

News from SNI, August 1, 2026

- Check out the **Downloader report** for news and events:
<https://oachicagosni.org/downloader-reports/>
- **Plain Language Big Book** is now available for purchase through the OA Bookstore.
- The **OA Bookstore bonus deal** continues through August 31st.
- **Annual Appeal Letter:**
 - As of July 28th, members, groups, and service bodies have contributed \$13,738 to the Annual Appeal.
 - If the Annual Appeal Letter hasn't already been read for 4 weeks at your meeting, please start that process.
 - You can find a video from our Managing Director and a link to the letter here:
<https://oa.org/news/its-here-watch-the-2026-annual-appeal-video-and-read-the-appeal-letter-at-your-meetings/>
 - Give as though your life depends on it! (Do you remember how much you used to spend for excess food?)
- OA has hired a nonprofit-focused fiduciary to manage its **reserve fund**.
 - For details: <https://oa.org/news/oa-has-hired-a-nonprofit-focused-fiduciary-to-manage-its-reserve-fund/>
- **Additional events:**
 - Saturday, August 15, 1-3 pm CDT (Milwaukee Area Intergroup): **Sponsorship Workshop**, Zoom ID: 883 4082 1778, Password: 407568
 - Saturday, August 29, 2-4 pm CDT (Better Together Virtual Intergroup): **Relapse & Recovery Workshop**, Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3Pr-X84C-oxBROC-MIA7wiQWHnZ0AVL2R5wJa5_Z94xw99g/viewform
- Reminder: The **Region 5 Convention** will be in Indianapolis, September 4-6. Walk-ins are welcome! <https://www.region5oa.org/event/flutter-into-freedom-annual-convention/>
- OA has **updated the OA Glossary (March 2025) and the OA Business Glossary (July 28, 2026)**
 - If you have access to the SNI Handbook and compare it to these 2 glossaries, share your thoughts about any entries that could use updating.
- **SNI elections** are scheduled for October 3. We are hoping to elect trusted servants to the following positions: Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Region 5 Representative, and World Service Business Conference Delegate.
- The 4 Illinois Chicagoland intergroups [Suburban North Intergroup (SNI), Chicago West Intergroup Far-out (CHI-WIF), Turning Point Intergroup (TPI), and Chicago Suburban Southwest Intergroup (CSSI)] are currently **exploring the option of two or more of the intergroups merging into one intergroup**.
 - SNI is your intergroup. If we were to merge with one, two, or three other intergroups, the result would be your intergroup.
 - There are advantages and disadvantages to merging. Each member can have a voice in this conversation, so please tell your groups to think about the possibilities.
 - If you have thoughts, concerns, or questions regarding a possible merger, contact Susan at susan.m.oa@gmail.com.
- Thank you for your service!