



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE**  
**2020-2021 WINTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Mesa, AZ**  
**JANUARY 23, 2021**



- I. **Call to Order** – President Ariel Jones #65423 at 8:30 am.
- II. **Invocation:** President Ariel Jones #65423 called on Karen MacCannell #49497.
- III. **Presentation of Flags:** American Legion Post #39 – Color Guard
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Health Care/Front line Employees: COVID-19.
- V. **Mission Statement:** Given by President Ariel Jones #65423.  
**OUR MISSION IS TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIPS AMONG SENATORS WHILE SUPPORTING THE JAYCEE MOVEMENT**
- VI. **Roll Call:** President Ariel Jones #65423 called on Secretary Hal Williams #43912 who called the roll. The following members of the Board of Directors were present at Roll Call:  
 President Ariel Jones #65423  
 Administrative Vice President Mike Andrews #58312  
 Treasurer Susan Hatcher #58312  
 Secretary Hal Williams #43912  
 Chairman of the Board Lawrence Pittman #53932  
 Legal Counsel Stu O’Hara #39768 EXOFFICIO  
 NVP Region II Scott Kingsley #67932  
 NVP Region III Alan Richardson #50550  
 NVP Region V Vette Sutton #69414  
 NVP Region VI Doreen Lietzau #64069  
 NVP Region VIII Nancy Cloud #52750  
 NVP Region IX Al Rickard #23709  
 NVP’s Region I Rosaire Longe #28290, NVP Region IV Mike Lynch #54465, NVP VII Dexter Graef #16177, and NVP Region X Elizabeth McInnis #54219 were excused and audited the meeting by ZOOM, but were not counted as part of the quorum as they were not physically there.  
 There then was a roll call of the states, with each state’s voting delegation rising and announcing the number of and identifying them by name.  
 STATE ROLL CALL:  
 Alabama 0      Alaska 1      Arizona 2      Arkansas 1      California 2      Colorado 2  
 Connecticut 0      Delaware 2      D.C. 2      Florida 2      Georgia 2      Hawaii 0  
 Idaho 1      Illinois 2      Indiana 2      Iowa 2      Kansas 2      Kentucky 0  
 Louisiana 0      Maine 0      Maryland 2      Massachusetts 1      Michigan 2  
 Minnesota 2      Mississippi 2      Missouri 2      Montana 0      Nebraska 2      Nevada 1  
 New Hampshire 0      New Jersey 0      New York 1      N. Carolina 2      N. Dakota 1      Ohio 2  
 Oklahoma 2      Oregon 1      Pennsylvania 2      Rhode Island 0  
 S. Carolina 0      S. Dakota 2      Tennessee 1      Texas 2      Vermont 0      Virginia 2  
 Washington 1      W. Virginia 2      Wisconsin 0  
 We had 71 votes present out of 119, so a quorum was present with 59.6%.
- VII. **Approval of Agenda:** President Ariel Jones #65423 indicated this meeting of the Board of Directors would be dedicated to Norm Sanders #39448 President of the Kentucky JCI Senate who passed away recently. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mississippi and seconded by North Carolina. The motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. **Welcome to Oklahoma and Region VIII:** President Ariel called on Arizona President Tanis Friedman #70297 for welcome to Arizona. Thanks to the Committee that is putting this on and to the hotel and staff.
- IX. **Introductions:** President Ariel called on CJ Jordan #45857 for the introduction of special guests including our Past Presidents. Due to COVID-19 there were no international guests present, however the Ambassador from Canada Linda Blanchard was watching on Facebook Live.

