



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2025
KENNER, LOUISIANA**



The meeting was called to order 8:30AM 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.
(86 votes present)

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Connecticut and seconded by Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Chair, Lisa Badger #67973, addressed the meeting, thanked all the Iowa and Region VI senators for their assistance and welcomed everyone to Kenner.

Protocol Officer Scott Kingsley #67932 introduced guests.

Secretary's Report Tom King #59642:

Motion to approve the September 2024 Board of Directors Minutes held in Tulsa, OK was made by North Carolina and seconded by Illinois. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mentors Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570: June 1 articles are due March 3 and please pay attention to the word limits.
- Photographer Eldon Bowers #45999: See him for regional pics.
- Business Manager Christianna Gilliam #78844: Discussed yearend ads; see her for assistance in creating one if needed.
- E-news Editor Kim Bode #62467: Reported we have over 2,000 e-news subscribers.
- Webmaster Lowell Vahl #40315: Is ready to help as needed.
- Social Media Jess Kling #78271: we have over 1,900 followers on our official page. Encouraged everyone to be sure they are on the official page which has President Gary's logo. Also, asked for senators to continue to send in pictures for her to post to the page.

Treasurer's Report Gary Duell #48384:

- I. Finance Committee Chairperson Susan Hatcher #58143: Committee met and reviewed budget vs actual thru 12/31/2024. Sweepstakes is asking for additional prizes to be given as based on exceeding the \$40,000 goal. This was approved by the Executive Committee and additional prizes will be given out based on the following: \$250 prize if we reach \$42,500; \$500 prize if we reach \$45,000; \$750 prize if we reach \$47,500; \$1,000 prize if we reach \$50,000. This would be based on the final deposit totals as of June 7, 2025 (one week prior to the convention).

- II. Membership Report MIS Directory Dawna Norfleet #61999: Finished the 2nd Quarter at -51 with 138 drops (55 deceased members many from prior years) and 87 adds. Mar dues kits coming out Jan 15th and are due Mar 1st. Jun dues kits coming out Apr 15th and are due Jun 1st which means payment in hand of the treasurer. Please have your states be on time especially in June because of the annual meeting.
- III. Presidential Sweepstakes Chairman Ron Kimmet #43520: Ron announced the current total raised of just over \$38,000. The Regional Party booth info has been sent and please do not ship items to the hotel.

Administrative VP Report Larry Norfleet #60771:

Ambassador Reports:

- Canada - Karen MacCannell #49497 read letter from Canada President Cara Heck #74083.
- Europe - European Ambassador Helen Olsen #61977 read letter from current President.

National Vice Presidents: The NVPs entered the room to the NCIS theme dressed as NCIS agents handing out beads, cookies and beer. Thankfully no one had to 'show' any body parts.

- 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, TX and Topeka, KS bid which were approved by the committee and by the Executive Committee. Registration fees were also approved to go from \$75 to \$95 for the fall and winters meetings and from \$140 to \$170 for the annual meeting.
- Constitution & Bylaws: No Report

- Future Directions: Larry Graham #60619 reported the committee has been meeting and a committee has been established to look into the possibility of moving from the current spreadsheets to manage membership to an online system.
- Presidential Sweepstakes: Ron Kimmet #43520 announced the current total raised of just over \$39,625 as of this meeting. Top 3 states recognized with the Spark Plug Award: PA 3rd, MO 2nd, MD 1st. Top Region: Region VI

Program Managers:

- Chaplain Ruby Weymouth #67303 has her report on the web.
- Wheelchairs 4 Kids PM Cindy Brandel #54928 reminded everyone this is more than a Florida project as Florida is the headquarters for Wheelchairs 4 Kids.
- Wreaths Across America PM Liz Young #47759 introduced team and thanked her regional reps for all their hard work. Wreath sponsorships went well and still gathering final numbers. The date for WAA in 2025 is December 13, 2025.
- President's Information Exchange PM Katy Lemmer #73037 reported the group met Friday and received presentations from the communications team, the sweepstakes team and Newt Standridge on how to bid a meeting.
- S.O.A.R PM Joan Travis #76201 reported SOAR sharing happened yesterday with 30 senators in attendance. S.O.A.R awards for states: 3rd place tie TX/NC, 2nd PA, 1st OK S.O.A.R awards for regions: 3rd Region IV, 2nd Region II, 1st Region VIII.
- First Timers PM Cheryl Carlson #70371 reported we have 3 first timers here and asked the 3 to stand to be recognized. Winner will be announced at the luncheon.
- Enhanced Membership Benefits PM Michele Tarantino #63380 has an excused absence.
- Vendor Showcase PM Mary Ann Hilleary #64615 has an excused absence.
- JCI USA Liaison Heather Danley #74897 Introduced 105th President of JCI-USA, Bethanie Miller #82866 of Mississippi who addressed the membership.
- Return the Favor PM Tracy Culler #64534 reported the program is based on impact on the Jaycees and the next deadline is May 15th.
- Friendship Award PM Lloyd Mueller #57186 has an excused absence.
- Historian Paul Myers #72173 announced a link will be established on the US JCI Senate website so you can review materials which have been scanned.

Meeting Coordinators:

- 2025 Winter BOD Meeting (Kenner, LA) Lisa Badger #67973 provided instructions for how lunch will be handled.
- 2025 Annual Meeting (Northbrooke, IL) Maureen Niedenthal #67669 reported the committee is busy planning a great week and provided an update on the 2025 Annual Meeting.
- 2025 Fall BOD Meeting (Columbus, OH) provided an update on the 2025 Fall Meeting.

Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089 Report:

Announced the policy changes adopted by the Executive Committee which includes the requirement to use a generic registration form (to be available on the website) and the rates increases previously announced by AVP Larry Norfleet #60771.

Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912 Report:

Announced the following candidates for National Vice President:

Region II – Ann Harrison, Region III - Letha Grimes, Region IV – Liz Martin-Young, Region V - Monty Schroeder, Region VI - Rose Steen, Region VII - Dewayne Sumner, Region VIII - Anita Cummings and Region X - Steve Balint.

Candidate for Secretary - Dawna Norfleet
Candidate for Treasurer - Tom King
Candidate for Administrative Vice President - Gary Duell
Candidate for President - Bruce Sostak

US JCI Senate Foundation Report:

President Wayne Kiefer #36498 provided instructions for afternoon bingo in the afternoon.
Recognition for those achieving new levels of giving will be presented at the luncheon.

Unfinished Business:

- Randy Sursa #49485 provided the final report for the Tulsa 2024 meeting.

New Business:

- 2026 Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX) Presentation by Ron Holzer #56549. The motion to approve the 2026 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX was made by Florida seconded by Georgia. 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.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kentucky and seconded by North Dakota. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 11:57AM CT. Jaycee Creed led by Region VII VP Dewayne Sumner #66239.