



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
KENNER, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 10, 2025**



The meeting called to order at 2CT by President Bruce Sostak #52655.

Invocation led by Chaplain Ruby Weymouth #67303.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Region VI NVP Dan Badger #67974.

Mission Statement read by President Bruce Sostak #52655.

Roll Call was conducted by Secretary Tom King #59642 and a quorum was certified.

Motion to approve the agenda Moved by Region II NVP Krista Myers-Shafer #77862 and seconded by Region IV NVP Carla Bailey #62624. Motion was passed unanimously.

Protocol Officer Scott Kingsley #67932 introduced all guests.

Secretary's Report Tom King #59642:

Motion to approve the Executive Committee Minutes from the Tulsa meeting was made by Region IV NVP Carla Bailey #62624 and seconded by Region VI NVP Dan Badger #67974. 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. A motion was made that for each additional \$2,500 raised above and beyond the original goal, additional prizes would 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). The motion was made by Region II NVP Krista Myers-Shafer #77862 and seconded by Region IV NVP Carla Bailey #62624. Motion was passed unanimously.
- 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. June 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:

- Region I NVP Dana Hall #41552: Fall Frolic rocked. States conducted socials and participated in Wreaths Across America and Scholarship programs. Caucus is first weekend of May.
- Region II NVP Krista Myers-Shafer #77862: States conducted socials and participated in Wreaths Across America and Scholarship programs. MAI will be coming up in April.
- Region III NVP Mary Ann Rohr #65353 was excused.
- Region IV NVP Carla Bailey #62624: Announced upcoming state events. Wreaths Across America was a great success in the region.
- Region V NVP Kim Hubbell #68729: Jeans & Jewels was successful. Spring Fling in Mt Pleasant, MI.
- Region VI NVP Dan Badger #67974: Traveled across the region and attended Fall Frolic. Wreaths Across America was a great success in the region and the upcoming regional meeting will be in Branson, MO.
- Region VII NVP Dewayne Sumner #66239: TN hosting mini-national in Feb in Pigeon Forge where the theme is Saturday morning cartoons. TN senate hosted JCI-USA SP retreat at Camp Discovery in December.
- Region VIII NVP Leisa Pebbles #56001: States conducted socials and participated in Wreaths Across America and Scholarship programs. Regional meeting will be held in Richardson, TX.
- Region IX NVP Susan Manthey #68777: held a Jaycee Reunion in Southern Idaho and added 4 for the state. Assisted with a new JC chapter chartered in Coeur d'Alene, ID.
- Region X NVP Lynne Hansen #68753 was excused.

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Program Managers, Committee Chairs & Meeting Coordinators:

- Wreaths Across America Program Manager, Liz Young #48759. All the WAA regional reps are working hard and wreath sponsorships are going well.
- Lisa Badger #67973 provided an update on the 2025 Winter Meeting; 280 attendees.
- Maureen Niedenthal #67669 provided an update on the 2025 Annual Meeting to be held in Northbrook, IL.
- Jenny Bruner #64688 provided an update on the 2025 Fall Meeting to be held in Columbus, OH.

Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089:

No report.

Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912:

Announcements tomorrow for those running for national office. Filed candidates for the 4 nationally elected positions and 7 NVP candidates.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Randy Sursa #49485 provided the final report for the Tulsa 2024 meeting. Thanked us for coming. 285 registered with 2 hospitality only. All bills paid.

New Business:

- A. ESSAC: Update provided by Randy Young #46420.
- B. Election Committee: President Bruce Sostak #52655 asked for approval to appoint Randy Young #46420 and Calvin Baerveldt #36419 to the elections committee. The motion to approve was made by Region IV NVP Carla Bailey #62624 and seconded by Region VII NVP Dewayne Sumner #66239. Motion was passed unanimously.
- C. National Meeting Fees Policy: AVP Larry Norfleet #60771 asked for a motion to increase fees for fall/winter meetings to \$95 and for annual meeting to \$170. Motion moved by Secretary Tom King #59642 and seconded Treasurer Gary Duell #48384. Discussion centered around updating the the bid package to reflect what is actually required of hosting states as well as is this really necessary to encourage states to host. Motion was called to question by Region VII NVP Dewayne Sumner #66239 and seconded by Region IV NVP Carla Bailey #62624. The call to question passed unamiously. The motion to increase fees was passed with 11 yes and 2 no votes.
- D. AVP Larry Norfleet #60771 asked for a motion to increase fees in the bids for Topeka, KS, to \$95 and San Antonio, TX, to \$170. Motion moved by Secretary Tom King #59642 and seconded Region II NVP Krista Myers-Shafer #77862. to move the rates on the bids for topeka and san Antonio to \$95/\$170. Motion was passed unanimously.
- E. 2026 Annual Meeting – San Antonio, TX: Presentation by Ron Holzer #56549. To be held at Westin San Antonio North June 14-18, 2026. \$160/night. Motion to approve the San Antonio bid was made by Region Region VI NVP Dan Badger #67974 and seconded by Region VII NVP Dewayne Sumner #66239. Motion was passed unanimously
- F. 2026 Fall BOD Meeting – Topeka, KS: Presentation by Rob Wiley #56033. To be held Sep 17-20, 2026 at the Ramada Inn. \$119/night with breakfast for up to 4/room. There is an Amtrak station nearby. KCI is approximately an hour away. Motion to approve the Topeka meeting was made by Region II NVP Krista Myers-Shafer #77862 and seconded by Region VIII NVP Leisa Pebbles #56001. Motion was passed unanimously.
- G. Social Media Policy: Tom King #59642 presented a draft of the policy. A motion to create Social Media Policy committee to report back with final policy for review/approval by the 2024-2025 Executive Committee meeting in Northbrook, IL, consisting of Region II NVP Krista Myers-Shafer #77862, Region V NVP Kim Hubbell #68729, Region VIII NVP Leisa Pebbles #56001, Social Meida PM Jess Kling #78271 and Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089 was Moved by Secretary Tom King #59642 and seconded by AVP Larry Norfleet #60771. Motion was passed unanimously.
- H. National Meeting Registration Form Policy: Tom King #59642 presented a draft of the policy along with proposed form to be used. Motion that all bids shall utilize the registration form contained in this policy manual as tailored to the specific event. Motion moved by Secretary Tom King #59642 and seconded by Region VI NVP Dan Badger #67974. Motion was passed unanimously.

President's Comments: President Bruce Sostak #52655 thanked everyone for their hard work, support and on having a very constructive meeting.

Good of the Order: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Region II NVP Krista Myers-Shafer #77862 and seconded by Region IV NVP Carla Bailey #62624. Motion passed unanimously. We adjourned with the Jaycee Creed led by Region V NVP Kim Hubbell #68729.