



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Northbrook, IL**



Meeting was called to order by President-Elect Bruce Sostak #52655 at 2:23 p.m.

Chaplain Paul Myers #72173 offered the invocation.

Region VIII NVP Anita Cummings #69380 led the pledge.

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

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

The Roll Call was conducted by Secretary-Elect Dawna Norfleet #61999 and a quorum was obtained. The following members were present at Roll Call.

Office	Name	Present
President	Bruce Sostak #52655	Y
AVP	Gary Duell #48384	Y
Treasurer	Tom King #59642	Y
Secretary	Dawna Norfleet #61999	Y
C.O.B.	Hal Williams #43912	Y
Legal Counsel	John Badeen #73089	Y
Region I NVP	Bonnie Blaisdell #69956	Y
Region 2 NVP	Ann Harrison #75822	Y
Region 3 NVP	Letha Grimes #63946	
Region 4 NVP	Liz Young #47759	Y
Region 5 NVP	Monty Schroeder #62203	Y
Region 6 NVP	Rose Steen #57178	Y
Region 7 NVP	Dewayne Sumner #66239	Y
Region 8 NVP	Anita Cummings #69380	Y
Region 9 NVP		
Region 10 NVP	Steve Balint #43364	Y

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Region V NVP Monte Schroeder #62203 and second by Region IV NVP Liz Young. Motion passed unanimously.

President-Elect Bruce Sostak #52655 asked for a motion to approve the appointments with the addition of NVP IX Susan Manthey #68777. Motion by Region VII Dewayne Sumner #66239, second by Region II Ann Harrison #75822. Motion passed unanimously.

Protocol Officer introduced our guests at the meeting which included Past Presidents Lawrence Pittman

#53932 and Susan Hatcher #58143. Also in attendance was JCI USA President Bethany Miller #82286.

JCI USA President Bethanie Miller #82286 addressed the Executive Committee.

Secretary's Report was led by Secretary-Elect Dawna Norfleet #61999:

1. Mentors Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570 announced the Mentors deadlines for the year which are June 30, September 25 and March 3. Send pictures to pictures@usjcisenate.org
2. Mentors Empty Chair/New Senators Editor Mary Allred #46602 announced to reach out to Melissa Sammy #66967 or herself if you have someone who needs to be recognized.
3. Photographer Eldon Bowers #45999 announced regional pictures will be taken tomorrow night between 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Please arrive early. After meeting the pictures of the week will be on the website.
4. Mentors Business Manager Christianna Gilliam #78844 encourage everyone to use Zelle and to not send a pdf of sponsor pages.
5. E-news Editor Kim Bode #62467 explained the deadlines are the 14th of each month and the last day of each month by 5 p.m. ET. She would like to highlight the individual regional meetings this year.
6. Webmasters Lowell Vahl #40315 and Allison Geddes #74777 stated emails would be switched July 1. This is a transition time so outgoing/incoming positions will receive it until we switch on July 1. Anything you would like promoted in your states/regions, send to us and we will load on the website. Reach out to us by email if you have any concerns/requests.
7. Social Media PM Ruby Weymouth #67303 announced "We are going to be social!"

Treasurer's Report was led by Treasurer-Elect Tom King #59642:

1. Finance Committee Chairperson Susan Hatcher #58143 explained the preliminary budget was a working tool and the official budget will be voted on at the September meeting.
2. Interim Budget for 2025-2026 was presented by Treasurer-Elect Tom King #59642. It was stated it would be adopted at the September meeting.
3. Membership Information Service PM Lisa Badger #67974 will be going over the membership dues kits during TIE, PIE, and Joint Training sessions tomorrow. Dues kits will be mailed out by July 15. The first turn-in is August 29 due to Labor Day holiday and no mail service. The preference is payment by Zelle, if your bank supports it.
4. Presidential Sweepstakes PM introduced her team and announced another prize chair has been added this year. They have big shoes to fill this year. They will be leading on the NVPs getting information to their states.

Administrative Vice President's Report was led by Administrative Vice President-Elect Gary Duell #48384. National Vice Presidents introduced themselves and announced their regional theme for the year:

Region	Name	Theme
I	Bonnie Blaisdell #69956	Region 1 is Awesome
II	Ann Harrison #75822	Unlimited
III	Letha Grimes #63946	Get Hooked
IV	Liz Young #47759	Where Friendships Lead and Success Follows
V	Monte Schroeder #62203	Serving Up Five States
VI	Rose Steen #57178	Crusin' Through Region VI
VII	Dewayne Sumner #66239	Be the Spark
VIII	Anita Cummings #69380	Service to Humanity Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
IX	Susan Manthey #68777	Activate
X	Steve Balint #43364	Leadership Through Fellowship

Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089 reminded everyone to seek permission from legal counsel when in doubt as we represent the organization. We are controlled by documents. We do not run projects. We must get permission from US JCI to run projects. States and Regions can run projects. We should participate in Jaycee events as we are asked to. We passed a Social Media policy. Individual states and regions can run their page; however Program Managers work with our Social Media PM Ruby Weymouth #67303 to put content out on platforms. Officers of this organization should be mindful on what you are posting on your personal pages that will reflect on us.

Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912 remarked last year he told President Gary Pittenger #24804 to enjoy it and he extends this to President-Elect Bruce Sostak #52655 this year.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Under New Business:

- Chief of Staff Logan Giesie #51120 had a family crisis therefore; Presidential Assistant Greg Pebbles #56000 discussed protocol, reviewed the visitation form which is online and announced shirts will be handed out after Joint Training on Thursday from 12:30-1:40 p.m. in the Board room. It was stated to not open bags in public. Shirts may be worn after the annual banquet. If you haven't order a shirt, please do so.
- Standridge Contract beginning September 1, 2025, and ending August 30, 2026, was presented by Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089. The contract will be extended on a year to year basis. A motion was made by Tom King #59642, second by Gary Duell #48384. Motion passed.

- A motion was made by Gary Duell #48384 to move a member due date in the Maryland JCI Senate from June to December to allow all life members be due the same month. Second by Tom King #59642. Motion passed.

President Bruce Sostak #52655 addressed the group and encouraged relationship with the Jaycees with US JCI President Bethanie Miller #82286. They outlined the new program and are looking forward to seeing it implemented. He stated he would like for the team to travel especially from outside home regions to other regions, especially in the west area.

Good of the Order Announcements:

- PIE PM Sally Traczuk #68943 welcomed the team to stop by the PIE training on Thursday.
- Allison Geddes #74777 announced Region V has Ohio Pig Roast, Illinois Picnic and Indiana's meeting in Clarksville coming up.

We adjourned with the Jaycee Creed led by Region VII Dewayne Sumner #66239.