



SLR Midwestern Regional Meeting

March 2, 2026

12:00 PM EST

Zoom Meeting

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MINUTES

Members Present:

Greg Lestini, Chair, OH

Bukola Bello, IL

Zachary Bemis, WI

Mike Biberstine, IN

Tom Hanson, MN

Matt Koppitch, OH

Kevin Murray, IN

Chris Nybo, IL

Eric Sexton, KS

Chris Slagle, OH

Edward C. Watson, KS

I. Call to Order – Greg Lestini, Chair

Greg Lestini called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM EST.

II. Roll Call

Attendance was recorded in the meeting notes by Hannah Webster.

III. Review of Minutes from January 27, 2026 **Attachment A**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 27, as written. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

IV. Discussion of future In-Person Regional Meeting 2026

*Minneapolis/St. Paul MN, Summer 2026

a. Proposed Agenda **Attachment B**

Hannah Webster reviewed the proposed agenda. The committee suggested adding a note about two birthday celebrations.

b. Clients **Attachment C**

Zachary Bemis shared that Kwik Trip, a Wisconsin-based convenience store has confirmed attendance. They are active in the Midwest and considering expansion plans to OK, and other states.

Zachary noted an invitation had been extended to 3M, but they are yet to confirm.

Tom Hanson reviewed a few fortune 500 companies in the area and suggested Target, General Mills, Delta, Amazon. Other suggestions included Centerpoint, who was not able to attend the Spring Meeting in GA, or Cargill. The committee agreed that Target or Cargill could be interesting, and recommended they be added to the suggestion list.

The committee suggested Ecolab be removed from the client list.

c. Hotel Options **Attachment D**

Hannah reviewed two hotel options with direct access to the Winthrop and Weinstine property, an IHG and Hyatt property. The committee asked about Marriott properties nearby to be added for consideration.

Hannah reminded the committee that each member would be responsible for booking their own room, but the goal would be to have members and clients together in one hotel if possible.

Action Item: Tom to have Marriott details sent to Hannah.

Action Item: Hannah to send hotel details to the group prior to the next call.

d. Friday Activities **Attachment E**

The committee reviewed the activity options and decided to pursue the VIP tour of Paisley Park. Tom noted that the property is 25-30 minutes from downtown and suggested considering group transportation or having attendees carpool if there were enough drivers.

Tom noted that the suite for the Twins game accommodates 20 people, but additional tickets could be acquired if needed. The committee would need to note if they would be bringing a guest to get an accurate count.

Action Item: Hannah to inquire about tickets and review transportation options.

e. Thursday Dinner ***Attachment F***

Hannah presented a list of dinner suggestions for Thursday evening. The committee selected Murry's as the primary choice, and alternatives as The Capital Grille, Manny's Steakhouse and the Oceanaire.

V. SLR Spring 2026 Meeting Client Suggestions
May 14-17, Atlanta, GA

Hannah noted that two clients were confirmed, but the planning committee is still seeking recommendations.

VI. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

The committee will meet again in April.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM EST.