



**SLR Midwestern Regional Meeting
January 27, 2026
11:00 AM ET**

Zoom Meeting

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MINUTES

Members Present:

Greg Lestini, Chair, OH
Bukola Bello, IL
Zach Bemis, WI
Mike Biberstine, IN
Tom Hanson, MN
Matt Koppitch, OH
Kevin Murray, IN
Chris Nybo, IL
Eric Sexton, KS
Jeffery Stuckey, MI
Edward C. Watson, KS

Hannah Webster, SLR

I. Call to Order

Greg Lestini called the meeting to order at 11:03 am EST.

II. Roll Call

Attendance was recorded in the meeting notes by Hannah Webster.

III. Review of Minutes from September 16, 2025 **Attachment A**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from September 16, as written. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

IV. Discussion of future In-Person Regional Meeting 2026

*Minneapolis/St. Paul MN, Summer 2026

Greg mentioned the recent events in Minneapolis and expressed sympathy to our members there and the broader community. This was echoed by other members on the call. He suggested considering a community engagement project at the regional meeting.

a. Discussion of Dates **Attachment B**

After reviewing the results of the poll, the Week of June 20th worked for most participants. Greg is unable to make that date, but other OH members can attend in his place.

The tentative schedule was set to arrive on Thursday, June 25th, meet for dinner, and have the regional meeting on Friday morning or afternoon at the Winthrop & Weinstine office. Following the meeting, the group can attend a Minnesota Twins vs Colorado Rockies game at 7:10 pm from the Winthrop & Weinstine suite.

Accommodation recommendations will be sent out by Hannah at a later date for attendees to book directly. Tom Hanson noted that there are several options that connect to the Winthrop & Weinstine office building through a skyway.

Greg asked about other social events for the meeting, or suggestions for Saturday if attendees wanted to spend the night after the baseball game. Tom suggested a visit to Paisley Park (Prince's former estate), repeating a well-liked activity at an SLR Spring Meeting in 2017.

Action Items:

- Hannah will coordinate with Winthrop & Weinstine to generate the best recommendation for a hotel.
- Hannah will put a save the date in the newsletter and update the Midwestern Regional Committee in a follow-up email with the details.

b. Clients **Attachment C**

The group discussed clients for the event. Eric Sexton suggested they target companies with multi-state GR needs to maximize value for all attendees.

Tom Hanson relayed that there are many Fortune 500 types in the region we can pull from, even if they are not direct clients of Winthrop & Weinstine. He can send around a list from the Business Partnership for the committee to review and if there are specific clients they would like to engage, we can find a way to tap them for contact.

3M was suggested as a strong candidate in the region. Zach Bemis has a contact, Tyler Clark, who handles Midwest GR, and he offered to reach out to explore participation.

Chris Nybo suggested the Clean Grid Alliance (CGA), a trade association for renewable energy developers. The main contact is based in MN.

Action Items:

- Hannah to prepare a 1-page client invite with tentative schedule and client expectations.
- Tom to send list of Fortune 500 companies from the Business Partnership to the Midwest Regional Committee for review and suggestions.
- Zach to investigate 3M lead for interest in attendance.
- Chris to contact CGA to gauge interest in attendance.

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

Matt Koppitch suggested OnSite, an energy solutions company. His firm recently started legal work for them at the end of last year. They have one in-house GR person, but they might be interested in either the Spring or Regional Meeting.

Greg mentioned his contact, Doug Wheeler, who is now at National Life Group Insurance as a potential client if needed.

VI. Discussion of Regional Issues and Interests

There were no regional issues or interests discussed.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

Greg suggested sending out poll for a meeting in February or early March and stay on a monthly schedule before the regional meeting.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am EST.