



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
ANNUAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 21, 2024
TAMPA, FLORIDA**



- I. **Call to Order:** President Hal Williams #43912 at 8:31am
- II. **Invocation:** by Chaplain James Rupard #41615
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** FL JCI Senate President Jaci Newmark #56368
- IV. **Mission Statement:** Highlighted by President Hal Williams #43912

**OUR MISSION IS TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIPS AMONG SENATORS WHILE
SUPPORTING THE JAYCEE MOVEMENT**

- V. **Roll Call:** by Secretary Gary Duell #48384. The following members of the Executive Committee were present for roll call:
President Hal Williams #43912, AVP Gary Pittenger #24804
Treasurer Bruce Sostak #52655, Secretary Gary Duell #48384
Chairperson of the Board Susan Hatcher #58143, Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089
NVP Region I Peter Jordan #54684, NVP Region II Joan Travis # 76201, NVP Region III Randy Willhoite #47435,
NVP Region IV Mark Brandel #49789, NVP Region V Jon Bruner #58932, NVP Region VI David Teachout #68700,
NVP Region VII Jeff Cardwell #54265, NVP Region VIII DeLisa Anderson #54310,
NVP Region IX Will Hansen #49086

Roll Call of each state and each state's voting delegates:

Alabama 2	Alaska 0	Arizona 2	Arkansas 1	California 2	Colorado 2
Connecticut 2	Delaware 2	DC 2	Florida 2	Georgia 2	Hawaii 0
Idaho 1	Illinois 2	Indiana 2	Iowa 2	Kansas 2	Kentucky 1
Louisiana 0	Maine 2	Maryland 2	Massachusetts 1	Michigan 2	Minnesota 2
Mississippi 0	Missouri 2	Montana 0	Nebraska 2	Nevada 0	New Hampshire 2
New Jersey 2	New York 2	North Carolina 2	North Dakota 1	Ohio 2	Oklahoma 2
Oregon 0	Pennsylvania 2	Rhode Island 2	South Carolina 2	South Dakota 2	Tennessee 2
Texas 2	Vermont 1	Virginia 2	Washington 0	West Virginia 2	Wisconsin 1

87 out of 111 votes present or 78%. Quorum is met.

- VI. **Approval of Agenda:** President Hal Williams #43912 called for approval of the agenda. Motion by North Carolina, Second by Ohio to approve with the following changes: Add 2025 Annual Meeting- Northbrook, IL under Meeting Coordinators. Add Protocol after Approval of Agenda. Add Presidential Awards & Comments after US JCI Senate Foundation. Motion passed.
- VII. **Protocol:** Kristen Johnson #72859 welcomed international guests, from Canada: Crispin Bottomley #78201, Ambassador Rob Cronkwright #54515 and wife, Soraya, from Trinidad & Tobago: Joy Brathwiate #70476. Introduced past presidents in total. President Hal introduced Henry Geissenbier's great niece, Anne Ryan #81987. JCI-USA President, Vanessa Birchler #74430 was also introduced.
- VIII. **Welcome to Florida:** FL JCI President Jaci Newmark #56368 welcomed everyone to the Sunshine State. We are proud of our state. Thanked the committee and those who are helping this weekend.
- IX. **Secretary's Report** Secretary Gary Duell #48384
 - A. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2024 BOD Meeting in Greenville, SC– Motion by Iowa, second by Pennsylvania to approve. Motion passed.
 - B. Communication's Team
 - 1. Mentors – Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570 – Articles due July 1st. Reviewed article sizes via slide. Remember to submit write-ups for new Senators. Thanked the Mentor's team.

Business Manager – Christianna Gilliam #78844 asked people to print their names for the Mentors sign-in sheets. Remember to send in your ads by July 1st.
 - 2. E-news – Editor Kim Bode #62467 – 24 issues completed. 1522 subscribers with an open rate that improved from 54% at the beginning of the year to 57%. There were 36,000 links accessed this year.

3. Website – Webmaster Allison Geddes #74777 – We had a successful server move. You can submit your new board members for the directory through the website.
4. Social Media – Program Manager Jess Kling #78271 – Thank you for participating in social media. Facebook followers increased from 1300 to 1700 this year. AVP Gary and Past President CJ participated the most and will receive gifts. Took a quick video.

