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

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was held via Zoom only on November 7, 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)
- Treasurer: Carolyn S.

Representatives:

- 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 Mc. (also Alternate Region 5 Representative)
- Friday 10 am Zoom: Joanne H.
- Friday 7:30 pm: Neal M.

Other Service Positions:

- Maureen R. (Zoom Administrator)

Visitors:

- There were no visitors.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Diane Mc. read the 12 Steps, Neal M. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on the 11th Tradition (Anonymity), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 11th Concept of OA Service (Humility).
- Susan M. declared a quorum was present.
- The Agenda was adopted as amended.
- June L. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The October 3, 2026 SNI Minutes were adopted as written.
- 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 were sent out in the document "News from SNI".
- **Vice Chair**: Susan M.
  - Susan's Vice Chair and Region 5 Assembly reports were sent in the premeeting eblast and will be part of these minutes.

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    - Susan announced that there will be routine maintenance on our website for 1 to 2 hours starting at 11 pm Thursday, November 12th.
- **Alternate Region 5 Rep:** Diane F. shared more information from the Region 5 fall assembly.
    - Note that we refer to those who disrupt a virtual meeting as intruders, not bombers.
    - When sharing about service, emphasize the benefits of doing service.
    - The Media committee now has online articles in lieu of a newsletter.
    - The PIPO committee has a Canva license and is offering to help intergroups design/illustrate flyers.
    - OA is considering developing an OA app. (The OA Toolkit app is not OA approved, though they were given permission to use the OA Logo.)
    - WSO has had many complaints about people not being able to sign into virtual meetings.
- **Treasurer**: Carolyn S.
    - The September **Budget Report** was posted to our website (OAChicagoSNI.org, Resources, SNI Year-to-Date.).
    - The **Monthly Financial Report** was emailed to the SNI Voting Members.
    - Contributions to SNI may be made by Zelle using SNI.Treasurer.OA@gmail.com.

Business:

- SNI's future status was discussed.
    - We are not ready to give up on SNI!
    - Please emphasize how little time it takes to be a representative for a meeting (about 1/3% of your time each month).
    - It isn't a chore; it is an opportunity to grow and enjoy many other benefits.

Wrap up:

- **The next SNI meeting** is scheduled to be hybrid on December 5, 2026, 10 am – noon CT with the in-person part at Buffalo Grove Youth Center. If the roads and/or weather are bad, or not enough people sign up to meet at the Youth Center, it will be via Zoom only.
- The meeting was closed at noon with the Third Step Prayer and the Responsibility Pledge.

Susan M. Acting Recording Secretary

SNI Vice Chair Report for November 7, 2026

- I am happy so many of you were at the **October 21st Zoom Meeting** between the 4 Illinois Chicagoland intergroups. I had a conflict, so I am interested in hearing your reports about it.
- I am grateful to have experienced the **Region 5 Fall Assembly** October 23-25. The Friday workshop and the Saturday 12 stepping a problem work was amazing!
- My **Region 5 Fall Assembly Report** will be part of the pre-meeting eblast.

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- **I was confirmed** at the assembly as a candidate for Trustee to be considered at the 2027 World Service Business Conference.
- I received i**nformational printouts** at the assembly. Here are two I hope to share with you:
    - Suggestions for "**passing the basket**" at virtual meetings
    - **Phone Call Starters** from the Region 5 Twelfth Step Within Subcommittee
- I hope you are all **letting your groups know** that unless there are members from SNI's meetings who are able to step up to serve, SNI may close. If that were to happen, each meeting will be encouraged to affiliate with Turning Point Intergroup, as there are benefits to being affiliated with a local intergroup.

Susan M., Vice Chair

Region 5 Fall Assembly Report

The **Friday evening workshop** was all about Fellowship. It started with a skit, followed by a discussion about what fellowship is, why it is important, and ideas to foster fellowship. "Fellowship is the glue that helps recovery stick!"

