

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 5th Tradition (Purpose), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 5th 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