



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2024
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**



- I. **Call to Order:** President Hal Williams #43912 at 9:02am
- II. **Invocation:** by Chaplain James Rupard #41615
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Johnny Swank #44479, veterans, and all
- 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 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 0	Illinois 2	Indiana 2	Iowa 2	Kansas 2	Kentucky 1
Louisiana 1	Maine 2	Maryland 2	Massachusetts 2	Michigan 2	Minnesota 2
Mississippi 0	Missouri 2	Montana 0	Nebraska 2	Nevada 1	New Hampshire 2
New Jersey 2	New York 2	North Carolina 2	North Dakota 1	Ohio 2	Oklahoma 2
Oregon 1	Pennsylvania 2	Rhode Island 1	South Carolina 2	South Dakota 2	Tennessee 2
Texas 2	Vermont 2	Virginia 2	Washington 1	West Virginia 2	Wisconsin 2

91 out of 111 votes present or 82%. Quorum is met.

- VI. **Approval of Agenda:** President Hal Williams #43912 called for approval of the agenda. Motion by North Dakota, Second by Illinois. Motion passed.
- VII. **Welcome to South Carolina:** SC JCI President Laura McDivitt #65755 welcomed everyone to Greenville, SC. Thanked those who are helping this weekend. Commended the hotel staff.
- VIII. **Secretary's Report** Secretary Gary Duell #48384
- A. Approval of Minutes – September 23, 2023 BOD Meeting in Houston, TX– Motion by Region I, second by Florida to approve. Motion passed.
 - B. Communication's Team
 1. Mentors – Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570 – Thanked those who worked on the December issue. Articles due March 11th. Write articles for the future. 272 get an electronic Mentors, 177 are being opened. Internationally 37 get the Mentors, 35 are being opened.
Business Manager – Christianna Gilliam #78844 looking for ads, Mentors sign-in sheets, make sure that only the first letter of the first and last names are capitalized.
 2. E-news – Editor Kim Bode #62467 – We are receiving lots of content with 55% of the subscribers opening the e-news. Quite a few are clicking on the links. If you want to add something to the calendar, send an email to e-news@usjcisenate.org. Deadline this Sunday
 3. Website – Webmaster Allison Geddes #74777 – Our website is being moved to a new server after the scholarship window closes. Region and state webmasters that we host will be notified of the changeover date so they can back up their sites. We are not anticipating any problems. Double check your links after the server move is complete.
 4. Social Media – Program Manager Jess Kling #78271 – We have over 1600 followers. Daily themes are working well. Also, on Instagram. Thanks for sending in pictures. You can email them to me at senatesm2324@gmail.com. Jess ended by shooting a video of the meeting.

The next edition of the 2023-2024 directory will be distributed in March. The 2024-2025 Temporary Directory will begin to take shape as elections commence. Once you have your elections, forward the information to me, preferably through the website form or email.

- IX. 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 and current budget to actual report. Discussed Audit Committee recommendations.
 - B. Membership Program Manager Dawna Norfleet #61999 – 13 attended the TIE meeting. Next dues kits due 3/1. Goal to have them out by January 15th. June dues kits due May 15th, with a goal to have them out by April 1st. We had 1844 due, 78 drops, 68 adds for a net of -10. Growth regions: 4, 2, 10. Top growth states: FL, NC, SC, NJ. Current membership is 8,104. 1933 due on 3/1, 2445 due 6/1. Full membership report on the website. Address changes or electronic Mentors requests can be completed on the website.
 - C. Presidential Sweepstakes Lori Palo #66475. Incentive prizes to be awarded at the banquet. Accepting door prizes. Party Chair, Letha Grimes #63946, Margaritaville. NVPs have their song titles and received the booth rules. Need to know if booths need electricity before March 1st. Ron Kimmert #43520 announced the top 3 sales states, #3 Iowa, #2 Florida, #1 Pennsylvania, top Region, Region VI. Special shirts were given to Admiral Hal and Vice-Admiral Bruce. Total deposited, \$33,616, 85% of goal.
- President Hal dismissed the NVP's to prepare for their reports.
- X. Administrative Vice Presidents Report** Gary Pittenger #24804
- A. **Ambassador Reports**
 - ASAC – Ariel Jones #65423 reported that over the last couple of years we have noticed violations of policies, bylaws, and procedures. We have sent in documentation of actions and our concerns of the treatment of our delegates. We looked at what was best for the US JCI Senate and per unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, we have disaffiliated ourselves from ASAC as of November 1, 2023. Reviewed upcoming ASAC events for those interested. Ariel acknowledged immediate past ambassador Steve Sutherland, John Robinson and Lawrence Pittman, past officers, Jack Pasquale, ASAC Founder, Joe A Souza and Randy Young, past presidents. Thanked past president Susan and current president Hal for the appointment as ASAC Ambassador. It was privilege to serve. Ariel yielded the floor to Randy Young, ASAC Advisor, who expressed his anger and sadness with the developments in ASAC.
 - Canada – Karen MacCannell #49497 introduced Canada Ambassador to the US, Rob Cronkwright #54515, who brought greetings from Past President Obay and newly elected President, Crispin.
 - Europe – Russ Cooper #4638 recapped World Congress in Switzerland. Offered greetings from UK Chair Penny Gill, who is at the British Drumming Out. The new Chair will be Nick Hawley. 4/11-14 Senate Experience in Wales, 6/12-15 JCI European Conference in Finland.
 - B. **National Vice Presidents**
 - Region I Peter Jordan #54684 – Recapped Fall Frolic 2023. Upcoming Events: Spring Caucus May 3-5/2024 in Maine & Fall Frolic Oct 18-20/2024 in New Hampshire.
 - Region II Joan Travis #76201 – not present
 - Region III Randy Willhoite #47435 – All participated in Wreaths. Upcoming Events: VA Martini Mix-Off 3/8-10, MD meeting 3/2, WV elections meeting 2/17, MAI 4/4-7 in New Jersey.
 - Region IV Mark Brandel #49789 – 117 Region IV members in attendance. Top Growth Region. All states participated in Wreaths and Wheelchairs 4 Kids. Upcoming events in all states and Calabash Beach Bash.
 - Region V Jon Bruner #58932 – Some participation in Wreaths. Upcoming Events: KY/IN joint meeting 1/26-28, MI Post-Holiday Party 2/3, OH meeting 2/9-11, Spring Fling 3/15-17.
 - Region VI David Teachout #68700 – All states participated in Wreaths. Upcoming Events: MO & OYM Banquet 1/19-21, Big Prairie Jaycees will give out their first 2 Senatorships in 50-60 years of existence, MN Ice Fishing 2/2-4, SD meeting 2/9-11.
 - Region VII Jeff Cardwell #54265 – recapped some past events, including Jaycee President's training at Camp Discovery. TN JCI Senate Mini-National and Region VII Meeting 2/22-25.