The 2024-2025 Temporary Directory is beginning to take shape. If you have not already done so, forward the information to me, preferably through the website form or email.

X. Treasurer's Report Treasurer Bruce Sostak #52655 – Budget to Actual reports in the back

- A. Finance Committee Chair Mike Andrews #58312 – committee met. Reviewed accounts, CD's, and current budget to actual report. Approved the temporary budget. The final budget will be presented for approval in September.
- B. Membership Program Manager Dawna Norfleet #61999 – Next dues kits due 9/1. Goal to have them out by July 15th. We had 2496 due in June, 131 drops, 95 adds for a net of -36. Growth regions: 2, 4, 6, 8. Top growth states: NY, IA, FL, SC. Year End membership is 8,072 (-46). Top Year End Growth Regions 4 (+36), 2 (+13), 10 (+4), 8 (+2). Top Year End Growth States FL (+19), NC (+13), NY (+12), SC (+12). 306 are receiving the electronic Mentors.
- C. Presidential Sweepstakes Lori Palo #66475. Total raised \$48,366. 162 total prizes were awarded. Incentive prizes to be awarded at the banquet. The top 3 sales states for the 3rd trimester, #3 North Carolina, #2 Pennsylvania, #1 Virginia, top Region, Region IV. Overall YTD top 3 sales states, #3 Florida, #2 Illinois, #1 Pennsylvania, top Region, Region IV. Top 3 Party Booths, #3 Region VI, #2 Region II, #1 Region IV.
- D. Announced Outstanding Treasurer's for 2024-2025 as Amy Newton (PA) #68529, Mike Sawyer (FL) #36403 & Tammy Snapp (OH) #79574. From these, the Thomas Stone Memorial Award will be awarded.

President Hal dismissed the NVP's to prepare for their reports.

XI. Administrative Vice Presidents Report Gary Pittenger #24804

A. Ambassador Reports

Canada – Karen MacCannell #49497 introduced Canada's President, Crispen Bottomley #78201 and Canada Ambassador to the US, Rob Cronkwright #54515. President Crispen addressed the group.

Europe – Russ Cooper #4638 (who turns 88 today) has been a Senator for 60 years. Recapped visits to Wales & Germany, who sent their greetings. The ASE annual meeting just took place in Finland. ASE has 12,000 Senators in 38 countries. Announced that next year's British Drumming Out, January 16-19, 2025 and the 2025 ASE Annual Meeting will be in Turkey.

B. National Vice Presidents

Region I Peter Jordan #54684 – Region donated over \$1,000 to Wheelchairs 4 Kids, participated in WAA and has over 800 Facebook followers. Upcoming Events: New Hampshire's 50th anniversary, August 4 in Londonderry & Fall Frolic Oct 18-20/2024 in New Hampshire.

Region II Joan Travis #76201 – Thanked Presidents, New Jersey and Delaware for hosting MAI and congratulated New York on 60 years. The Region II Booth rocked it. Incoming NVP is Krista Myers-Shafer

Region III Randy Willhoite #47435 – Thanked the Greenville, SC Committee, recapped visitations, thanked Joan for MAI and that \$600 was raised for Wheelchairs 4 Kids.

Region IV Mark Brandel #49789 – Thanked all his fellow Pirates and Wenches (NVPs in costume) for a great year.

Region V Jon Bruner #58932 – Loved working with fellow NVPs and Exec Team. Region V has 70 in attendance. Thanked Presidents. Incoming NVP in Kim Hubbell. Upcoming Events: Michigan Year End 7/13, Ohio Pig Roast 7/19-21, Illinois Picnic 7/26-28, Indiana Mtg 8/16-18.

