UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
San Antonio, TX

Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Sostak #52655 at 9:00 a.m.
Chaplain Paul Myers #72173 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.
OUR MISSION IS TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIPS AMONG SENATORS WHILE SUPPORTING THE JAYCEE MOVEMENT

The Roll Call was conducted by Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999 and a quorum was obtained.
(93/111 votes present) 84%

Motion to add Ray Culler #644522 to Enhanced Membership Benefits, Lowell Vahl #40315 to E-news, Susan Hatcher #58143 to Ambassador Reports Canada and Kathleen King #68704 to 2028 Annual Meeting – Virginia Beach, VA, and approve the agenda as amended was made by Maryland and second by Arizona. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Chair, Ron Holzer #56549 addressed the meeting with a welcome and presented a gift to President Bruce Sostak #52655. President Bruce Sostak #52655 presented Meeting Chair Ron a gift for chairing the event.

Protocol Officer DeLisa Anderson #54310 introduced our guests at the meeting which included Foundation Officers and Past Presidents, Past National Presidents and Spouses, Legal Counsel and National Officers

President Bruce Sostak #52655 introduced JCI USA Deputy National President Aaron Gauldin #82644 for comments. Recognized RFT Program Manager Tracy Culler #64534 and Terry Kolaz #68698.

Secretary's Report Dawna Norfleet #61999:
Motion to approve the Winter 2026 BOD Minutes from the Melbourne, FL January meeting was made by Arkansas and seconded by New Jersey. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Mentors** Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570: Presented gifts to Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999 and President Bruce Sostak #52655. Introduced her team and thanked them along with Newton Standridge for getting the Mentors published on time. Mentors' deadline is June 29. Please be on time and I will respond when I received it. Head shots will be at 4pm Thursday in the hallway outside of banquet room. Announced time of group pictures.
- **Mentors Business Manager** Christianna Gilliam #78844: Been a great three years.
- **E-news** Editor Kim Bode #62467: Kim was not present due to illness. Lowell Vahl #40315 spoked on her behalf. See her report on the web site. It has been great working with her these past few years.
- **Webmaster** Allison Geddes #74777: Tomorrow night at the banquet be sure to watch the projectors. They don't bounce.
- **Social Media** PM Ruby Weymouth #67303: Report is on the web site.
- **Directory** Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999 reported if you would like to receive the electronic copy of the Directory, please submit request on the website or send me an email directly. The next updated version will be sent out July 1.

Treasurer's Report Tom King #59642:

1. **Finance Committee** Past President Susan Hatcher #58143: Thanked President Bruce Sostak #52655 for the appointment. It has been an interesting two years with a good out of the box committee. The organization continues to be financially stable. Reviewed insurance coverage and financial policy which will be distributed soon.
2. **Budget 2025-2026** Treasurer Tom King #59642: Should have received a copy of the budget actual on back table or QR code. Basically, as Finance Chair reported we are financially in good shape. After writing a few checks this weekend we should be around $18,000 to the good.

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3. **Membership Information Service** PM Lisa Badger #67974: Thanked Treasurers for getting dues in a timely manner. There were 1,837 members due in March. Our results were 65 drops and 62 adds for a net change of - 3. Four regions grew in March with Region IV +5, Regions II and VII +4 and Region VIII +2. A total of 11 states grew with New York and North Carolina at +5 followed by Tennessee at +4. South Carolina, Missouri, Texas and California at +2 and Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Oklahoma at +1. In June 2,239 members were due. Our results were 140 drops and 100 adds for a net change of -40. Congratulations to Region X who was the first region to fully report as of May 20. Three Regions grew in June with Region III at +12, Region IV at +11 and Region 10 at +1. A total of 13 states grew in June with Virginia at +9, Georgia at +4, New Jersey, Florida and Iowa at +3. The remaining growth states were Maryland and South Carolina at +2, followed by Connecticut, West Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, Montana and Hawaii at +1. As a reminder, address changes may be made on the Senate website or by contacting Lisa by email.
   Year to Date numbers for the 2025-2026 year were 7,777 members due with 427 drops 322 adds for net change of -105 finishing the 2025-2026 year with 7,672 members. Three Regions are at growth for the year with Region IV at +33, Region II +10, and Region III at +3. Sixteen States at growth, with the top three being North Carolina at +12, South Carolina at +11 and New Jersey at +9. Remaining growth states were Virginia, New York, Florida, Oklahoma, Alabama, Minnesota, Georgia, Maryland, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Montana and Hawaii. Thanks to NVPs, State Presidents and Treasurers for your hard work and responses. Thanks to President Bruce and Treasurer Tom for support and leadership this year.