Region VIII DeLisa Anderson #54310 – Upcoming Events: CO, KS, & TX meetings, OK scholarship judging, KS golf, Region 8 meeting 4/26-28 in OK.
Region IX Will Hansen #49086 – Recapped past events. Wreaths in WA. Upcoming Events: OR meeting 4/19-21, Region IX/ID meeting 4/26-28, MT meeting 5/3-5, WA meeting 5/17-19.
Region X Yvette Lee #68707 – Not present

C. Chairman Reports

Convention & Bid Review – Gary Pittenger #24804 – committee met. Updated presentations were given by those hosting future meetings. A bid proposal was received by IA to host the Winter 2025 BOD Meeting in New Orleans. Two letters of intent were received by OH(Columbus) & KS(Topeka) to host the Fall 2025 BOD Meeting

Constitution & Bylaws – Joe Callison #71418 – Thanked the Executive Committee for the appointment. A proposed bylaw change regarding audits will be voted on under New Business. Committee met and discussed things to look at in the near future.

Future Directions – Larry MacQuirter #67377 – Committee met and discussed a potential upcoming proposal. Spent time discussing the activation of younger Senators. Meetings are held most months.

D. Program Managers

Chaplain – James Rupard #41615 – 13 Chaplains attended the new Chaplain's training. Since June 1st, we have lost 78 Senators. 41 states have reported in the e-news this year. Year-End Memorial Service: collect information and send it to me on Senators who passed since June 1, 2023. Photos should be originals. There will be year-end awards for outstanding state and regional chaplains.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids – John Robinson #55768 – introduced Executive Director for Wheelchairs 4 Kids, Madeline Robinson #50844. Madeline described the Let's Roll & Wheely Fun Days programs. New camp for the southeast states in Georgia. In 2025, looking to the northeast. State recognition given to FL, AL, IA, KY, ME, NC, OR, PA, RI, VT, WV and Regions 2,3,4. Vito Bellas & Fellas donated \$210, AZ \$200, MD \$502. Thank you for your support.

Wreaths Across America – Tom King #59642 – Recognized donors, participants, and program managers. Also recognized Bill Hossman and Florida. Through 1/16, there will be a one for one match. National Wreaths Across America is on 12/14. 29 states participated, more than 300 individuals. 1,204 wreaths were sponsored. Top wreaths state – PA placed 457 wreaths. Regions with 100% participation: Regions 3,4,5,6.

President's Information Exchange – Amanda Turner #65613 – 23 Presidents attended PIE. We had a lot of fun.

S.O.A.R/First Timers – Kim Hubbell #68729 & Nancy Cardwell #54264 – Please send new Senators to Kim to be welcomed. 7 First Timers were in the session, 4 turned in their packets. Winner to be announced at the banquet.

Vendor Showcase – Kay Elliot #61747 – Houston had 5 vendors. There were 8 vendors in Greenville. There will be at least 6 vendors in Tampa.

Enhanced Membership Benefits – Michele Tarantino #63380 – some handouts on the chairs. Information will be on the Facebook page, website, and e-news. Partners include ups, Lenovo, Avis, Budget, GE Appliances, and a Travel Savings Center. This is a voluntary program.

