

**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](mailto:susan.m.oe@gmail.com)). Thank you for your service!**

**Call to order:** The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was Zoom only on May 2, 2026. 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)

Other Service Positions:

- Maureen R. (Zoom Administrator)

Representatives:

- Monday 6 pm Zoom: Shari D. (also Media Coordinator)
- 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)
- Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Sarah J.

Visitors:

- No visitors were present

**Opening Ceremonies:**

- Susan M. declared a quorum was not present.
- Diane M. read the 12 Steps, Terrek G. read the 12 Traditions, Diane M. reflected on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition (Purpose), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 5<sup>th</sup> Concept of OA Service (Consideration).
- Since a quorum wasn't present, the Agenda, the Standing Rules, and the April Minutes were not adopted. We will plan to adopt the April Minutes at our next meeting.
- Shari put the link to online donations in the chat for our Seventh Tradition Collection.

**Reports:**

- **Designated Downloader:** June L.
  - June's report was sent out in the pre-meeting eblast and **posted on our website** (OACHicagoSNI.org, click on Downloader tab).
  - **Highlights** and new information were sent out in the document "News from SNI".
  - June gave us a tour of the **new OA.org website**.
- **Vice Chair:** Susan M.
  - Susan's **Vice Chair report** was sent in the pre-meeting eblast and will be part of these minutes.
  - Susan's World Service Business Conference (**WSBC**) report will be sent out later.
- **Treasurer:** Carolyn S.

- The March **Budget Report** was posted to our website (OAChicagoSNI.org, Resources, SNI Year-to-Date.) and sent out in the pre-meeting eblast.
- The **Monthly Financial Report** will be emailed to the SNI Voting Members.

### Business:

- The **new oa.org Find a Meeting** has several fields to consider when updating your meeting information, including:
  - Meeting name
  - Up to 4 contact people, including optional email (Please make sure it is an anonymous email—without your last name.)
  - Meeting frequency (daily to monthly)
  - Duration
  - Language(s) spoken (up to 3)
  - Plans for holidays & bad weather
  - Security details
  - Up to 3 topics
  - Up to 2 areas of focus
  - Up to 5 pieces of literature
  - Rotating agenda (up to 5 weeks)
- To register for the **Region 5 Convention** online, go to Region5OA.org and click on the leftmost blue button (2026 Region 5 Convention)
- Region 2 is hosting a **virtual convention July 10-12**. The flyer will be included in our post-meeting eblast.
- **To the Man, Sponsorship, and several audio books** are now available through the OA bookstore. Flyers will be included in the News from SNI.
- The Forum hosted by the Region Chairs Committee at WSBC was fun and impactful. I would like to see us use that **workshop for our next in-person Recovery Event**.
- Sarah J. and Diane M. have volunteered to work on the **Raffle Basket** that SNI will donate for the Region 5 Convention.
- **Call for Stories** for new meditation book flyer will be included in News from SNI.
- I am **applying for the OA Trustee** position that is currently vacant. If I am appointed as a trustee, I will need to step down from my SNI responsibilities.
- We are looking for a chair or two **co-chairs for our Twelfth Step Within** (TSW) Committee. Shari D. volunteered to be co-chair, especially for virtual events.
- **Public Information and Professional Outreach** (PIPO) is how we let people know about OA. Here are some opportunities we each can do to support our meetings:
  - Posters in any public venue and in post high school institutions
  - Introduction letters to post high school institutions
  - Religious institutions (bulletins, bulletin boards, etc.)
  - Posters at venues that host in-person meetings
  - Announcements/articles in newspapers or other news outlets
  - Public Service Announcements on radio, TV, streaming services, etc.
- Susan gave the **results of all the WSBC motions** (2 new pieces of literature, 19 from the Agenda Questionnaire, and 1 emergency new business motion). This information will be included in her WSBC report.

**Wrap up:**

- **The next SNI meeting** is scheduled to be hybrid (if enough members let me know they plan to be there in-person) on June 6, 2026, 10 am – noon CT with the in-person part at Buffalo Grove Youth Center.
- The meeting was closed at 12:03 with the Third Step Prayer.

Susan M., Acting Recording Secretary

**SNI Vice Chair report for May, 2026**

- Sarah J. (Saturday 11 am Representative) has **volunteered to help with the basket** that SNI will donate to the Region 5 Convention this year.
- The **answer I got about printed material in the raffle basket** is that if it has to do with meditation or recovery, use OA books. If it has nothing to do with that (like gardening, sports, etc.) other books are fine.
- The **reimagined OA website** is up and running (mostly). As frequently happens with new technical launches, there have been a few glitches. Please be patient!
- The new **Find a Meeting is mostly in place**. There are several more pieces of information that are asked for when updating meeting information than with the old Find a Meeting. I am hoping to get a list of the information asked for to be posted for review before changing meeting information.
- In the process of transferring meeting data from the old format to the new, some information was not accurately transferred. Some meetings have even disappeared. **Please check your meeting information.**
- I left home for **WSBC** on Tuesday (4/21/26) about 6 am and returned Sunday (4/26/26) about 6:40 pm. It was a very busy and inspiring time. I am anxious to share the excitement and results with you. I hope to have a report for you before our May meeting.

Susan M., Vice Chair