- X. Secretary Report:** Secretary Hal Williams #43912
- A. **Mentors:** The Mentors Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570 said there have been delays in some people receiving the December issue of Mentors. Mentors went into the mail on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The Post Office has been under strain due to both the Christmas holiday and staff shortages due to Covid-19. She brought a few extra copies for those who haven't received one. She changed the due date for articles for the next edition of Mentors to March 14<sup>th</sup>. If sending pictures put the people's name and Senate number on them. Send full sized pictures, not pictures from Facebook. The word count for articles has increased for this issue. Exec Board and NVP's get 550 words. State Presidents and Program Managers get 400 words. Empty Chair is still 100 words. Yvonne Mason will be doing the Regional group photos outside by the pool area. Be 15 minutes early! 5:00 for Regions 7, 9, 1, and 2; 5:15 for Regions 4 and 3; 5:30 for Regions 8; 6:00 for Regions 5 and 10; and 6:15 for Region 6.
- B. **E-News:** E-News Editor Marsha Phillips #47528 Thanked Arizona for its hospitality while they have been travelling around the state. Asked if anyone was not receiving E-News who wanted it. The deadline for E-News articles is the day before it comes out. E-News comes out on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- C. **Web Master:** Assistant Web Master Allison Geddes #74777 said the report is on the web. If you have any questions let me know.
- D. **Social Media:** Social Media Director Kim Hubbell #68729 – Have you liked our page? Not the group, our page. We have about 40 people watching online right now. Keep sending pictures to put on the page. NVP's let me know when your meetings are so I can get them on the page.
- E. **Approval of the Minutes:** Copies of the minutes from the Mesa 2021 Winter Board Meeting were sent out electronically and were available in print at the back of the room. Motion to approve by South Dakota. Second by North Dakota. Motion passed unanimously.
- XI. Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Susan Hatcher #58143
- A. **Finance Committee Report** by Pete Reinecker #11777. They reviewed the bank statements. Everything was well in order. They reviewed the budget to actual. There were no red lines, no over spending. A lot of that is due to the dues increase and the amount the Presidential Sweepstakes has brought in. We are in excellent shape. Discussed the \$5,000 sponsorship we received from Dominion Energy. We distributed that money throughout the budget according to their wishes. A breakdown on where the money was allocated - \$1,000 to Mentors, \$1,300 to the US JCI Senate Foundation, \$1,000 to Presidential Gifts, \$945 for Postage, \$500 for Receptions, and \$255 for a scanner for the US JCI Senate and in particular the Historian. The next item discussed was the use of the debit card. Who has the Authority? Right now only one signer. Put together some ideas, but due to timing will review that at the next meeting. The next item was from the Audit Committee, John Robinson #55768. He presented a list of items the Audit Committee presented of the Treasurer in order to make their jobs easier. Approved that request. Will review next year's budget at our next meeting at Spring Fling
- B. **Membership Report:** Lloyd Muller #57186. Report can be found on the web. March dues have been sent out. Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. In December there were 1,836 due, 93 dropped, 105 new adds for a growth of +12. Year to date we are +36.
- XII. Administrative Vice President Report:** AVP Mike Andrews #58312  
AVP Mike excused the National Vice Presidents to ready themselves for their reports later in the meeting.
- A. Ambassador's Reports**
- Ambassador to ASAC:** Steve Sutherland #27073 said as ASAC is the Association of Senators from the Americas and Caribbean. The 12<sup>th</sup> ASAC Encounter will be held on August 18 – 22 in Trinidad. Information for registration is on the web. Read a letter from ASAC Vice President Joy Brathwaite #70476 who would have been in attendance but for Covid-19. The Conference of the Americas involving both JCI and the Senate will be held on May 5 – 9, 2021 in Panama City, Panama.
- Ambassador to Canada:** Karen MacCannell #49497 advised that the border with Canada is closed and President Rob Cronckwright #54515 and the Canadian Ambassador to the United States Linda Blanchard #44776 could not be with us. Linda is watching Via Facebook Live.

She read a letter from Ambassador Linda and a letter from President Rob. She presented lanyards to three Senators who were not at Fall Board to receive theirs – Randy Willhoite #47435, Becky Edwards #62937, and Vanessa Kinsley #70985.

**Ambassador to Europe:** Russ Cooper #4638 said he had letters of greetings from 42 European Senate Presidents to read. Last week he was on a virtual meeting with over 100 Senators celebrating what they called “Not the Drumming Out.” Much of Europe is still in lockdown. The German Senate is still planning to go ahead with their cruise in June. The Brits are still going ahead with their tours – June in Germany and August one in Bath, England. Drumming Out is planned for January 2022. Details will be coming.