Administrative Vice President's Report Gary Duell #48384

Ambassador Reports:

- **Canada**- Karen MacCannell #49497: In Karen's absence, Past President Susan Hatcher #58143 introduced Canadian guests: President Paul Clissold #70500, Past President Cara Heck #74083 and Ambassador to the U.S. Rob Cronkwright #54515.
  Amazing week of hospitality and exchanged gifts with President Bruce Sostak #52655.
- **Europe**- Lawrence Pittman #53932: Thanked President Bruce Sostak #52655 for the opportunity to serve. Announced several events coming up. Introduced Ambassador to Americas and Canada. Exchanged gifts with President Bruce Sostak #52655.

The NVPs entered the room dressed as individuals from the executive team/appointments. NVPs reports are on the website.

- **Region 1** Bonnie Blaidsell #69956 as E-News Kim Bode #62467.
- **Region II** Ann Harrison #75822 as Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999
- **Region III** Letha Grimes #63946 as AVP Gary Duell #48384
- **Region IV** Liz Martin-Young #47759 as Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089
- **Region V** Monte Schroeder #62203 as President Bruce Sostak #52655
- **Region VI** Rose Steen #57178 as Treasurer Tom King #59642
- **Region VII** Lora Lawton #66156 as Region VII NVP Dewayne Sumner #66239
- **Region VIII** Anita Cummings #69380 as COB Hal Williams #43912
- **Region IX** Susan Manthey #68777 as Jaycee Minions
- **Region X** Steve Balint #43364 as Jaycee Minions

Chairman Reports:

- **Convention & Bid Review** AVP Gary Duell #48384 provided a report on Convention & Bid Review. Heard final report from Melbourne, FL and reports from San Antonio, TX June 2026, Topeka, KS Fall 2026, and Lancaster, PA June 2027 and entertained two new bids Virginia Beach, VA June 2028 and Greensboro, NC Winter 2027. After presentation/questioning period it was passed onto the Executive team yesterday, which voted in favor and now being passed to BOD to make a final decision today. Also received a verbal commitment of an upcoming letter of intent for Nashville, TN Fall 2027 from Tennessee JCI Senate.
- **Constitution & Bylaws** Chair Scott Bryant #67910: Submitted one policy and four bylaw changes. These changes include: the Senate's ability to run our own project and programs; addressing NVP vacancies in the regions; addressing temporary disabilities requiring a leave of absence for the executive committee members including the national resident and cleaning up some area related to delivery method for the Mentors.
- **Future Directions** Chair David Teachout #68700: Met regular bases by zoom and visited by executive committee. Discussed issues with National meetings, dues, Mentors and membership vacancy. Will welcome any topics you feel we need to discuss. Thanked the Executive committee and his committee. Report on web.
- **Presidential Sweepstakes** Chair Kristen Johnson #72859 BUCKAROO BANDITS: Thanked President Bruce

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Sostak #52655 for the opportunity. We have unofficially over $49,000 raised! Welcome Party Chair Katy thanked everyone and hope everyone had a great time. Loved all the western outfits.
The Top 3 State: 3rd Oklahoma, 2nd Ohio 1st Texas & The Top 3 Regions: 3rd Reg IV, 2nd Reg V, 1st Reg VI

Program Managers:

