



## SLR Midwestern Regional Meeting

January 30, 2024

11:00 AM ET

### Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 833 5560 6161

Passcode: 737122

#### Members Present

Greg Lestini, OH, Chair

Levi Andrist, ND

Mark Bender, WI

Mike Biberstine, IN

Sherry Doctorian, MO

Matt Koppitch, OH

David Levy, NE

Jeffery Stuckey, MI

Hannah Webster, SLR

### MINUTES

#### I. Call to Order

Greg Lestini called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM ET.

#### II. Roll Call

#### III. Review of Minutes from November 17, 2023 **Attachment A**

The minutes were corrected to add Sherry Doctorian to the list of members present. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

#### IV. Discussion of Future In-Person Meeting \*Omaha, NE, June 13-15, 2024

a. SLR Member Attendance

Greg asked if the invitation to attend the Midwestern Regional Meeting had been extended to the general membership. Hannah Webster confirmed a save the date email had been sent last fall.

Action Item:

Hannah to send RSVP to Midwestern members for the Regional Meeting. Once World Series tickets are secured, the invite could be re-shared with the SLR membership pending ticket availability.

b. College World Series Tickets

David Levy reported that he had obtained contact information for a company to assist with getting a block of tickets for the group.

c. Tentative Agenda & Hotel Information **Attachment B**

The group reviewed the tentative agenda. Sherry suggested that if there are many clients planning to attend, the meeting could start earlier than 10:00 AM if needed.

Sherry asked about transportation and parking for the meeting and getting to the College World Series game. David noted that valet parking would be available at the hotel, and the Baird Holm office is a short walk from there. Charles Schwab Field is located 1.1 miles away from the hotel, just outside of an easy walking range, so transportation arrangements may be needed.

Action Item:

David and Hannah to connect about a shuttle option to the game, and the dinner reservation.

d. Client Suggestions

Greg suggested that the group review the SLR Meeting client list and check for Midwestern clients that might not have been able to attend an SLR Meeting but could be a good option for a regional meeting.

Levi Andrist suggested looking into Berkshire Hathaway or someone in the financial industry. If not as a client, then as a speaker to have a regional discussion around universal topics for today, like ESG or AI in markets.

Levi asked if anyone has worked with Tenaska who is headquartered in Omaha. Matt Koppitch's firm has worked with them.

David suggested Tallgrass Energy who has carbon capture projects. Levi also has a client in carbon capture, Summit Carbon Solutions, who has projects in multiple states.

Greg suggested Aflac. A few firms already represent them, but it could be interesting to focus on Insurtech or other insurance matters. He also has a client who is a buying consortium for craft brewers with a subscription setup. They may have firms in ND, NC already. David added that Venessa Silke (NE) represents craft brewers and may be interested.

Levi had several client suggestions, Fintech, Fiserv, and HDR. He also has a contact, Dan Harbeke, at Google who did regional government affairs.

Action Item:

Erin Murphy and Hannah to review the general SLR meeting client list for potential clients and send to the group.

V. Spring 2024 Meeting  
a. Regional Meeting and Agenda

Hannah reported that the Spring Planning Committee was considering shortening the regional and practice group meeting times on Friday, May 17 to 30 minutes or eliminating them from the Spring Meeting agenda entirely to allow additional time for client meetings in DC outside of SLR meeting time.

b. Client Suggestions

Levi has suggested Grid United and is working with Erin on an invitation. If they fall through for an SLR Meeting, they may be an option for the Regional Meeting.

VI. Discussion of Regional Interests and Issues

Levi and Greg both highlighted carbon capture and infrastructure as large regional issues.

VII. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

Late February or early March when there is an update on the tickets.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM ET.