**World Congress Coordinator:** Ken Fischer #43036. World congress will be in Johannesburg, South Africa on November 16 – 20, 2021. Introduced Hilda Davis #71500 the South African Ambassador to the United States. Played a video about South Africa and Johannesburg.

## **B. National Vice Presidents (NVP) Reports:**

Came in to “Purple Rain” by Prince, President Ariel’s favorite musician.

**Region II** Scott Kinsley #67932 – Currently 570 members. All states are meeting virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Region II meeting will be at MAI with Region III on April 8 – 11 in Wheeling, West Virginia. The region is in mourning for the loss of Delaware’s First Gentleman Jim Harlan who passed away from the effects of Covid-19. There will be a memorial on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Region III** Alan Richardson #50550 – MAI will be in Wheeling, West Virginia on April 8 – 11. Year end will be in Virginia Beach.

**Region V** Vette Sutton #69414 – The Region is down a little in membership but has a plan and will be growth next quarter. Next weekend Kentucky and Indiana have their joint meeting. In February Michigan will have a virtual meeting. Ohio and Illinois will have “in person” meetings. Spring Fling is in Ann Arbor, MI in March, but may need to be rescheduled due to Covid restrictions. Enjoy the Ride.

**Region VI** Doreen Lietzau #64069 – Region is at growth. Region meeting will be April 16 – 18 in Bismarck, ND.

**Region VIII** Nancy Cloud #52750 – Texas is meeting February 26 – 28 in San Antonio, TX. Kansas is having their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Salina, KS on March 26 – 28. Regional meeting will be April 30 – May 2 in Jenks, OK.

**Region IX** Al Rickard #23709 – Membership is steady but will be up. JCI USA is having their National Convention in Billings, MT on the 23 – 24 of April. Oregon and Idaho have their Annual Meetings scheduled for April 23 – 24. Washington has their Annual Meeting scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>. On April 30 – May 2, 2021 the Region IX Meeting will be in Great Falls, MT.

The NVP’s presented President Ariel with a “Purple Rain” DVD and a purple hat that said “BEE the Inspiration.”

## **C. Chairman Reports**

**Convention Bid and Review:** AVP Mike Andrews #58312. A bid for Winter 2022 was presented to the Executive Committee yesterday and approved. It will be presented for your approval later in this meeting. We have a letter of intent from Colorado for Fall 2022. We have a letter of intent for Fall 2023 for Connecticut.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Tom Hendrix #37317. The Bylaws Committee met yesterday and made recommendations to the Executive Committee to make some changes in policy which they adopted. We also looked at the issue of Executive Committee meetings that some may not be able to attend. This was referred back to the committee for further work.

**Future Directions:** Melissa Sleeth #69220. The committee has been meeting at least once a month on Zoom. They are putting together a three to five year Strategic Plan concentrating on fundraising, sponsorships, membership and communications. They have a draft but it needs more work. They will have a final report at the meeting in Virginia Beach.

**Presidential Sweepstakes:** Chairman Donna Delaney #55560. We have collected so far a total of \$33,837.00. We have in hand 46 prizes. We have commitments for another 71 prizes. The top states in sales were – Maryland 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Pennsylvania 1<sup>st</sup> place. The top sales regions were – Region V 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Region VI 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Region II 1<sup>st</sup> place.

**Audit Committee:** John Robinson #55769. No report.

**Parliamentarian:** Carol “CJ” Jordan #45857. She has a copy of the new Robert’s Rules of Order 12<sup>th</sup> Edition which includes holding virtual meetings. Any questions, call her. You can also order “Cheat Sheets”

**Photographer:** Yvonne Sewell FR#50. Show up 15 minutes before your assigned times for the photograph. Bring your bee antennas.

