



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 18, 2025
CHICAGO/NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS**



The meeting was called to order 8:31AM CT by President Bruce Sostak #52655.

Chaplain Ruby Weymouth #67303 led us in the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all veterans and first responders in attendance.

The Mission Statement was read by President Bruce Sostak #52655.

The Roll Call was conducted by Secretary Tom King #59642 and a quorum was certified.
(90 votes present)

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Illinois and seconded by Rhode Island. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Chair, Maureen Niedenthal #67669 addressed the meeting, thanked all the Illinois and Region V senators for their assistance with a special shoutout to Wayne Keifer #36498. She also welcomed everyone to Northbrook.

Protocol Officer Scott Kingsley #67932 introduced guests.

Secretary's Report Tom King #59642:

Thanked the entire Communications Team for all their hard work and support throughout the year. The team handled a very difficult year with great professionalism.

Motion to approve the January 2025 Board of Directors Minutes held in Kenner, LA was made by Arkansas and seconded by Ohio. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mentors Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570: September 1 articles are due June 30th and please pay attention to the word limits. Newt Standridge #29407 addressed the multiple issues with the mail and encouraged senators to sign up for the electronic Mentors.
- Photographer Eldon Bowers #45999: See him for regional pics and headshots will be take in the Elm room starting at 4PM.
- Business Manager Christianna Gilliam #78844: Discussed ads; see her for assistance in creating one if needed and please send Mentors sponsor sheets to her with the names typed.
- E-news Editor Kim Bode #62467: Reported we have exceeded our goal of 2,000 e-news subscribers by adding over 600 emails this year.
- Webmaster Lowell Vahl #40315: He is here to assist!
- Social Media Jess Kling #78271: we are at almost 2,000 followers on our official page. Encouraged everyone to be sure they are on the official page which has President Gary's logo.

Treasurer's Report Gary Duell #48384:

Thanked the Finance and Audit Committee members for all their efforts throughout the year.

- I. Finance Committee Chairperson Susan Hatcher #58143: Committee met and reviewed

budget vs actual. The Membership DB proposal was reviewed for financial point of view and will be continued to next year. The preliminary budget for 2025/2026 was approved as was an additional \$1k donation to foundation.

- II. Membership Report MIS Director Dawna Norfleet #61999: June 1 we had 2499 Due/235 drop/101 adds for -134. Finished the year at -292 with a total of 605 dropped which included DC dissolving and roughly 166 deceased. 7779 is current level. Assistant MIS Directory Lisa Badger #67873 announced the due date for Sep 1 will be Aug 28 and Mar 1 to Feb 28 because they original due date fell on a weekend or holiday. We have 1823 due September 1st (August 28th).

Finally, Treasurer Gary Duell #48384 ended his report by thanking the Sweepstakes Team for an incredible, record-breaking year!

Administrative VP Report Larry Norfleet #60771:

Thanked everyone for allowing him the opportunity to serve as AVP under difficult circumstances.

Ambassador Reports:

- Canada - Karen MacCannell #49497 introduced Canada President Cara Heck #74083 who addressed the board (Connect, Collaborate and Communicate is her theme). She presented a gift to President Bruce and 1st lady Stephanie.
- Europe - Russ Cooper #4638 announced his report is online and that this is his final report as Ambassador to Europe. He has spent 10 years in the role and thanked the senate for the opportunity.

National Vice Presidents: The NVPs entered the room dressed like they had been run over by a car. I wish I knew why? (JK)

- Region I NVP Dana Hall #41552: Thanked states. Report is on the web.
- Region II NVP Krista Myers-Shafer #77862: Thanked states. Report is on the web.
- Region III NVP Mary Ann Rohr #65353: Thanked states. Report is on the web.
- Region IV NVP Carla Bailey #62624: Thanked states. Report is on the web.
- Region V NVP Kim Hubbell #68729: Thanked states. Report is on the web.
- Region VI NVP Dan Badger #67974: Tossed a few 'bombs' for which he had to pay clean up fees. Thanked states. Report is on the web.
- Region VII NVP Dewayne Sumner #66239: Thanked states. Report is on the web.
- Region VIII NVP Leisa Pebbles #56001: Thanked states. Report is on the web.
- Region IX NVP Susan Manthey #68777: Thanked states. Report is on the web.
- Region X NVP Lynne Hansen #68753: Thanked states. Report is on the web.