- **Chaplain** Paul Myers #72173: Thanked President Bruce Sostak #52655 for the opportunity to serve.
- **Wreaths Across America** Angie Scherff-Taylor: Thanked President Bruce Sostak #52655, AVP Gary and the team along with everyone for their support. Thanked Gloria Albers for the quilt which rained $525 (40 wreaths for the incoming year). We will start the year with 101 wreaths. We have stickers now. Check with Newton Standridge at Products Table and NV Senate President Virginia Steeler for information.
- **President's Information Exchange** PM Sally Traczuk #68943: Asked all state presidents to join her along with President Bruce Sostak #52655 and Foundation President Wayne Kiefer which they presented a check to the foundation in President Bruce's honor.
- **S.O.A.R**. PM Melanie Paschal #70372: Report on web. Thirty-six states and nine regions have participated. Rowdy Bruce has traveled to over 100 places including four countries so far. Third Quarter Top two State winners were 1st Illinois and 2nd Pennsylvania and Top two Region winners were 1st Region III and 2nd Region V. The following states received bags: MO, SC, GA, AL, NC, IA, VA, ND, CA and Regions I, IV, IX. Overall, for the year Illinois, Pennsylvania and Region V.
- **Return the Favor** PM Tracy Culler #64534: Presented Return the Favor Awards to Art Esenberg #26704, Cheryl Jones #56007, Amy Newton #68529, Ray Culler #64452 and Virginia JCI Senate.
- **First Timers** PM Jess Kling #78271: Nine First Timers this week. Would like to see them become second timers, third timers, etc. Will introduce each one tomorrow night. Keep encouraging coming to meetings.
- **Enhanced Membership Benefits** PM Ray Culler #644522: Several things are available on the website to search for appliances, electronics, etc. to save money.
- **Vendor Showcase** PM Jaci Newmark #56368: Recognized the vendors from this year. We will be in the hospitality room tonight if you missed us yesterday.
- **Friendship** Lloyd Mueller #57186: Report on the web. Recognized previous award winners. Thanked President Bruce for continuing the program. Will recognize two tonight and one later.
- **Historian PM** Melissa Sleeth #69220: We no longer have a building. We have successfully moved everything to facility and continue to work with them to find out how we can get to it. Currently we have a link on our web site. Eventually we will have everything on it

Meeting Coordinators:

- **2026 Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX)** Chair Ron Holzer #56549 recognized the committee that makes this happen as well as Region VIII. Stressed to drink water. When we dismiss for lunch, it will be a box lunch in the lobby. Tours today meet in lobby before 2 pm and thanked everyone for their patience yesterday.
- **2026 Fall BOD (Topeka, KS):** Rob Wiley #56033 provided an updated on the 2026 Fall BOD to be held in Topeka, KS. Sept 17-20, 2026. Early hospitality will be a Halloween Costume Party. If you are flying in, please let them know travel info if you need shuttle service. There will be shuttle service between the overflow hotel and host hotel. Parts have been ordered for the elevators; however, not sure when will be fixed. Working on securing more rooms at the host hotel. Given prizes away tonight from registrations.
- **2027 Annual Meeting (Lancaster, PA)** Co-Chair Katy Lemmer #73037 showed video for our upcoming "Amish Adventure". It will be an Amish Adventure June 20-25, 2027, at the Wyndham Host Resorts. Hotel reservations open June 22, 2026. Will have a table set-up after BOD meeting on Wednesday and Thursday morning 7am-9am. Currently working on the online registration form. Tours are on registration form. There will be two onsite options: sign painting and sea glass. The 55th Anniversary celebration will be Sunday afternoon and is a separate fee. Early hospitality will be Sunday. The raffle starts today.

Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089: He is disappointed with his wife in reference to assisting Region IV NVP Liz with her report. Identify theft is a crime.

Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912: As Chair of the Election Committee, he announced Past Presidents Mike Andrews #58312 and Jumper Davis #38376 will be joining him as part of the election committee this afternoon.

2026-2027 Candidates are:
For Secretary Carolyn Smith #64564
For Treasurer Dawna Norfleet #61999
For Administrative Vice President Tom King #59642
For President # Gary Duell #48384

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U.S. JCI Senate Foundation President Wayne Kiefer #36498: President Wayne (pretending to be Earl Sawyer) announced we have raised $11,000 so far and it is not final. Thanked all sponsorships and golfers for being able to keep the monies even though the golf tournament was rained out. We have three new name scholarships to be announced at the banquet.

Unfinished Business:

- **55th Anniversary** Co-Chairs Past Presidents John Robinson #55768 and Pat Hoelker #45893: This will be held in Lancaster, PA June 2027. It will be Sunday afternoon for two hours with drink tickets and hors d'oeuvres. There will be a tribute in the Eblast starting in July including Past President trivial.

New Business: President Bruce clarified both of the following bids met qualifications.

