



**SLR Midwestern Regional Meeting**

**February 4, 2025**

**1:00 PM ET**

**Zoom Meeting**

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Meeting ID: 842 6020 1630

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**MINUTES**

Members Present:

Greg Lestini, Chair, OH

David Aafedt, MN

Bukola Bello, IL

Sherry Doctorian, MO

Matt Koppitch, OH

David Levy, NE

Matt McKinney, IA

Kevin Murray, IN

Chris Nybo, IL

Eric Sexton, KS

Chris Slagle, OH

I. Call to Order

Greg Lestini called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm

II. Roll Call & Introductions

III. Review of Minutes from September 27, 2024 **Attachment A**

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

IV. Spring 2025 Meeting Client Suggestions

May 15-18, Fort Worth, TX

Greg had a few leads and will follow up on his ideas with the Planning Committee.

Sherry Doctorian has approval from the Planning Committee to invite McLane Company but has yet to formally invite the client.

#### V. Discussion of 2026 In-Person Regional Meeting

The group discussed Minneapolis as the target location for the next in person meeting of the Midwest region in 2026. The group agreed that sometime in the summer would be best, and we will work to coordinate a time frame with the Minnesota firm. They also will take SLR national meetings into account when determining the best date.

#### VI. Discussion of Regional Issues and Interests

Greg reported that data centers are a top issue in the region at the moment. This seems to be a trend for other states as well. He suggested thinking about a joint pitch for client development to increase client lists for the group. Eric Sexton agreed that it seemed like a worthwhile push.

Matt McKinney added that there are two major sides of the energy issue, the data storage side, and the utilities side. It might be interesting to try to get both.

David Levy noted that industrial development, such as hydrogen plant development, was using lots of electricity and water. That could be a way to broaden the data center idea.

Greg mentioned the nuclear advisory client in Monterey, EXCEL Services Corporation, as a potential lead, and suggested we consider inviting clients back to do an update on a call. Eric was meeting with EXCEL later in the afternoon and would ask if that was something they would be interested in. The group agreed that it would be a good use of time

Greg noted that Executive Orders, and tariff questions were impacting manufacturing in the Midwest region as well.

#### VII. Other Business

Greg asked if there would be SLR Members at NAIC in March, but there were none confirmed.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

If Eric's client can do something in the next few months, the group could reconvene. Otherwise, they would plan to meet next in Fort Worth, TX in May.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm ET.