Region VI David Teachout #68700 – Recapped Spring events, thanked Presidents and the Exec Team. Incoming NVP is Dan Badger. Upcoming Events: Region VI Fall Mtg 10/4-6 in

Bismarck, ND, Region VI Spring Mtg in Branson, MO
Region VII Jeff Cardwell #54265 – Thanked Exec Team, NVPs and Presidents. The Senate really is a family affair. Thanked everyone for a great year.
Region VIII DeLisa Anderson #54310 – Thanked NVPs, Exec Team & Region VIII Presidents and thanks for all the prayers for her this year. Region VIII is Game Day Ready, Every Day
Region IX Will Hansen #49086 – Recalled the story of One-Eyed Willie (his travels throughout the year) which is on the website.
Region X Yvette Lee #68707 – Not present
The NVPs presented AVP Gary with a gift.

C. Chairman Reports (were given prior to NVP reports)

Convention & Bid Review – Gary Pittenger #24804 – committee met. Updated presentations were given by those hosting future meetings. Two proposals were received by OH(Columbus) & KS(Topeka) to host the Fall 2025 BOD Meeting. The vote will take place later in the meeting. A letter of intent was received by Texas to host the 2026 Annual meeting in San Antonio.

Constitution & Bylaws – John Badeen #73089 –Committee is looking to clean up the language related to notifications.

Future Directions – Larry MacQuirter #67377 – Recognized committee members, who met most months throughout the year. Activation of younger Senators are mostly up to the states and regions. Looking at ways to improve costs at National meetings to encourage more states to participate. Also discussed regional realignment & length of year end meeting.

D. Program Managers

Chaplain – James Rupard #41615 – Keep Constitution & Bylaws Chair, Joe Callison & family in prayer as he has been hospitalized. 162 Senators were memorialized at the Memorial Service. Recognized all state & regional chaplains. Talked about the Stepping Stones, who meet over the common bond of losing a spouse. Announced Outstanding State Chaplains for 2024-2025 as Suzanne Gill (NC), Nicole Dapp (PA), Peggy Rider (OK), Deb Puls (IA) & Patrick Allison (FL). From these the Tom Selmer Memorial Award will be awarded. Called Walter Cahoon #27223, long time Region I Chaplain to the front to announce that the Most Outstanding Regional Chaplain award going forward will be named in his honor. Announced Outstanding Regional Chaplains for 2024-2025 as Ruby Weymouth (V), Daryl McNair (IV), & Ron Stair (VIII).

Wheelchairs 4 Kids – John Robinson #55768 – Thanked states and regions for supporting the program. Collectively over \$10,000 was raised. Also recognized those participating in the Guardians Program. A summer camp is being offered in Georgia for kids in that region and one is being planned for the northeast for kids in Regions I & II.

President's Information Exchange – Amanda Turner #65613 – 19 Presidents attended PIE. Thanked all the Presidents.

S.O.A.R/First Timers – Kim Hubbell #68729 & Nancy Cardwell #54264 – 9 First Timers were in the session, 6 turned in their packets. Winner to be announced at the banquet.

Vendor Showcase – Kay Elliot #61747 – Todays showcase will feature 10 vendors.

Enhanced Membership Benefits – Michele Tarantino #63380 – This voluntary program is completing its first year. You can access information under Quick links on the website.

JCI USA Liaison/Return the Favor – Jennifer Ray #68957 – Introduced Vanessa Birchler #74430, JCI-USA President to offer her comments. Her theme is EVOLVE and she encouraged Senators to reach-out to Jaycee chapters. Looking at different ways to communicate. Jennifer said it was an honor to serve as liaison. Return the Favor Awards for the 2nd half of 2024-2025 went to #2 Van Sparrow (NC) and #1 Cheryl Carlson (NC). Top state was North Carolina. Outstanding Return the Favor State of the Year: Hawaii

Friendship – Lloyd Mueller #57186 – Recognized Friendship Award recipients. Creating a spreadsheet of Friendship recipients.

E. Meeting Coordinators

2024 Annual Meeting – Tampa, FL – Cindy Brandel #54928 & Caryn “CC” Ackerman #62039 – service project was updated, Pin the map. Flamingoes are hidden in the hotel. Thanked the committee. Banquet is at 6pm on Saturday. Final drawing awarded to Carla Bailey.

2024 Fall BOD Meeting – Tulsa, OK – Karen MacCannell #49497, Cindy Empting #65595 & Randy Sursa #49485 – Renaissance 9/19-22, Living on Tulsa Time. Check table for room information and tours.