Finished up with "take this job and shove it, we are in vacation mode!!"

Chairman Reports:

- Convention & Bid Review: Larry Norfleet #60771 reported we have received a letter of intent from PA JCI Senate to host the Annual Meeting in Lancaster, PA. June 20-24, 2027.
- Constitution & Bylaws: Joe Callison #71418 thanked everyone and the committee will have a much busier agenda next year.
- Future Directions: Jackie Julien #74251 thanked everyone for their support during a busy year.
- Presidential Sweepstakes: Ron Kimmet #43520 thanked his team who collected 186 prizes and raised a total of \$54,060 which set a new record. Region Party Awards: 1st Region 3 2nd

Region 1 and 3rd Regions 8/9. Top Ticket Sales 3rd Trimester State: 1st OH 2nd PA 3rd NC. Top Ticket Sales Trimester Region: 1st tie Region 5/Region 6. Top Ticket Sales Annual State: 1st IL 2nd OH 3rd PA. Top Ticket Sales Annual Region: Region 5

Program Managers:

- Chaplain Ruby Weymouth #67303 announced the Top 5 state chaplains: FL - Kathy Collins #64926, IA - Adrienne Hancock #80480, OK - Peggy Rider #58293, PA - Jean #66086 and Rob FR #118 Mawson and SC - Sunny Riffle #50651 and Top 3 region chaplains: Nicole Dapp #74656 (Region II), Deb Mogdis #62260 (Region V) and Deb Pulz #55516 (Region VI).
- Wheelchairs 4 Kids PM Cindy Brandel #54928 announced we raised over \$30k this year.
- Wreaths Across America PM Liz Young #47759 thanked her team and announced 43 of 50 states participated plus we saw a 38% increase in wreaths from last year.
- S.O.A.R PM Joan Travis #76201 announced the winners of the challenges.
- First Timers PM Cheryl Carlson #70371 reported we have 5 first timers here and the winner will be announced at the banquet.
- Enhanced Membership Benefits PM Michele Tarantino #63380 has an excused absence.
- Vendor Showcase PM Mary Ann Hilleary #64615 announced 4 vendors participated and thanked the senate for coming out to support those vendors.
- JCI USA Liaison Heather Danley #74897 Introduced 105th President of JCI-USA, Bethanie Miller #82866 of Mississippi who addressed the board of directors and announced that as of today, JCI-USA was at YTD growth!!!
- Friendship Award PM Lloyd Mueller #57186 asked all Friendship recipients in attendance to stand and be recognized.
- Historians Paul Myers #72173 & Melissa Sleeth #69220 announced the archives are being put up online and organized by state and region.
- Return the Favor PM Tracy Culler #64534 announced nominations were plentiful this year. She announced the 2nd Half Winners: Larry MacQuirter #67377, Illinois JCI Senate and Jocelyn Bernal #64518. The Overall Year Winners: Breanna Wetzler #80460, Pam Padgett #51341 and Jess Kling #78271
- President's Information Exchange PM Katy Lemmer #73037 thanked the state presidents for a great year. Announced a \$310 donation to the Foundation from the state presidents in President Gary's name. In addition, presented 1st Lady Stephanie with garden rocks from every state.

