Call to order: The regular meeting of the Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) was via Zoom only on October 3, 2026. Susan M. opened the meeting at 10:00 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:

- 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 10 am Crystal Lake: Christine G.
- Saturday 11 am Northbrook: Sarah J.

Other Service Positions:

- Maureen R. (Zoom Administrator)

Visitors:

- Kerry M. (Region 5 Secretary)
- CJ M. (CHI-WIF)
- Mara W. (Treasurer of Turning Point Intergroup)
- Martha D. (Turning Point Intergroup)

Opening Ceremonies:

- Diane M. read the 12 Steps, Josephine C. read the 12 Traditions, Neal M. reflected on the 10th Tradition (Neutrality), and Maureen R. read the long version of the 10th Concept of OA Service (Clarity).
- Susan M. declared a quorum was present.
- The Agenda was adopted as written.
- June L. read the Standing Rules, which were adopted as written.
- The September 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 report was sent in the premeeting eblast and will be part of these minutes.
  - There has been another update to the confidential contact information of meeting service volunteers.

        - Susan will start to send the list to the liaisons of meetings as well as to SNI voting members, so that each meeting will be better able to keep their information up to date.
- **Treasurer**: Carolyn S.
    - The August **Budget Report** was posted to our website (OAChicagoSNI.org, Resources, SNI Year-to-Date).
    - The August **Monthly Financial Report** was emailed to the SNI Voting Members.

Business:

- Elections
    - Carolyn S. was elected to serve a second term as our Treasurer.
    - There were no candidates for chair, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, Region 5 representative, or World Service Business Conference delegate.
    - Josephine C. volunteered to be the acting recording secretary and was affirmed by voting members, though she will be unavailable until after the November meeting.

- Possible Merger (Or rather potential dissolution of SNI and reaffiliation of SNI meetings.)
    - "Merger" is not the correct terminology for what we are considering.
    - What we are considering is much simpler than a merger
        - What we are considering is the dissolution of SNI, recommending that our meetings affiliate with Turning Point Intergroup (TPI).
    - At our November 7th meeting, we plan to vote on the bylaw motion (which was sent out October 1st) to update how we deal with our funds when SNI is dissolved and we are recommending that groups affiliate with a particular intergroup.
        - Based on today's discussion, there will probably be an amendment to that motion to update the terminology and make it more specific about what funds would be distributed to the intergroup with which we plan to have our groups affiliate.
    - There is a meeting of the 4 Illinois Chicagoland intergroups scheduled for October 21st to discuss the possibilities of intergroups dissolving and recommending with which intergroup their meetings might affiliate. There will be information sent to SNI's eblast list so all who are interested may attend.
    - Other opportunities to discuss the possibilities will take place at the Fall Region 5 Assembly, October 23-25 in Chesterton, IN:
        - Visitors are welcome to join us in person. While visitor registration is recommended ahead of time, there is no charge and walk-ins are welcome.
        - The Intergroup Sharing meeting Friday October 23rd at 8:30 pm CT will be hybrid. Virtual Visitors need to register to get the link.
        - The Illinois State meeting, on Friday at 9:30 pm, will also be hybrid. You may email Kerry M. at R5Secretary@outlook.com to get the link.

- It was suggested that we ask our group members to be involved in the discussion regarding possible dissolution and reaffiliation.
- It was suggested that the SNI and TPI treasurers, plus other board members, meet to discuss the proposed changes in more detail, and to determine the financial impact of SNI meetings affiliating with TPI.

Wrap up:

- **The next SNI meeting** is scheduled to be via Zoom only on November 7, 2026, 10 am – noon CT.
- The meeting was closed at 12:01 pm with the Third Step Prayer and the Responsibility Pledge.

Susan M. Acting Recording Secretary

October 2026 SNI Vice Chair Report

- I had intended to send out a **second "News from SNI"** to include some flyers and other information that I neglected to send out last month, but it didn't happen. I plan to include those items that are still current in the October pre-meeting e-blast and/or in the October "News from SNI".
- I have heard a rumor that we might have a new group representative. If your group has a **new representative or contact person**, please let SNI know.
- We are scheduled to have **elections** this Saturday. Candidates must be present for the election to qualify. If you are willing to run for one of the open positions, please let me know. (We also may accept nominations from the floor.) Here are the positions that are open: Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Region 5 Representative, World Service Business Conference (WSBC) Delegate, Twelfth Step Within (TSW) Committee Chair, Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO) Committee Chair, and Bylaws Committee Chair. Also, if you are willing to do the service of one of these positions (other than region rep and WSBC delegate), but do not yet qualify, please volunteer to be an "acting" officer or committee chair.
- I am anticipating that we will have **guests** from Turning Point Intergroup (TPI) and possibly from Chicago Suburban Southwest Intergroup (CSSI) on Saturday. We can vote to allow them to share their intergroup experience, strength, and hope during our discussion regarding a possible merger.
- All **SNI group members** are also invited to visit SNI, and the same vote would allow them to share their questions, concerns, and comments about a merger.
- Please let me know if you attended the September **Turning Point Intergroup meeting**.
- Be watching for **a possible bylaws motion** to be voted on in November—regarding a proposed update to how we would handle our funds if we were to disband SNI, as discussed at the September meeting. We are to inform our groups of any bylaw motions 30 days before we will be voting on them.

- The **Region 5 Fall Assembly** will be held October 23-25, in Chesterton, IN. Visitors may register for free. Also, the intergroup sharing session at 8:30 pm will be hybrid. Preregistration is free and required to join the hybrid session via Zoom.
- There is a **new meeting** affiliated with Turning Point Intergroup in Park Ridge, Wednesdays, 4:30 pm. See the flyer in the pre-meeting email.
- Save the date for the **2027 Region 5 Convention** in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 1-3. See the flyer in the pre-meeting email.

Susan M., SNI Vice Chair