**D. Program Managers:**

**S.O.A.R./First Timers:** Larry MacQuirter #67377. The Senate Orientation Activation and Retention has a completed New Senator Package. Please send your new Senator’s contact information so we can get that to them. We are still collecting “Reach the Beach” photos and Jaycee Stories. We have five First Timers this weekend.

**JCI USA Liaison/Return the Favor:** Jennifer Ray #68957 could not be here this weekend. She sent a video message from the new president of JCI USA Heather Danley #74897.

**President’s Information Exchange:** Sabitha Venkatesh #71858. Happy National Pie Day! She played a video of state presidents reciting words from the Jaycee Creed.

**Historian:** Dave Delaney #41203. The scanning of our archival materials continues. Thanked President Ariel and Treasurer Susan for the purchase of a new scanner. Need more of recent times. There are fewer records of recent years because correspondence has been electronic. He will put together a display of materials for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Friendship Award:** Marilyn Mueller #51429. We will give out one Friendship tonight and one will be given out at a future date. There will be four Friendships given out at our Convention in Virginia Beach.

**Sponsorship Program:** Lawrence Pittman #53932. The Sponsorship Committee’s purpose is to find alternate means to fund our organization. The members are Jaci Newmark, Jim France, and Nancy Gianetti. We have a commitment from Dominion Energy for \$5,000 a year for three years. The committee is still working with other companies to try to secure more sponsorships. There are three sponsorship levels - \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,500. We are developing a Senate Business Directory. It will be on the Senate website. It will cost \$100/year for a business card size ad. In no way would it be an endorsement of the product or business. We are in no way giving a warranty of any product or service.

**E. Meeting Coordinators:**

**2021 Winter Board Meeting – Mesa, AZ:** Carolyn Smith #64564 and Kris Fletcher #65619. Welcome to Arizona. Thank you for coming. We are happy to host the Winter Board meeting. Thank you for believing in us that we could keep you safe in this time of Covid pandemic. It has been a trying month with all the changes. Thanked California for sponsoring Friday’s lunch. President Ariel presented them with gifts in a wine bag.

**2021 National Convention – Virginia Beach, VA:** Kathleen King #68704. Art Esenberg came in dressed as the esteemed Roman Roaming Senator with a surfboard. Troy Anderson will be designing cocktails to be served in our Daily Living cocktail hour. Tours include visiting the Aviation Museum, a river cruise around Naval Station Norfolk, a trip to Colonial Williamsburg, and a dolphin watching cruise.

**2021 Fall Board Meeting – Wichita, KS:** Rob Wiley # 56033. Kansas is excited to host its first US JCI Senate event. Some of the things they have lined up are Tuesday night at an airfield; Wednesday is the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, KS, and Friday night a dinner theater.

**XIII. Legal Counsel Report:** Stu O’Hara #39768. Go Browns. We haven’t yet been sued. What if there were no hypothetical questions?

**XIV. Chairman of the Board:** Lawrence Pittman #53932. Announced the intent to run for national office for next year. These people have filed their applications and paid the filing fee. For National Vice President the candidates are – Region II Carole Harlan #44468, Region III Melissa Sleeth #69220,

Region IV Larry MacQuirter #67377, Region V David Hussung #41391, Region VI Eldon Bowers #45999, Region VIII Andreas Vandever #75413, Region IX Kathryn Miller #74168, Region X Dianne von Borstel #55954. Jumper Davis #38376 announced Bruce Sostak #52655 intent to run for Secretary. Dawne Sutherland #68900 announced Hal Williams #43912 intent to run for Treasurer. David Teachout #68700 announced Susan Hatcher #58143 intent to run for Administrative Vice President. Johnny Caldwell #78935 announced Mike Andrews #58312 intent to run for President.

**XV. US JCI Senate Foundation:** Wayne Kiefer #36498 Thanked Dominion Energy and President Ariel for the contribution. No Foundation auction this weekend. It is postponed to Virginia Beach. The Foundation Board met virtually on Sunday Evening. They will present 35 scholarships this year which is five more than last year. In Virginia Beach we will have our live auction, we will have our silent auction, and we are going to have our Foundation Open Golf Tournament. They are continuing to work on their Vocational Scholarships. The 300 Club is being continued. This evening we will recognize our new members as well as those who have achieved a new level. Five years ago our Foundation had \$950,000. Today it is \$1,690,000.