2025 Winter BOD Meeting 1/9-12/2025 – Kenner, LA – Lisa Badger #67873 – Room rates \$139, press 0 for reservations, banquet is a luncheon, free parking, shirts are available for \$40.

2025 Annual BOD Meeting, Northbrook, IL – Maureen Niedenthal #67669, Mark Niedenthal #39701 & Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 – Northbrook/Chicago Hilton 6/16-19. Showed a promotional video. Room rates \$144, grab & go breakfasts, 12 miles to O’Hare Airport.

- XII. **Legal Counsel Report** John Badeen #73089 – Offered a tip about Zoom.
- XIII. **Chairman of the Board Report** Susan Hatcher #58143 – Thanked President Hal. Elections will be held later.
- XIV. **US JCI Senate Foundation** Wayne Kiefer #36498 – Announced that there were 56 golfers. Approximately \$10,000 will be realized. Recognized Silver, Gold & Platinum level donors. Diamond and Named scholarship levels will be recognized at the banquet. Bring any donations.
- XV. **President’s Awards & Comments** – President Hal Williams #43912
- A. President Hal recognized the following Outstanding Presidents for 2024-2025 – Cheryl Carlson #70371(NC), Mary Ann Hilleary #64615(IL), Wayde Burkhart #63877(IA), Jaci Newmark #56368(FL), Greg Conrad #48695(CA), Krista Myers-Shafer #77862(NY), Larry Graham #60619(AL) & Sheri Polychrones #78710(VA). From these will be awarded the Thomas Humphrey Memorial Award.
 - B. President Hal recognized the following Outstanding NVPs for 2024-2025 – David Teachout #68700 (Region VI), DeLisa Anderson #54310(Region VIII) & Mark Brandel #49789(Region IV). From these will be awarded the Donnie Alvis Memorial Award.
 - C. President Hal recognized the following Outstanding Appointed Officers for 2024-2025 – Jessica Kling #78271(Social Media), Lori Palo #66475(Sweepstakes), Tom King #59642(Wreaths Across America), John Robinson #55768(Wheelchairs 4 Kids), James Rupard #41615(Chaplain) & Marsha Phillips #47528(Chief of Staff). From these will be awarded the Ron Robinson Memorial Award.
 - D. President Hal recognized the following Outstanding Senators – Pam Cotter #43032(MD), Ray Culler #64452(NC) & Logan Giesie #51120(TX). From these will be awarded the Jim Calder Memorial Award
- XVI. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. 2024 Winter BOD Meeting – Greenville, SC – Liz Young #47759 – Thanked everyone for coming to Greenville. Provided a wrap-up. Hotel wants us back.
- XVII. **New Business**
- A. Prior to the following 2025 Fall BOD Meeting presentations, Legal Counsel, John Badeen #73089 proposed the following special rules:
 - 1. 5-minute presentations will be offered by both states
 - 2. The meeting will be a 1 hour recess for lunch.
 - 3. There will be a 10 minute Q&A period following the recess.
 - 4. Each state and each exec comm member will vote for either Kansas or Ohio by a roll call vote.Motion by New York, Second by Missouri to approve the special rules. Motion passed.
 - B. 2025 Fall BOD Meeting Proposal – Columbus, Ohio – Gary Pittenger #24804 introduced presenter Jenny Bruner #64688 – some highlights included host facility, Columbus Crowne Plaza 9/11-14, room rate \$109/night with breakfast, free parking, 15 miles to airport, shuttle to the airport for \$10 each way and area attractions.
 - C. 2025 Fall BOD Meeting Proposal – Topeka, Kansas – Gary Pittenger #24804 introduced

presenters Alan Dale #78962 & Anita Cummings #69380 – some highlights included host facility, Topeka Ramada Inn 9/18-21, room rate \$139/night standard, \$169/night suites including breakfast, area attractions, Amtrak depot 1½ blocks from hotel, main airport 1½ hours from hotel.