JCI USA Liaison/Return the Favor – Jennifer Ray #68957 – JCI-USA is on a calendar year. Now is a good time to reach out to the new state presidents. JCI-USA year end celebration is 4/4-7 in Hawaii in conjunction with the Region X meeting. Vanessa Birchler (Illinois) is now serving as JCI-USA President. One way to return the favor is to just listen to Jaycees.

Friendship – Lloyd Mueller #57186 – A Friendship Award will be presented tonight. Received information regarding a presentation that will happen in the 3rd trimester. We lost 3 friendship award winners since Houston.

E. Meeting Coordinators

2024 Winter BOD Meeting – Greenville, SC – Liz Young #47759 – Welcomed everyone. Experience Greenville. 375 will be at the banquet.

2024 Annual Meeting – Tampa, FL – Cindy Brandel #54928 – June 18-22 @ Embassy Suites. Today is National Rubber Duck Day. Asked President Hal to assist with the drawing from the Houston Cowboy Ducks, Bottle of Siesta Key Rum to winner, Pam Padgett. 2nd drawing from all ducks, 2 Lowry Park Zoo tickets to winner, Carol Standridge. Tours are being set up. Tuesday early hospitality hotel rooms are sold out. 45 lizards are hidden in the building. 2 free room nights winner, Susan Hatcher.

2024 Fall BOD Meeting – Tulsa, OK – Karen MacCannell #49497 – 9/19-22, Living on Tulsa Time. Check out the Facebook page, Fall Board 2024. Presented a gift to President Hal. Pick up a packet on the way out of the meeting.

- XI. **Legal Counsel Report** John Badeen #73089 – Nothing official to report. I do owe Treasurer Bruce an apology. It's a culture shock thing having to turn in reimbursements and get paid later. Because everyone knows that the first rule in the practice of law is always get paid up front.
- XII. **Chairman of the Board Report** Susan Hatcher #58143 – Thanked South Carolina & Region IV. Candidate Announcements: NVPs – Region VIII – Leisa Peebles (TX) #56001, Region VI – Dan Badger (IA) #67974, Region V – Kim Hubbell (MI) #68729, Region IV – Carla Bailey (AL) #62624, Region III – Mary Ann Rohr (MD) #65353, Region I – Dana Hall (ME) #41552
Candidate Announcements: Sherry Polychrones #78710 announced Tom King #59642 for Secretary, Katy Lemmer #73037 announced Gary Duell #48384 for Treasurer, DeLisa Anderson #54310 announced Bruce Sostak #52655 for Administrative Vice President, MaryAnn Hilleary #64615 announced Gary Pittenger #24804 for President
- XIII. **US JCI Senate Foundation** Joe A Souza #27511 – Keep Wayne in your thoughts and prayers. Auction in the Palmetto Room. Scholarships are due 2/16. Golf is on a different day in Tampa. Recognition of New Members: Heather Danley & Kim Sligh.
- XIV. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. 2023 Fall BOD Meeting – Houston, TX – Logan Giesie #51120 & H.T. Jumper Davis #38376 – Thanked everyone for coming to Houston.
 - B. 2024 Election Committee Appointments – Past Presidents, Steve Sutherland #27073 & Larry Bohn #37024. Motion by North Carolina, second by Connecticut to approve. Motion passed.
- XV. **New Business**
 - A. Proposed Bylaw Amendment – Joe Callison #71418
Article X, Section 2 – Financial Management – Audit Committee – Motion by Illinois, second by Virginia to approve. Amendment was published in the December Mentors. Administrative change from slide, change the word court to cost. Motion passed.
 - B. 2025 Winter BOD Meeting – Tulsa, Oklahoma – Gary Pittenger #24804 introduced Chair Lisa Badger #67973 – 1/9-12/2025 – Kenner, LA – \$139/night, registration \$75 by 12/1, early hospitality \$20. Banquet will be a noon luncheon with Senate attire. Motion by Tennessee, second by Washington to approve the bid. Motion passed.
- XVI. **President's Comments** President Hal Williams #43912 – Thanked South Carolina. We are having a great year. Down 14 in membership. As was pointed out, we lost 78 Senators this year. Encourage your members to reach out to Senators that may have dropped over the past 2 years.
- XVII. **Good of the Order** – Candidate reception in the Homestead room ½ hour after this meeting. Ariel Jones & Randy Young – Our friends in Aruba & Curacao are proposing a new Senate international organization for the English-Speaking Senators of the Americas & Caribbean. Steering Committee has been meeting via Zoom. Inaugural Annual Reunion Celebration, August 15-18 in Aruba. Membership will be individual, in the \$20-\$25 range. Contact Ariel or Randy if interested. Lori Palo – Vina Bellas & Fellas meeting in the Port Royal room at 2pm. Ann Harrison – MAI 4/4-7. Scott Kingsley – NY JCI Senate 60th Anniversary – 4/12-14. Lisa Badger – Region VI Meeting 4/19-21.
- XVIII. **Adjourn at 11:24am with the Jaycee Creed** led by SC JCI President Laura McDivitt #65755