Though the **Intergroup Sharing** session was hybrid, only the 25 in-person fellows participated. Here are some of the topics of discussion:

- A handout from Region 2 on virtual basket passing suggestions was shared.
- To revitalize your area, host a convention!
- Plan special in-person events.
- Start an intergroup meeting with an icebreaker question for fun and to get to know each other better.
- Have a Connection committee.
- Provide news from the intergroup complete with flyers.
- Consider sponsoring a billboard.
- Google offers Workspace for non-profits, providing email addresses for board positions, secure digital workspace, and archiving of documents with different levels of access.
- Have a website for the intergroup and help other intergroups with their website.
- Groups or intergroups may sponsor information nights.
- Participate in health fairs at the local college.
- Have newcomer workshops.
- Participate in general 12 step events and other local events, like Walk for Recovery and sponsor an OA table.

The **Illinois State Meeting** was hybrid, complete with virtual participants.

- Every group has the right to choose with what intergroup to affiliate (with permission of that intergroup).

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- Let your meeting members know that unless volunteers step up to do service at the intergroup level, the intergroup will not be able to continue.
- Create a Frequently Asked Questions document with answers. Questions might include:
    - Why is SNI talking about folding?
    - What will happen to my meeting if SNI folds?
    - What happens to SNI's funds?
    - Will we have to change the day of the intergroup meeting?
    - What are the requirements for keeping our 501c3 status?
    - What is the best for the groups?
    - What are the resource benefits?

Business Sessions:

- The **credentials report** results:
    - Out of 24 intergroups in the region, 11 were represented. Out of the 61 possible representatives, 19 were present. There were 23 eligible voters plus 2 visitors and our Region 5 Trustee Liaison.
- We adopted reorganized **standing rules** for in-person assemblies.
- A representative from each state present was appointed to the **nominating committee** to help find candidates for vice chair and secretary for elections next fall.
- Chair Pam gave an update on her trip to Poland for the **Region Chairs Committee (RCC) meeting at Region 9's assembly and convention** in Warsaw. 18 countries and 17 languages were represented. The RCC is working on several projects, one of which is that Global Day of Abstinence Workshop (which is scheduled to run for 5 weeks on Sundays at 4 pm Central Time starting February 21, 2027). Pam's report includes more information about the RCC meeting, as well as Region 9's assembly and convention.
- Region 5 is **eligible to send 5 delegates** to next year's World Service Business Conference (WSBC). The application form is on the Assembly Resources page of Region5OA.org.
- Juliette, our Region 5 Trustee Liaison, facilitated us taking our **issues** (with fewer participants and fellows qualified/willing/able to fill service positions) **through the twelve steps**. It was refreshing to consider what we have no control over and what we do have control over.
- I chaired the **Bylaws Committee**. We are working on motions concerning WSBC's new process for funding assistance for delegates, policies regarding use of images, and the removal of disruptive people.
- I was also on the **Intergroup-to-Intergroup Subcommittee**. We are working on how we can support our intergroups. Current projects include helping intergroups who don't have websites to get websites, starting an intergroup mentor program, and publishing best practices. We plan to host a Zoom Forum for intergroup chairs and/or board members.
- The **7th Tradition** taken Saturday afternoon totaled $260.
- **Elections:**
    - Chair Pam P. was elected for a second term.

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    - Treasurer Barb H. was elected for a second term.
    - I (Susan M.) was confirmed as a Trustee candidate to run for election during the 2027 World Service Business Conference.
- **Committee and Subcommittee** chairs presented their reports and fielded questions.
    - The PIPO Subcommittee offered to help us with creating flyers using Canva.
- **Motions** addressed and adopted at assembly:
    - Updating our policies to include all trustee candidates from the region, not just candidates for Trustee Liaison.
    - Updating our Bylaws to change the requirements for officer candidates, since we no longer have 3 assemblies per year.
    - Reorganizing and updating the standing rules for virtual assemblies.
    - Emergency New Business motion to change the date and location of the 2027 fall assembly to Wednesday through Friday before the 2027 convention and in the same hotel.

Susan M., Region 5 Representative

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