documents, so flyers can be part of that document, instead of being separate downloads. Let me know how this worked for you.
- Our website, **OAChicagoSNI.org**, had been migrated from the original hosting company (Bluehost) to a new company (Hostinger).
  - What we didn’t realize was that not only was the hosting contract expiring, but the domain was also expiring. The site went off line, for a couple of days, but we were able to renew the domain for one year with Bluehost. Hostinger charged a small fee for transferring the Domain to Hostinger. Next year we will need to pay Hostinger the domain fee.
  - I got the [info@oachicagosni.org](mailto:info@oachicagosni.org) mailbox set up and forwarded. It is free for one year, then we will need to pay for it.
- I was late in placing our **OA Bookstore order**. I split it into two orders, one to be delivered to Maureen R. in Schaumburg and the other to be delivered to me in Grayslake, to facilitate distribution of items. As it turned out, the first order is expected to be delivered before our meeting, which is unusually quick delivery, just 3 days instead of up to 2 weeks! The second one is expected next week.
- I am **moving the elections to immediately after the opening ceremonies** on the October agenda because one of the candidates won’t be present if the election is held later.
- I created a document with parts of the **SNI Bylaws and Policies related to elected positions** for your convenience. Some of the formatting got lost, so it is probably easier to read in the original documents in your SNI Handbook.
- I noticed a **typo in the SNI Policies and Procedure Manual**, where paragraph 11 was added to the duties of the Recording Secretary, but the paragraphs that followed the insertion were not renumbered, so there were 2 paragraphs 11. I renumbered those paragraphs.
- Reminder: **In November, SNI will be meeting on the second Saturday** of the month (November 8), not the first, due to a conflict with the Region 5 Fall Assembly (Oct 31-Nov 2).

- Mark your calendars! Region 5 TSW Committee is presenting a virtual interactive workshop 12/12/25: "**Relapse is not contagious, but recovery is**". It has been posted on our website and I will include the flyer in the post meeting eblast.
- Please be aware that with services such as the storage facility and the website, fees start at **introductory prices when we change vendors**, and then after a period of time, they increase.

Susan M., Vice Chair