- **2027 Winter Meeting -Greensboro, NC** Chairs Crissie Lewis #72169 and Pam Padgett #51341: Held at Embassy Suites January 14-17, 2027. This is a holiday weekend. Room rates $139 plus tax per night with $5 per night parking. Have 200 rooms available with a sister property across the parking lot if needed. Airport is two miles away. Hotel has shuttle to/from airport. There will be no official tours or golf. However, will have a list of places and suggested golf courses.
  Motion to accept bid made by Illinois and second by North Carolina. Motion passed unanimously.

- **2028 Annual Meeting -Virginia Beach, VA** Chair Beth McOsker #57423: Kathleen King #68704 presented the bid "Party with the King" June 14-18, 2028 (Wednesday-Sunday) at Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront 5700 Atlantic Ave. Room rates $179 plus tax per night. Free Shuttle to boardwalk. Tours to be announced. Nineteen miles from airport. Will have online fillable registration form. Registration is $170. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday night.
  Motion to accept bid made by California and second by Virginia. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Bylaws/Policy Changes Chair Scott Bryant #67910:**
  Updating Article II -Non-Interference and Limitations regarding running projects and programs.
  Remove Sections 1, 2, 3, and 6. Renumber remainder. Add section 5 <u>During the Executive Committee meeting held during the Winter Board Meeting, the Executive Committee shall approve any programs that are to be held the following year. For purposes of this Section, programs shall be any ongoing projects, series of projects, or partnerships of the US JCI Senate that involve working with or supporting non-Jaycee organization</u>.
  Motion made to accept and as amended by Illinois and second by Texas. Motion passed unanimously.

  Replacing Article XIV Vacancies Section 1 regarding addressing NVP Vacancies with
  <u>If the vacancy is for a National Vice President that was previously elected to that term, the presidents of the states of the affected region will select a successor within thirty (30) days. If the vacancy is for a President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint any individual member in good standing in that office.</u>

  Addressing Temporary Disability: Adding a new section 2
  <u>A. In the event of disability or other matters rendering the President temporarily unable to fulfill their duties of office, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, for a period of not more than sixty (60) days the Chairman of the Board shall fulfill the duties of President. After sixty (60) days, the office shall be declared vacant.</u>
  <u>B. In the event of disability or other matters rendering any other officer temporarily unable to fulfill their duties of office, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, for a period of not more than sixty (60) days, the President may appoint a temporary officer to serve in that role. After sixty (60) days, that office shall be declared vacant.</u>
  Motion made to accept by West Virginia and second by Pennsylvania. Motion passed unanimously.

  Replacing Article XIX Publications Section 1 addressing Mentor method of delivery with
  <u>The publication for the membership of affiliated SOMs shall be called MENTORS. It shall be published and **sent** at least three (3) times per administrative year.</u>
  Motion made to accept by Ohio and second by Iowa. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentations:

- Ranger Award presented to First Lady Denise Bauer # by President Bruce Sostak #52655.
- Ambassadorship presented to Chief of Staff Logan G # by President Bruce Sostak #52655 and First Lady Denise.

Year End Awards:

President Bruce Sostak #52655 and Treasurer Tom presented:

- Top 5 Treasurers (VA, IL, OK, NC, TX) Tom Stone will be rewarded at tomorrow's banquet

President Bruce Sostak #52655 presented:

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- Top 5 State Presidents (VA, CA, OH, IL, AL)
- Top 5 Program Managers (Eblast-Kim Bode, Wreaths Across America-Angie Taylor #71600, SOAR-Melanie Paschal #70372, Presidential Sweepstakes-Kristen Johnson #72859) John Robinson will be awarded at tomorrow's banquet.
- Top 3 National Vice Presidents (Region II Ann Harrison #75822, Region VIII Anita Cummings #69380, Region V Monty Schroeder #62203) Donnie Alvis will be awarded at tomorrow's banquet.

President's Comments: President Bruce Sostak #52655 stated comments referred to tomorrow night.

Motion to call recess and reconvene at 12:30 p.m. for elections made by Missouri and second by Tennessee.