Meeting Coordinators:

- 2025 Winter BOD Meeting (Kenner, LA) Lisa Badger #67973 provided a final report on 2025 Winter BOD Meeting held in Kenner, LA. A total of 328 full registrations but between last minute travel issues and other problems, 280 attended.
- 2025 Annual Meeting (Northbrook, IL) Maureen Niedenthal #67669 made some housekeeping announcements regarding lunch to be held in the Garden Terrace consisting of a Chicago style dog bar. Baseball game is on so please be down by 2PM and ready to load the bus. The banquet dinner is plated with both chicken and beef.
- 2025 Fall BOD Meeting (Columbus, OH) Jenny Bruner #64688 invited us all to Ohio! There will be a shuttle available to/from airport. At least 30 days out, please email your arrival time at airport to Jenny. 87 Rooms already booked which equals 293 nights, 85 registered for the Chocolate tour Thursday morning with several other tours in the works.
- 2026 Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX) Ron Holzer #56549 and Greg Peebles #56000 invited us all to San Antonio and showed a video highlighting the city.
- 2026 Fall BOD Meeting (Topeka, KS) Rob Wiley #56033 provided an update on the 2026 Fall BOD. The hotel contract has been signed, the local airport is near a deal with an airline to fly in

and out of the airport and showed a video highlighting the city.

Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089 Report:

Provided a pro legal tip of the day.

Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912 Report:

Introduced the other members to the Elections Committee: Calvin Baerveldt #36419 and Randy Young #46420. He also announced the we have 4 candidates, 1 for each office. Elections will be held immediately after the lunch recess.

US JCI Senate Foundation Report:

President Wayne Kiefer #36498 thanked everyone for their support and the auction was very successful last night. Special "thank yous" to Calvin Baerveldt #36419, Mary Sawyer #43930 and Earl Sawyer #28243.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- 2026 Winter BOD Meeting (Melbourne, FL) Larry Norfleet #60771 announced the bid had been approved by the Convention & Bid Review and the Executive Committee. Florida made a presentation. The motion to approve the 2026 Winter BOD Meeting in Melbourne, FL was made by Florida seconded by Ohio. Motion was passed unanimously.
- 2026 Fall BOD Meeting (Topeka, KS) Presentation by Rob Wiley #56033 with video and him singing (hummmm). The motion to approve the 2026 Fall BOD Meeting in Topeka, KS was made by Washington seconded by Connecticut. Motion was passed unanimously.

Year End Awards:

Treasurer Gary Duell #48384 announced the Stone award winner will come from the Top 5 and will be announced at the banquet. Top 5: Lori Tomlin #62797 from IN, Don Duffy #78415 from FL, Denise Lyons-Conrad #53219 from CA, Jim France #44665 from MD and Carol Standridge #80700 from IA.

President Bruce Sostak #52655 announced the Jim Calder award winner will come from the Top 4 and will be announced at the banquet. Top 4: Bonnie St. Jean #42864 from NH, Sheri Menendez #47839 from OK, Wayne Huelsman #30592 from IL and Teresa Beans #67173 from TN.

President Bruce Sostak #52655 announced the Tom Humphrey award winner will come from the Top 5 and will be announced at the banquet. Top 5: Tanya Quackenbush #78291 from MI, Jim Pendleton #40286 from MO, Melissa Unger #59854 from MD, Sally Traczuk #68943 from PA and Randy Sursa #49485 from OK.

President Bruce Sostak #52655 announced the Ron Robinson award winner will come from the Top 5 and will be announced at the banquet. Top 5: Kim Bode # from NC, Katy Lemmer #73037 from PA, John Badeen #73089 from MI, Joan Travis #76201 from DE and Ron Kimmet #43520 from OH.

President Bruce Sostak #52655 announced the Donnie Alvis award winner will come from the Top 3 and will be announced at the banquet. Top 3: Kim Hubbell #68729 Region V, Dan Badger #67974 Region VI, Leisa Pebbles #56001 Region VIII.

President Bruce Sostak #52655 addressed the Board of Directors and stated “we did Gary proud”. He then thanked his team for all their efforts and teamwork during a very difficult year.