President Hal recessed the meeting for one hour at 11:31am

Meeting was called back to order at 12:32pm

- D. A question-and-answer period included questions regarding hospitality, locations of common bathrooms, number of hotel elevators & floors, meals, airports and shuttles, area restaurants, hotel restaurants, luggage carts, major airlines to local airports.

E. Roll Call Vote

Alabama No vote	Alaska NP	Arizona 2 OH	Arkansas 1 KS	California 2 OH	Colorado 2 KS
Connecticut 2 OH	Delaware 2 OH	DC 2 OH	Florida 2 OH	Georgia 2 OH	Hawaii NP
Idaho 1 OH	Illinois 2 OH	Indiana 2 OH	Iowa 2 OH	Kansas 2 KS	Kentucky 1 OH
Louisiana NP	Maine 1 OH	1 KS	Maryland 2 OH	Massachusetts 1 OH	Michigan 2 OH
Minnesota 2 OH	Mississippi NP	Missouri 2 OH	Montana NP	Nebraska 2 KS	Nevada NP
New Hampshire 2 OH	New Jersey 2 OH	New York 2 OH	North Carolina 1 OH	North Dakota 1 KS	Ohio 2 OH
Oklahoma 2 KS	Oregon NP	Pennsylvania 2 OH	Rhode Island 2 OH	South Carolina 2 OH	South Dakota 2 OH
Tennessee 2 OH	Texas 2 KS	Vermont 1 OH	Virginia 2 OH	Washington NP	West Virginia 2 OH
Wisconsin 1 KS					

NVP Region I Peter OH, NVP Region II Joan OH, NVP Region III Randy OH,
NVP Region IV Mark OH, NVP Region V Jon OH, NVP Region VI David OH,
NVP Region VII Jeff OH, NVP Region VIII DeLisa KS, NVP Region IX Will OH

AVP Gary Abstain, Treasurer Bruce Abstain, Secretary Gary OH, Chairperson of the Board Susan OH

Total votes cast 81 – 66 votes Ohio, 15 votes Kansas. Ohio is awarded the bid.

XVIII. **Elections**

John Price #36383 nominated, and Rosaire Longe #28290 seconded the nomination of Tom King #59642 for the office of Secretary. Motion by Virginia, second by Maryland to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Vote to elect carried.

Katy Lemmer #73037 nominated, and Scott Kingsley #67932 seconded the nomination of Gary Duell #48384 for the office of Treasurer. Motion by Pennsylvania, second by North Carolina to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Motion passed. Vote to elect carried.

Mike Andrews #58312 nominated, and Candace Hollis #65572 seconded the nomination of Bruce Sostak #52655 for the office of Administrative Vice President. Motion by Texas, second by Georgia to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Motion passed. Vote to elect carried.

Dawna Norfleet #61999 nominated, and Stu O'Hara #39768 and Randy Young #46420 seconded the nomination of Gary Pittenger #24804 for the office of President. Motion by Illinois, second by Iowa to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Motion passed. Vote to elect carried.

This concluded the elections, President-Elect Gary Pittenger #24804 addressed the meeting.

- XIX. **Good of the Order** – Earl Sawyer presented Historian, Paul Myers the Senate Room Plaque from Tulsa. Earl has all 50 state plaques from Tulsa. Everything was moved from Jefferson City to the St. Louis area, over 1,000 documents scanned with over 10,000 to go. Mike Phillips announced that when leaving the meeting see the Vendor Showcase. Angie Jelinek presented a 33-rpm orientation record to the historian. Headshots tomorrow 4-4:45pm. Regions II/III raised \$1,001 this year for Wheelchairs 4 Kids. MD Crab Feed 9/7. MAI 4/3-6/2025 in Norfolk VA. FL 55th anniversary 2/14-16. Ariel Jones & Randy Young-Interested in being a charter ESSAC Member, see Randy. ESSAC Reunion, 8/15-18 in Aruba. MI Jeans & Jewels 11/16. CA 60th anniversary 5/2-4/2025. WV Steak Fry 8/9-10. Jess Kling – If you want to use your paparazzi and selfie skills, see Jess.

- XX. **Adjourn at 1:42pm with the Jaycee Creed** led by NY JCI President Krista Myers-Shafer #77862