Election of 2026-2027 Officers:
President Sostak #52655 reconvened the Annual Meeting at 12:30 pm, calling on Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912 to conduct the Election of Officers for 2026 – 2027. Election Committee members Past President Mike Andrews #58312 and Past President Jumper Davis #38376 in attendance.
COB Hal Williams #43912 introduced the 2026 – 2027 Regional Vice Presidents elected by their respective Regions prior to the Annual Meeting.
(list of RVPs)

Region 1 Bonnie St. Jean #42865	Region VI Martin Bauman #67855
Region II Sally Traczuk #68943	Region VII Lora Lawton #66156
Region III Jackie Julien #74251	Region VIII Shannon Klocker #77823
Region IV Alex Willis #34236	Region IX Al Rickard #23709
Region V Lori Tomlin #62797	Region X Judy Keating #67403

Secretary – COB Williams requested a motion to open nominations for the office of **Secretary**.
Motion by Kentucky, Second by Ohio.
Carolyn Smith #64564 nominated by Tanis Friedman #70297, second by Margaret Souza #27511.
There being no other qualified candidates for the office of Secretary, a motion was made to close nominations and elect by acclamation – moved by Iowa, second by Maryland. Motion passed. **Carolyn Smith #64564 introduced as Secretary for 2026 – 2027.**

Treasurer – COB Williams requested a motion to open nominations for the office of **Treasurer**.
Motion by Vermont, Second by Virginia.
Dawna Norfleet #61999 nominated by C J Jordan #45857, Second by Paul Myers #72173.
There being no other qualified candidates for the office of Treasurer, a motion was made to close nominations and elect by acclamation – moved by Alabama, second by Maryland. Motion passed.
Dawna Norfleet #61999 introduced as Treasurer for 2026 – 2027.

Administrative Vice President – COB Williams requested a motion to open nominations for the office of **Administrative Vice President**. Motion by Ohio, Second by Kentucky.
Tom King #59642 nominated by Beth Fujishige #69219 Second by Ron Kimmet #43520.
There being no other qualified candidates for the office of Administrative Vice President, a motion was made to close nominations and elect by acclamation – moved by Kentucky, second by Florida. Motion passed.
Tom King #59642 introduced as Administrative Vice President for 2026 – 2027.

President – COB Williams requested a motion to open nominations for the office of **President**.
Motion by Illinois, Second by Missouri.
Gary Duell #48384 nominated by Sam Young #37972 and Stu O'Hara #39768, Seconds by Michele Tarantino #63380 and Katy Lemmer #73037.
There being no other qualified candidates for the office of President, a motion was made to close nominations and elect by acclamation – moved by Texas, second by Indiana. Motion passed.
Gary Duell #48384 introduced as President for 2026 – 2027.

COB Williams announced the conclusion of the Election of Officers for 2026 – 2027 and presented the gavel back to President Bruce Sostak #52655 at 1:25 p.m.

President Bruce Sostak #52655 made brief comments congratulating the 2026-2027 Officers and resumed the business of the Annual Meeting.

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Good of the Order Announcements:

- AVP Gary and Treasurer Tom presented Chief of Staff Logan a gift for putting up with them this year.
- Vino Belles/Fellas presented President Bruce a gift.
- Sippy Cups presented to Les Miller (TN), Bob McDonald (PA), Region II NVP Ann Harrison, and Maryland President Emily.
- Vendors Showcase PM Jaci Newmark announced drawing winner Pat Hills (PA).
- WV JCI Senate Steak Fry at American Legion in Londonderry, WV noon
- Wheelchair for Kids presentation will be in Grand Ball Room C/D 4pm-5pm.
- Region VII NVP 2026-2027 Lora Lawton announced Mini-National/Region VII in Pigeon Forge Feb. 18-21, 2027.
- Region II/III Social August 22 Reading, PA
- IL Picnic July 23-26 in Carlyle, IL and President Bruce's golf clubs have been personally invited.
- OH Pig Roast July 17-19 Kent, OH and OH JCI Senate Dan Szakal Golf July 18 Kent, OH
- Region I Fall Frolic in Colchester, VT October 30-November 1 with a Halloween party.
- Nevada Days October 30-31

A motion to adjourn was made by Maryland and seconded by California. Motion passed unanimously. We adjourned with the Jaycee Creed led by Region VIII NVP Anita Cummings #69380.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and Purpose to human life;
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
That government should be of laws rather than of men;
That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.
C. William Brownfield #197

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