

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

This draft was updated with 4 changes 1/4/26.

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI), held via Zoom only on January 3, 2026, was opened 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)
- Treasurer: Carolyn S.

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)
- Thursday 12 pm Crystal Lake: Diane M. (also Alternate Region 5 Representative)

Other Service Positions:

- Maureen R. (Zoom Administrator)

Visitors:

- There were no visitors

Opening Ceremonies:

- Diane M. read the 12 Steps, June L. read the 12 Traditions, Diane M. reflected on the 1st Tradition (Unity), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 1st Concept of OA Service (Unity).
- The Agenda was adopted as written.
- June L. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The December 2025 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) on December 30th.
 - **Highlights** and new information were sent out in the document "News from SNI".
- **Vice Chair:** Susan M.
 - Susan's Vice Chair report was sent in the premeeting eblast and will be part of these minutes.
- **Treasurer:** Carolyn S.
 - The **Budget Report** was posted to our website (OACHicagoSNI.org, Resources, SNI Year-to-Date.) on December 30th.
 - The November **Monthly Financial Report** was emailed to the SNI Voting Members on January 1st (since I sent the wrong attachment Dec 30th).
 - Carolyn updated the Year-to-Date Budget.

- She has reserved the Buffalo Grove Youth Center for the in-person portion of our even months' hybrid meetings, except the Youth Center was not available for February 7th. Therefore, **the February SNI meeting will be via Zoom only**.
- She plans to finalize the arrangements for our **QR code** very soon, so we can use it on our website, during our meetings and events (in person and virtual). In the process, she has created an email that can be used by future SNI treasurers (SNI.Treasurer.OA@gmail.com).

Business:

- **Election:** Diane M. was elected as our Alternate Region 5 Representative.
- **Motions:** Two motions were passed:
 - Motion 1: to remove reference to the SNI phone number from our Policy and Procedure Manual (since we decided last month to discontinue our phone service).
 - Motion 2: to add two technical service positions to our Policy and Procedure Manual (Zoom Administrator and Website Administrator) and list all the technical service positions under Article II (including Media Coordinator), rather than having them listed in committees.
- **Zoom account considerations:**
 - We will be renewing and **upgrading our contract** to allow for more participants at virtual events. This will happen before January 24th, when our bill comes due.
 - We are hoping to have a **new Zoom administrator** before then, so we can also do the change of administrators at the same time. Contact Susan or Maureen if you are willing to consider this service position.
- **Prep for WSBC Agenda Questionnaire:**
 - We will be **voting on the World Service Business Conference Agenda Questionnaire on February 7th**. Please make sure that your group has reviewed the proposed motions and decided which ones they would like addressed at the Conference this year.
 - Susan M. will be sending **the information in an eblast next week**, as the proposals will not be posted on oa.org until Monday.
 - If you have **questions** about what is expected of groups or about the motions, please contact Susan at susan.m.oa@gmail.com or 847-710-8823.
- **Press Release:**
 - **OA has been listed as one of the eight best organizations for obesity support by Everydayhealth.com**, a medically reviewed health information website.
 - OA has written a **press release** for us to pass on to press outlets.
 - Please let us know about media outlets to which we may send the press release.

Wrap up:

- **The next SNI meeting** is scheduled to be **by Zoom only on February 7, 10 am – noon CT**. This is because we were unable to reserve the room for that date.
- The meeting was closed at 12:01 pm CT with the Serenity Prayer.

Susan M Acting Recording Secretary

SNI Vice Chair Report for January 2026

- We are cancelling our **Ring Central phone number**, which has been removed from our meeting list (as of 12/6/25) and our website.
 - I was reminded 12/18 that our phone number was also on the OA and Region 5 websites, and I requested it be removed. As of 12/27, the number still appears on both websites. I'm hoping that it will be removed promptly after the holidays.
- I wrote a **motion to update our policies** by removing our phone number (since we voted to cancel our Ring Central account).
- I wrote another **motion to include technological positions** (related to our website and Zoom account) in Article II of our policies.
- We plan to hold an **election** for an alternate Region 5 Representative this week.
- The **Twelve Concepts of OA Service pamphlet** is again available in print form. We need to consider purchasing this updated pamphlet for all our voting members.
- I signed up for the **Parliamentary Procedure training** offered by Region 9, and sent information out to our fellowship.
- The **Agenda Questionnaire** will be posted on January 5th, and our vote for which motions we would like considered at the World Service Business Conference in April is due in February, so we will be voting at our February 7 SNI meeting. We will discuss the questionnaire process at our January 3rd meeting and I will send out the questionnaire on January 5th or soon thereafter, so you can discuss it at your meetings.
- I am including the Region 1's **Virtual Sponsorship** flyer in the pre-meeting eblast for your information and a service idea to consider.
- **Update** on the TPI Retreat in Woodstock at the end of January: Registration is closed.

Susan M SNI Vice Chair