



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
TULSA, OKLAHOMA**



The meeting was called to order 9AM CT by President Bruce Sostak #52655.

Chaplain Ruby Weymouth #67303 asked for a moment of silence in memory of President Gary Pittenger #24804. Afterwards, she 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.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Iowa and seconded by Georgia. Motion passed unanimously.

Oklahoma JCI Senate President, Randy Sursa #49485, addressed the meeting and welcomed everyone to Tulsa.

Past President Jumper Davis #38376 sworn in Bruce Sostak #52655 as President for the remainder of the 2024-2025 Destination Legacy year.

President Bruce Sostak #52655 sworn in Larry Norfleet #60771 as Administrative Vice-President for the remainder of the 2024-2025 Destination Legacy year.

54th President Bruce Sostak #52655 addressed the board. He reiterated this is still Gary's Destination Legacy year and it was incumbent on all of us to make sure we honored his vision. He stated that our bylaws had worked as required with the group of officers all in agreement and working hard. He thanked everyone for their support.

Protocol Officer Scott Kingsley #67932 introduced all guests including our special guest fellow senator and 104th JCI USA President Vanessa Birchler #74430.

Secretary's Report Tom King #59642:

Motion to approve the June 2024 Board of Directors Minutes held in Tampa, FL was made by Illinois and seconded by Minnesota. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mentors Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570: Dec 1 articles are due Sept 25 and please pay attention to the word limits.
- Photographer Eldon Bowers #45999: See him for regional pics.
- Business Manager Christianna Gilliam #78844: Discussed Christmas ads; see her for assistance in creating one if needed.
- E-news Editor Kim Bode #62467: Reported we have added new emails and we are close to 2500 e-news subscribers.
- Webmaster Lowell Vahl #40315: Is ready to help as needed.
- Social Media Jessica Kling #78271: Reiterated we are a page and not a group plus how to tell you are on the right one (hint: has President Gary's logo). She closed with a group video!

Treasurer's Report Gary Duell #48384:

- Finance Committee Chairperson Susan Hatcher #58143: Committee met Friday and reviewed final actuals for 2023/24, reviewed audit and the 2024/25 budget with the Interim Budget 2024-2025 ready.
- Membership Report MIS Directory Dawna Norfleet #61999: Finished the 1st Quarter at -67 with 123 drops and 56 adds. Dec dues kits coming out Oct 1st and are due Dec 1st. Please have your states be on time due to the holidays. Make sure to include Assistant MIS Director Lisa Badger #67973 and Treasurer Gary Duell #48384 in your turn in.
- Presidential Sweepstakes Chairman Ron Kimmet #43520: Ron introduced Pitt's Sparks...ticket prices remain the same. Described the Pitt Pass and there are still some available for \$100 this year. Pitt Pass allows you to receive 12 tickets, regions party early entrance AND, if you wear it, the committee will not ask you to buy a ticket. Letha Grimes announced the current total raised of \$22,745. The Regional Party Theme will be "The 53rd Pittenger Cup Series". NVPs are the owners and state presidents are the drivers.
- A motion to approve the 2024-2025 Interim Budget was made by Indiana and seconded by Georgia. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative VP Report Larry Norfleet #60771:

Ambassador Reports:

- Canada - Karen MacCannell #49497 thanked Oklahoma for their hard work and introduced Rob Cronkwright #54515 from Canada. Rob addressed the group.
- Europe - Russ Cooper #4638 announced he did not bring his bathing suit for which we are all eternally thankful for! He passed along condolences from Germany, England and the Association of European Senators. Drumming out will occur the weekend before our meeting in January. The June meeting will be held in Turkey.

National Vice Presidents: The NVPs entered the meeting dressed as cowboys/cowgirls riding horses to the song Tulsa Time.

- Region I NVP Dana Hall #41552: Fall Frolic is upcoming and he has visited all 6 states and the region doing well.
- Region II NVP Krista Myers-Shafer #77862: Announced upcoming regional events. Region 2/3 social was very successful with 110 attendees. Region is doing well.
- Region III NVP Mary Ann Rohr #65353: Region 2/3 social was successful with great turnout. Discussed past regional events from the summer. Big news is DC is working to reorganize w 2 former DC Jaycees taking over.
- Region IV NVP Carla Bailey #62624: Announced upcoming regional events. All states have signed up for Wreaths Across America.
- Region V NVP Kim Hubbell #68729: Discussed regional tour from the summer. Announced upcoming regional events.
- Region VI NVP Dan Badger #67974: Discussed regional events from the summer. Announced upcoming regional events. Is visiting last 2 states in the region in the next 2 weeks. Discussed upcoming Region VI meeting in Bismarck, ND and fall meeting in Branson, MO.
- Region VII NVP Dewayne Sumner #66239: Announced upcoming regional events, discussed Kenner plus mini-National in Pigeon Forge where the theme is Saturday morning cartoons. Region is on the upswing.
- Region VIII NVP Leisa Pebbles #56001: Thanked OK for the great meeting. Announced upcoming regional events.

- Region IX NVP Susan Manthey #68777: Discussed regional events from the summer...Idaho sponsored a new chapter which is now up to 14 members. One of those members is looking to now start a chapter in Alaska. Working on one in Portland. Announced upcoming regional events.
- Region X NVP Lynne Hansen #68753 was excused.

