



**SLR Midwestern Regional Meeting
September 16, 2025
10:00 AM ET**

Zoom Meeting

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MINUTES

Members Present:

Greg Lestini, Chair, OH
Bukola Bello, IL
Mike Biberstine, IN
Sherry Doctorian, MO
Tom Hanson, MN
Matt Koppitch, OH
Matt McKinney, IA
Chris Nybo, IL
Eric Sexton, KS
Chris Slagle, OH
Edward C. Watson, KS

Hannah Webster, SLR

I. Call to Order

Greg Lestini called the meeting to order at 10:03 am ET.

II. Roll Call

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes from May 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 Lestini provided an overview of the SLR future meeting calendar. The Spring 2026 Meeting will take place in Atlanta, and the Fall Meeting in Montana. The Midwest had discussed Minneapolis for the next Regional Meeting, and potentially a “super” Regional Meeting in the fall of 2027 in Illinois.

Tom Hanson reinstated that his firm would be glad to host a 2026 regional meeting. The next item would be to pick the right week to do it. Their office has plenty of space and there are some great hotels nearby and activities.

The committee discussed various dates, considering school schedules and travel. They came to agreement to start looking at dates after the first week of June, a few in July, and a couple in August.

Action item: Tom and Winthrop & Weinstine members to send some dates. Hannah will send out a poll to the committee afterwards.

The group discussed potential clients for the regional meeting, and Spring Meeting.

Regional Clients –

- Cargill (MN)
- Excel (MN)
- Blackrock (IN)
- Ecolab

National Clients –

- Vault
- American Adoptions (KS, MO)

V. Discussion of Regional Issues and Interests

Chris Nybo talked about data centers as a hot topic in Illinois.

Greg discussed surcharge issues from an energy perspective as an issue in Ohio. He also asked about taxes in other states. One of the candidates for Governor is looking to remove sales tax.

Eric Sexton reported that energy equity and tax incentives are an issue in Kansas. There are upcoming changes to corporate income tax and incentives in the state.

Tom reported on data center issues in the last legislative session. A lot of the issues that arose were related to energy and water usage and environmental issues. A significant

amount were local government related issues with zoning ordinances connected to the energy issues.

Matt McKinney echoed similar zoning issues and environmental concerns were an issue in Iowa. He reported on a significant PBM bill that was passed on to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Other states may be interested in tracking the bill, and Matt will send out additional information.

Action Item: Matt to send info around

VI. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

Poll for next date after Fall Meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am ET.