



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
GREENVILLE, SC
JANUARY 12, 2024**



- I. **Call to Order** – President Hal Williams #43912 at 1:30pm
- II. **Invocation** – by Chaplain James Rupard #41615
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Region VI NVP David Teachout #68700
- 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** – 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 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
Present 13/15 – 86% present – quorum present
Not Present – NVP Region II Joan Travis #76201, NVP Region X Yvette Lee #68707
- VI. **Approval of Agenda** – President Hal Williams #43912 called for the approval of the agenda. Motion by Peter Jordan #54684, Second by David Teachout #68700. Motion passed.
- VII. **Secretary's Report** – Secretary Gary Duell #48384

Approval of the emailed September 22, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes. Motion by Peter Jordan #54684, Second by DeLisa Anderson #54310 to approve. Motion passed.

Communication's Team
 - 1. Mentors – Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570 – Deadline for articles is March 11th. Reviewed word counts for May Mentors articles via handout. Submit new Senators. Headshots are available. Yvonne Sewell FR#50 taking care of region photos. Christianna Gilliam #78844, Mentors Business Manager, discussed May Mentors ads which are also due March 11th.
 - 2. E-news – Editor Kim Bode #62467 – 13 e-news sent, 1512 contacts. Next deadline, January 14th at 10:30pm.
 - 3. Website – Webmaster Allison Geddes #74777 – The PHP Server will be updated the week of January 22nd after the close of the scholarship deadline.
 - 4. Social Media – Program Manager Jessica Kling #78271 – Thanks for your help with the theme days. Please send childhood photos for Throwback Thursdays by mid-February. Will be making more 30 second videos for Sundays.
 - 5. Directory: The final edition will be sent out in March. Please track your states elections for the 2024-2025 Temporary Directory.
- VIII. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Bruce Sostak #52655
 - A. Finance Committee – Chair Mike Andrews #58312 – Finance Committee met. Reviewed accounts and current budget to actual report. Discussed Audit Committee recommendations.
 - B. Membership – Program Manager Dawna Norfleet #61999 – TIE had 13 participants. Membership report was sent out and is on the website. 1844 were due in December, 78 drops, 68 adds, net -10. YTD: 8,104 members, net -14. May 15th will be the June deadline.
 - C. Presidential Sweepstakes – Lori Palo #66475 – Swashbuckler team has a table. Currently at \$33,616, 85% of goal. Awarding top 3 states and top region. Incentive prizes at banquet. Letha has party booth rules/regulations. Need electric, let us know by the end of February.

IX. **Administrative Vice President's Report** – AVP Gary Pittenger #24804 – encouraged everyone to turn in their reimbursement forms.

A. National Vice Presidents

- Region I Peter Jordan #54684 – Recapped state events and Fall Frolic. Jaycees are back in New Hampshire. All 6 states participated in Wreaths.
- Region II Joan Travis #76201 – Not present.
- Region III Randy Willhoite #47435 – Good Christmas Parties. All participated in Wreaths. Upcoming meetings: WV in February, VA March 8-10.
- Region IV Mark Brandel #49789 – Top Growth Region. All participated in Wreaths and Wheelchairs 4 Kids. Promoted Tampa 2024. Upcoming meetings: NC & FL and Regions 4,5 & 7.
- Region V Jon Bruner #58932 – Recapped past events. Upcoming meetings/events: KY/IN Joint & OH meeting, MI Post-Holiday Party, Region 5 & 7.
- Region VI David Teachout #68700 – SD Holiday Party celebrating all holidays between Sept & Dec. Wreaths in MO assisted by Jaycees. 12 Senatorships presented in MO. Upcoming meetings/events: MO & OYM Banquet 1/19-21, MN Ice Fishing, SD, NE & Region 7.
- Region VII Jeff Cardwell #54265 – recapped fall events with Jaycees. Attended Alabama's 50th & Camp Discovery. Upcoming: Region VII Mini-National in Pigeon Forge.
- Region VIII DeLisa Anderson #54310 – Wreaths in OK. Upcoming meetings/events: CO, KS, TX, Regions 5,6,7 & 8, OK scholarship judging, KS golf
- Region IX Will Hansen #49086 – Wreaths in WA. Upcoming meetings/events: OR, WA and Regions 9 & 10.
- Region X Yvette Lee #68707 – not present

B. Constitution & Bylaws – Joe Callison #71418 – Proposed bylaw change to be voted upon at the Business Meeting

C. Enhanced Membership Benefits – Michele Tarantino #63380 – Distributed a handout and described the 6 enhanced membership benefits available.

D. Convention and Bid Review – Gary Pittenger #24804 – committee met. Updated reports from past meetings and currently scheduled meetings. Received a bid proposal from Iowa to host the Winter 2025 BOD meeting in Kenner, Louisiana. The committee approved their bid and recommended it comes to this body. Received Fall 2025 letters of intent from Kansas & Ohio.