A motion to recessed until 1PM CT was made by Illinois and seconded by New Hampshire. Motion was passed unanimously.

President Bruce Sostak #52655 called the meeting back to order at 1 PM CT, calling on Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912 to conduct the Election of Officers for 2025 – 2026. Election Committee members Past Presidents Calvin Baerveldt #36419 and Past President Randy Young #46420 in attendance.

COB Williams introduced the 2025 – 2026 Regional National Vice Presidents elected by their respective Regions prior to the Annual Meeting.

REGION I NVP	Bonnie	Blaisdell	#69956
REGION II NVP	Ann	Harrison	#75822
REGION III NVP	Letha	Grimes	#63946
REGION IV NVP	Liz	Young	#47759
REGION V NVP	Monty	Schroeder	#62203
REGION VI NVP	Rose	Steen	#57178
REGION VII NVP	Dewayne	Sumner	#66239
REGION VIII NVP	Anita	Cummings	#69380
REGION IX NVP	Susan	Manthey	#68777
REGION X NVP	Steve	Balint	#43364

COB Hal Williams #43912 requested a motion to open nominations for the office of **Secretary**. Motion by Kentucky, Seconded by Ohio.

Dawna Norfleet #61999 nominated by Doc McCarty, #14783, Seconded by Kim Bode #62467. There being no other qualified candidates for the office of Secretary, a motion was made to close nominations and elect by acclamation – moved by Indiana, seconded by New York. Motion passed. Dawna Norfleet #61999 introduced as Secretary for 2025 – 2026.

COB Hal Williams #43912 requested a motion to open nominations for the office of **Treasurer**. Motion by Vermont, Seconded by Virginia.

Tom King #59642 nominated by Steve Sutherland #27073, Seconded by Nancy Salopek #47610. There being no other qualified candidates for the office of Treasurer, a motion was made to close nominations and elect by acclamation – moved by Maryland, seconded by Ohio. Motion passed. Tom King #59642 introduced as Treasurer for 2025 – 2026.

COB Hal Williams #43912 requested a motion to open nominations for the office of **Administrative Vice President**. Motion by Indiana, Seconded by Connecticut.

Gary Duell #48384 nominated by Scott Kingsley #67932, Second by Karen MacCannell #49497. There being no other qualified candidates for the office of Administrative Vice President, a motion was made to close nominations and elect by acclamation – moved by Kentucky, seconded by Florida. Motion passed. Gary Duell #48434 introduced as Administrative Vice President for 2025 – 2026.

COB Hal Williams #43912 requested a motion to open nominations for the office of **President**. Motion by Missouri, Seconded by California.

Bruce Sostak #52655 nominated by Larry Bohn #37024, Seconds by Leisa Peebles #56001 and JeNie Altman #56150. There being no other qualified candidates for the office of President, a motion was made to close nominations and elect by acclamation – moved by Texas, seconded by Indiana. Motion passed. Bruce Sostak #52655 introduced as President for 2025 – 2026.

COB Hal Williams #43912 announced the conclusion of the Election of Officers for 2025 – 2026.

Good of the Order:

- Mike Andrews made announcement about safety with tape over the cables.
- Melissa Unger #59854 announced a donated of \$290 to Wheelchairs for Kids on behalf of MD.
- Nicole Dapp #74656 announced a donated of \$440 to Wheelchairs for Kids on behalf of PA.
- Randy Young #46420 announced the ESSAC 2026 officers: Treasurer John Robinson #55768 and President Susan Geddes #81581
- COS Ray Ainslie #44136 announced banquet set up for tomorrow night.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kentucky and seconded by Georgia. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM CT. Jaycee Creed led by First Lady Stephanie Pittenger #59999.

We Believe:

*That faith in God gives meaning and Purpose to human life;
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
That government should be of laws rather than of men;
That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.
C. William Brownfield #197*