**XVI. Unfinished Business**

**2020 Fall Board Meeting – Lawton, OK:** Becky Edwards #62937. It was our first time to host a national meeting. We appreciate you trusting us to provide a safe environment. The hotel went above and beyond. Thanked President Ariel for her help and guidance. She is very proud of her state, they did a great job for their first time.

**XVII. New Business:**

**a. National Meeting Bids:** Mike Andrews #58312

**2022 Winter Board Meeting - Florida** Bill Hossman #41293

The Florida JCI Senate is proud to do “The Splashdown in Florida” It will be the weekend of January 20 – 23, 2022. It will be in Melbourne, FL. The full early registration will be \$75.00. The hotel rate is \$119/night. It will be at the Hilton Rialto where we were at last January. Irene Shanley is handling registration. Complaints go to co-chairman Steve Sutherland. We will have the whole hotel so we won’t need an overflow hotel. Motion to accept the bid by Illinois, second by Tennessee. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Proposed Bylaw Amendments:** Tom Hendrix #37317

For this meeting we need 56 voting delegates for a quorum. We have 71.

Article XVI, Section 8 – Electronic Meetings in Emergency Situations Only. The bylaw proposal was printed in Mentors. We have proposed that Board of Director meetings can be held electronically in an emergency situation only. There was one error pointed out to us in the bylaw proposal. Paragraph A says “capable providing.” It should read “capable of providing.” A friendly amendment was made by Missouri to correct that and add “of” to the sentence. Second by South Dakota. The friendly amendment passed unanimously. Motion to approve by Ohio. Second by Missouri. Motion passed unanimously.

**XVIII. President’s Comments:** Ariel Jones #65423

Thanks to the NVP’s and to the State Presidents for working as a team and making sure everyone had a clear understanding of what we were going to be doing today moving forward. This went a lot smoother than last meeting. Wished Karen MacCannell #49497 a Happy Birthday. Enjoy each other. It has been hard and we have lost members during the pandemic. Recognized Tom King #59642 for the outstanding job of working with the staff of the hotel. Thanked Vice President Mike Andrews # 58312 publically for what he has done to ensure her wishes and dreams come true. The entire team has done an incredible job. Susan has wonders to make sure we are financially sound. She is taking her background at Boeing and applying it to the US JCI Senate. Hal Williams and what he does with his communication team is extraordinary. Chairman of the Board Lawrence Pittman is her confidant and friend. Of course there is our Legal Counsel. These folks have worked very hard to make me look good and shine, and they believe in my vision. Because they believe in my vision, the organization thrives.

**XIX. Good of the Order:**

Earl Sawyer #28243 – Asked all state presidents to talk to your state Jaycee presidents. Reach out to the Jaycees to explain the Senatorship and how to submit one. Many have no idea. There are chapters who don’t even know what a Senatorship is.

Hilda Davis #71500 – The chairman of the World Congress in South Africa says they are working very hard at coming up with what they are going to do if the Congress is cancelled as far as the refund of money.

Jaci Newmark #56368 – Last night we had the Vendor Showcase. We had five vendors. We did have the “Sweetheart of a Deal” where if you came in you got a card. There was a drawing for a \$25.00 gas card that was won by David Teachout #68700 of Missouri.

Beth Fujishige #69219 – Year End Memory Book, early bird deadline in March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Walter Cahoon #27223 – Caleb is doing very well. He is in rehab and coming along very well. One thing that is helping him is the facility is giving him his daily shot of scotch. Second thing is Region I has been shut down tight. However we are going to attempt to do a Fall Frolic this year. It will be October 14 – 17 in Burlington, VT. It will be their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**XX. Benediction:** President Ariel Jones #65423 called on Karen MacCannell #49497.

**XXI. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Nebraska, second by North Carolina. Motion passed unanimously. Jaycee Creed led by Dan Benka #41176. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 pm.