

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was hybrid with the in-person part at the Buffalo Grove Youth Center on December 6, 2025. Vice Chair 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)

Committee Chairs:

- Paul A. (TSW and PIPO)

Representatives:

- Monday 7 pm: Josephine C.
- Tuesday 7 pm Zoom: Terrek G.
- Wednesday 9:30 am Schaumburg: June L. (also Designated Downloader and Alternate WSBC Delegate)
- Wednesday 7 pm Zoom: Eleanor W.
- Friday 7:30 pm: Neal M.
- Saturday 8 am Zoom: Cathleen F.
- Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Sue S.

Other positions:

- Zoom Administrator/Host: Maureen R.

Visitors:

- There were no visitors.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Welcome to new representatives Terrek G. and Josephine C.
- Terrek G. read the 12 Steps, Neal M. read the 12 Traditions and reflected on the 12th Tradition (Spirituality), and Maureen R., Susan M., Sue S., and Josephine C. read the long version of the 12th Concept of OA Service (Selflessness, Realism, Representation, Dialogue, Compassion, and Respect).
- The Agenda was adopted as amended.
- June L. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The November SNI Minutes were adopted as amended.

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 Vice Chair report was sent in the premeeting eblast on November 30th and will be part of these minutes.
 - The meeting list has been updated three times since the pre-meeting documents were sent out.

- The Friday 9 am Zoom meeting has a new contact person: Dee G.
- The Tuesday Park Ridge meeting has changed its name from Beginners Group to Step Work Meeting and as a website (oasteps.org).
- The Sunday 4 pm Zoom meeting has a new contact person: Paul A.
- The Monday 7 pm meeting's new represent is Josephine C.
- December 12th is Twelfth Step Within Day. It is a good day to start a new (or continue an ongoing) habit of connecting with OA Fellows.
- **Treasurer:** Neal M. for Carolyn S.
 - The October **Year to Date Budget Report** was posted to our website (OACHicagoSNI.org, Resources, SNI Year-to-Date.) on December 5th.
 - The October **Monthly Financial Report** was emailed to the SNI Voting Members on December 5th.
- **Twelfth Step Within (TSW) Committee:** Paul A.
 - There are 8 people on the TSW committee, which meets every other Monday.
 - Our next (virtual) recovery event is co-hosted by the Monday 6 pm Big Book Visionaries meeting.
 - Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026
 - Topic: The Great Fact: Effective Spiritual Experiences

Business:

- **Budget Discussion/adoption**
 - We decided to **cancel our Ring Central account** and remove the phone number from our meeting list, website, etc.
 - We decided to **upgrade our Zoom account** to accommodate 300 participants. The extra charge can come out of the TSW budget for recovery events.
 - We discussed other budget changes and decided to adopt the amended 2025 budget for 2026.
- Some of our representatives again experienced difficulty logging in to the meeting, including our candidate for Alternate Region 5 Representative, so we were unable to hold our election.

Wrap up:

- **The next SNI meeting** is scheduled to be via **Zoom only** on **January 3, 2026**, 10 am – noon CT.
- The meeting was closed at 11:58 am with the Third Step Prayer and the OA Responsibility Pledge.

Susan M. Acting Recording Secretary

Vice Chair Report

- I meant to announce at the November meeting that I have received the copies of the **OA Handbook** that we ordered for the 5 positions of the SNI board, plus 2 to lend to other members. I plan to bring them to the December in-person part of our hybrid meeting.
- **Changes to meeting information and service positions:**

- Our Monday 7 pm Face-to-face meeting is expected to elect a new representative this week.
- Please welcome **new meeting representative Terrek G.** who is repping for our Tuesday 7 pm Men's Zoom meeting.
- The meeting list has been updated again (11/10/25) to change the information given for the **Monday 6 pm BB Visionaries** meeting and has been posted to our website: OACHicagoSNI.org, Meetings.
- The Monday 7 pm Niles meeting has a **new contact person: Josephine C.** The meeting list has again been updated and posted to our website.
- I will send out an **updated group info list** to the SNI voting members when I have the new information.
- I misspoke about my **Zoom account**. I thought I had upgraded to the level that supports 300 participants, but looking at my account online, I have the same level account as does SNI. If we want to expand the number of participants we can support, it will be simpler and more economical to upgrade to the next level of service, which will cost \$5 more per month.
- We have been **posting the certain documents** on our website and asking you to access them there. Is that working? It is important that we post those documents (meeting list, downloader report, year-to-date budget, minutes) so they are available for all members of the fellowship. My question is this: would it be better to not only post those documents, but also to eblast them to those on our email list or at least our board members and representatives? (Would you be more likely to look at them before the meeting or read the draft of the minutes after the meeting if you didn't need to go to the website to get them?)
- One factor in my not completing post SNI meeting documents as soon as usual was that my word processor was not allowing me to save or even open certain documents. Good news: It is working properly again! **Thank you for your patience!**
- I am part of the WhatsApp chat for all the Region 5 Intergroup Chairs. I have been **posing questions** there, like:
 - Does your intergroup have a **phone line**?
 - Responses: 1 has a Tracfone, 2 have no phone service, 1 has a low cost cell phone that mostly gets spam calls, 1 has service that is part of a bundle with email, 1 has a Google phone, and 1 uses a member's number.
 - My intergroup has a **Zoom Administrator**, but it isn't in our policies. I don't know where to add it. What does your intergroup do?
 - Responses: 1 has the same situation.
- Some of you have experienced **frustration and inability to login to SNI meetings**. I am so sorry you had that challenge. I think we have found the solution to that problem. Please let me know if you have any more issues.
- I **updated our Bylaws**
 - Article XI. Dissolution, Section 1. Deregistration by adding the word "Liaison" after "Region 5 Trustee". I consider this an editorial change, since there are no

longer region trustees, only region trustee liaisons. (See Article IX. Amendments to these Bylaws, Section 2. Editorial Changes on page E-12.)

- Sections 2 & 3 of the Article XI by combining them into one Section 2, and including “Since SNI has” US non-profit with 501c(3) status, no part
- Our updated Bylaws were sent to our Region Trustee Liaison, found to be in compliance, and forwarded on to WSO.
- I have **updated the SNI Handbook** with current SNI documents and OA Guidelines. It has been sent to the current SNI Board, Committee Chairs, and Representatives. Let me know if you have questions, suggestions, need help, or would like to have the Handbook forwarded to you.

Susan M. Vice Chair