X. **Legal Counsel Report** – John Badeen #73089 – Thanked the Mentors staff for getting the Mentors out in a timely fashion to comply with our 30-day notice requirement for the proposed bylaw. Received inquiries from some states regarding the Non-Interference article in our bylaws.

XI. **Chairman of the Board Report** – Susan Hatcher #58143 – Thanked President Hal for his leadership. Announced that we have a candidate for each elected position and 5 out of the 10 NVP positions.

XII. Unfinished Business – None was reported.

XIII. **New Business**

A. Appointment Approval – Constitution & Bylaws Chair – Hal Williams #43912 – President Hal asked for a motion to approve Joe Callison #71418 as the Constitution & Bylaws Chair for the remainder of the Senate year. Motion by Bruce Sostak #52655, second by Susan Hatcher #58143. Motion passed.

B. Chaplain Awards – Chaplain James Rupard #41615 offered a proposal under Article 2 of the US JCI Senate Policy Manual to add two named awards, 1) Outstanding Regional Chaplain to be named in honor of Walter Cahoon #27223 and 2) Outstanding State Chaplain to be named in memory of Tom Selmer #14563. Chaplain James presented background information. The proposal was presented as a package. Motion by Mark Brandel #49789, second by David Teachout #68700 to accept the proposal as presented. Discussion included the following points:

- Indiana has not met to vote on this proposal. Why can't we wait until June after they meet.
 - Even though they will not meet for three weeks, their Exec Committee has collectively given their approval.

- Approval from Indiana is not in writing. Email was received by Chaplain James from a member, not the President.
 - Although it was stated that Indiana has been discussing this for 18 months, this Executive Committee was only given 2 weeks' notice. There was clarification that the program has been looked at for 18 months, not Indiana.
 - Legal Counsel pointed out that passing this policy comes with a commitment that Indiana will sponsor the award. If we pass this policy, the advice is that it come with the provision that Indiana comes through, otherwise it should be rejected.
 - All Region 1 states are in favor of this proposal and the Region will sponsor it.
 - Legal question: Are regions a part of the US JCI Senate, not their own entity, like a state? It would need to be noted that it is these states that are sponsoring the award.
 - Have these states committed in writing to sponsor this award?
 - There is no commitment in writing for either of these awards.
 - Motion by David Teachout #68700, Second by Peter Jordan #54684 to table the motion until our next Executive Committee Meeting. Motion passed.
- C. Return the Favor Proposal – Jack Pasquale #32806 & Jay Edmondson #41977 offered a proposal to make the Return the Favor Award an annual award in memory of Michael Bearon #12975. The presenters offered background information. Motion by Peter Jordan #54684, second by Mark Brandel #49789 to approve the naming of the Return the Favor Award, the Michael Bearon Memorial Award. Discussion included the following points:
- Proposal was not received by all Executive Committee Members
 - Funding promised by his wife, Sharon and backed by others, including Jack Pasquale
 - How is this any different than the previous discussion regarding regions sponsoring an award?
 - Can an individual sponsor a memorial award? Policy does not address who can sponsor a memorial award, just that it has to be sponsored.
 - Is there a difference between this proposal and the last?
 - Advice was given that we do the same thing as with the Chaplain proposal and pick up this discussion again in June.
 - Are we just adding a name to the current award we present that would not rise the named awards in policy, like the Alvis? Clarification was made by the presenters that this award is not meant to be an annual award like the Calder or the Robinson.
 - Return the Favor is a program and Chaplain is a subdivision of the awards program, so they are inherently different.
 - Question was moved. Motion passed.
- D. 2025 Winter BOD Meeting – Iowa – Gary Pittenger #24804 – Bid is for Kenner, LA – January 9-12, 2025. \$139/night, good for 4 nights before to 4 nights after. \$75 early registration. Banquet will be a luncheon. Motion by Will Hansen #49086, second by Gary Pittenger #24804 to pass the bid onto the Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. **President's comments** – Hal Williams #43912 reserved his comments for the banquet.

XV. **Good of the Order**

- A. Former ASAC Ambassador – Ariel Jones #65423 reported on the developments in the Association of Senators – English Speaking Senators of Americas and Caribbean (ESSAC). Bylaws and Policies are being reviewed. Membership will be individual with an annual rate in the \$20-\$25 range. ESSAC will operate on a calendar year. An Annual Reunion Celebration is being planned for August 15-18, 2024, in Aruba.
- B. Chaplain James Rupard #41615 stated that we have 78 Empty Chairs so far this year.
- C. A representative from Atrium (hotel owner's group) addressed the committee.
- D. Chief of Staff – Marsha Phillips #47528 reviewed the region counts for the banquet.
- E. NVP Region IV – Mark Brandel #49789 thanked everyone for coming to region IV.

XVI. **Adjourn with the Jaycee Creed** – The creed was led by DeLisa Anderson #54310.