Chairman Reports:

- Convention & Bid Review: Larry Norfleet #60771 reported the committee reviewed the San Antonio bid but it was submitted too late for a vote.
- Constitution & Bylaws: Joe Callison #71418 reported the committee met Friday and discussed some possible bylaw changes that may be presented in Kenner to Executive Committee.
- Future Directions: Jackie Julien #74251 reported the committee met Friday and is working with the Executive Committee and members to have changes go beyond one year for greater consistency.
- Presidential Sweepstakes: Ron Kimmet #43520 introduced Pitt's Sparks...ticket prices remain the same. Added Pitt Pass for \$100 this year. Pitt Pass allows you to receive 12 tickets, regions party early entrance AND, if you wear it, the committee will not ask you to buy a ticket. Letha Grimes announced the current total raised of \$22,745 which is 56% of the yearlong goal. The Regional Party Theme will be "The 53rd Pittenger Cup Series". NVPs are the owners and state presidents are the drivers. The Top 3 Spark Plug States: 3rd Pennsylvania, 2nd Ohio and 1st Illinois. The Top Spark Plug Region is Region 5.

Program Managers:

- Chaplain Ruby Weymouth #67303 has her report on the web.
- Wheelchairs 4 Kids PM Cindy Brandel #54928 presented a video showing the impact.
- Wreaths Across America PM Liz Young #47759 introduced team and thanked her regional reps for all their hard work. Wreath sponsorships are going well. She asked veterans to stand up and show off the new ribbons presented at lunch on Friday which were Pitt's idea.
- President's Information Exchange PM Katy Lemmer #73037 reported the group met Friday and received presentations about social media and the scholarship programs. The group "drove" cars during the meeting as the state presidents are the "Drivers" of this organization.
- S.O.A.R PM Joan Travis #76201 reported SOAR sharing happened yesterday with 24 senators in attendance. Reported 17 states with 100% retention. Recognized Shelley Bates #78813, Indiana President, and Kim Hubbell #68729, Region V NVP, for their travels.
- First Timers PM Cheryl Carlson #70371 reported we have 4 first timers here and asked the 4 to stand to be recognized. There are both a secret senator and a secret veteran senator. 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 report was given by Monty Schroeder #62203. Be on the lookout for additional information.
- JCI USA Liaison Heather Danley #74897 was not in attendance. However, President Bruce Sostak #52655 introduced the 104th President of JCI-USA, Vanessa Birchler #74430. President Vanessa addressed the group and announced the new Las Vegas chapter started with the assistance of a senator. In addition, they are working hard on chapters in both Idaho and New Hampshire. Florida is also starting to return because of support from the senate. She will be hosting a roundtable about "How we Jaycee Today" at 1:30.
- Return the Favor PM Tracy Culler #64534 reported the program is based on impact on the Jaycees and the first deadline is Dec 15th.
- Friendship Award PM Lloyd Mueller #57186 asked all recipients to stand to be recognized. There will be 2 friendship awards given at the banquet tonight. The form is on the website.

Meeting Coordinators:

- 2024 Fall BOD Meeting (Tulsa, OK) Pat Reffert #77848 provided some housekeeping updates and thanked her team.
- 2025 Winter BOD Meeting (Kenner, LA) Lisa Badger #67973 reported if you have not made a room reservation yet, please do so ASAP as there are already more than 500 room nights reserved. Cancel rooms through the committee and not the hotel. Keep committee informed about any state and regional plans for dinner so they can adjust their counts as appropriate. We will be having an awards luncheon and not banquet on Saturday with senate attire as the dress code.
- 2025 Annual Meeting (Northbrooke, IL) Maureen Niedenthal #67669 reported the committee is busy planning a great week. Currently 487 room nights have been reserved with 71 registrations.
- 2025 Fall BOD Meeting (Columbus, OH) Jenny Bruner #64688 reported the room rate is \$109/night. An updated registration form will soon be available at the US JCI Senate website. There will be shuttle service available to and from the hotel at a cost of \$10 each. Tours are being worked on and additional information will be provided at a later date. The committee is selling tickets for \$5/each or 5/\$20 with 1st prize being a room night, 2nd prize a full registration and 3rd prize early hospitality.

Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089 Report:

Discussed new IRS filing requirements being implemented by the end of this year. Updates and information will be in future e-news so be on the lookout.

Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912 Report:

Great to be here, thank you Oklahoma for a great weekend!

US JCI Senate Foundation Report:

President Wayne Kiefer #36498 reported there will be no auction in Kenner instead we will have bingo in the afternoon. Recognition for those achieving new levels of giving will be presented at the banquet. You will need a bid number for the auction tonight.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- 2026 Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX) Bid will be carried over to Kenner, LA. Ron Holzer #56549 gave some information on the potential bid. The Westin San Antonio North will be the host hotel which is 7 miles from the airport and 11 miles from Riverwalk.

Good of the Order:

- Blood Drive is on-site today
- For Banquet...poster board outside with seating chart
- Scavenger Hunt had 7 participants w 3 winners
- Send videos for Kenner to Mike Andrews at least 10 days in advance
- CA JCI Senate 60th Anniversary May 1-4, 2025 Delta Marriott Santa Clara, CA
- Spring Fling March 14-16, 2025
- FL JCI Senate 55th Anniversary Feb 14-16, 2025
- New ESSAC President Rudmila Smith-Paulo addressed us via the video.

Motion to adjourn was made by California and seconded by Kentucky. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 11:27AM CT. Jaycee Creed led by Randy Sursa #49485.