

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!

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was via Zoom only on Saturday, August 1, 2026. Carolyn S. opened the meeting at 10:01 am CT with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Present were:

Board Members:

- 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)
- Friday 7:30 pm: Neal M.
- Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Sarah J.

Other Service Positions:

- Maureen R. (Zoom Administrator)

Visitors: No visitors were present.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Terrek G. read the 12 Steps, Diane M. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on the 8th Tradition (Fellowship), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 8th Concept of OA Service (Delegation).
- Carolyn S. declared a quorum was not present.
- Josephine C. read the Standing Rules.
- Seventh Tradition collection was announced.

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 will be sent out in the document "News from SNI", which will also be posted on our website.
 - OA has updated the OA Glossary (March 2025) and the OA Business Glossary (July 28, 2026).
 - It is suggested that we each compare the Glossary in the SNI Handbook with these to see if ours needs updating.
- **Vice Chair:** Susan M.
 - Susan's Vice Chair report was sent in the pre-meeting eblast and will be part of these minutes.
- **Treasurer:** Carolyn S.

- The June **Budget Report** was sent in the pre-meeting eblast and posted to our website (OACHicagoSNI.org, Resources, SNI Year-to-Date.).
- The June **Monthly Financial Report** was emailed to the SNI Voting Members on July 26th.
- It was suggested SNI discuss offering our meetings use of our Zoom account.
- It was suggested that we add a note to the budget as to how the number of allowed region representatives and WSBC delegates is determined.
- It was noticed that we did not contribute to WSO and Region 5 last year. We need to do that.

Business:

- Elections will be held at our October meeting. Positions to be filled: Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Region 5 Representative, and WSBC Delegate.
 - Carolyn plans to run for a second term as our Treasurer.
- 2027 Budget:
 - Zoom account, our post office box, and some other regular expenses budgeted amounts may need to be increased to reflect price increases.
 - Consider what projects SNI may want to do next year and how much we will need to budget to do them.
- Josephine read “HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE TRUSTED SERVANT” from the SNI Handbook.
- The possibility of a merger with other intergroups was discussed: Ask your group to share their thoughts and concerns regarding the possibility of SNI merging with one or more of the other three Illinois Chicagoland intergroups: Chicago West Intergroup Far-Out (CHI-WIF), Turning Point Intergroup (TPI), and Chicago Suburban Southwest Intergroup (CSSI).
- What can SNI do better? Suggestions:
 - Provide Zoom for online meetings
 - Provide OA posters
 - Provide OA logo for posters

Wrap up:

- **The next SNI meeting** is scheduled to be via Zoom only on **September 12**, 10 am – noon CT.
- The meeting was closed at 11:49 with the 7th Step Prayer.

Susan M., Acting Recording Secretary

August 2026 SNI Vice Chair Report

- This **Saturday, August 1**, we are scheduled to have a Hybrid meeting. However, **we will be meeting only via Zoom.**
- **Minutes editing updates:** We are scheduled to adopt the June and July minutes this Saturday. Here are edits that have already taken place:
 - I removed and extraneous “an” from the last item in the Business item in the draft of the **June 2026 minutes.** (Done before the July meeting)
 - I removed “hybrid/” from the first sentence of the draft of the **July 2026 minutes.**
- I have secured a way for the **SNI raffle basket** to get to the Region 5 Convention.
- Our Media Coordinator has posted our “**News from SNI**” on the Resources page of our website (OACHicagoSNI.org).
- Please consider doing service as our **Media Coordinator.** Training is available.
- Our **September SNI meeting** will be held (via Zoom) on the **second Saturday** of the month to avoid conflicting with Labor Day weekend and the Region 5 Convention.
- Remember to read the **Annual Appeal letter** at your meetings.
- We are scheduled to have our **elections in October.** Open positions include Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Region 5 Representative, and World Service Delegate. Consider if you might be willing/able to fill one of these roles.
- It is also time to start considering the **2027 Budget.** Please start thinking of projects you would like to see SNI take on next year, including but not limited to recovery events, trade shows, health fairs, and other public information or professional outreach projects.
- We have had great success with meetings co-hosting recovery events. Ask your meeting members if they would like to **co-host a recovery event** with SNI.

Susan M., Vice Chair