UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, January 17, 2026
Melbourne, FL

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.
(votes present)

Motion to add Michelle Taranino #63380 to Enhanced Membership Benefits, Tracy Culler #64534 to USA JCI Liaison/RTF, 55th Anniversary Co-Chairs John Robinson #55768 and Pat Hoelker #45893 under new business, Item c, President comments. and approve the agenda as amended was made by Illinois and second by Florida. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Chair, James Warren #42572 addressed the meeting with a welcome and presented a gift to President Bruce. President Bruce presented Meeting Chair James 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

Secretary's Report Dawna Norfleet #61999:
Motion to approve the Fall 2025 BOD Minutes from the Columbus, OH September meeting was made by Nebraska and seconded by Kentucky. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Mentors** Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570: Mentors deadline is March 2nd. Please be on time. Send links to obituaries to Empty Chair Editor and info on new senators to New Senator Editor. Pictures will be outside of banquet hall.

- **Mentors Business Manager** Angie Jelinek #60570: Mentors sign in sheets are outside the room. It is the political ads and thank you time of the year. The prices are at the back of the Mentor. The back page is reserved for the individual who is running for president.

- **E-news** Editor Kim Bode #62467: We are 14 issues down. If getting electronic Mentors and ENews and you choose to unsubscribe one of them. It will unsubscribe both. Let us know if this has happened to you and we will help. Have made a slight change on International news button. January 31 deadline is 5pm EST.

- **Webmaster** Allison Geddes #74777: It works. Showed graphs showing hits are continuing to go up. Problems/suggestions send to them. Complaints send to Lowell. Submit leadership directory changes through website so Secretary Dawna can update for next year. Earlier the better.

- **Social Media** PM Ruby Weymouth #67303: Is a hot topic. Everyone loves to see their names and pictures in lights. Send State/Region event with a little blurp if you want to show it to the world. Send it to her personal messenger or email. People are understanding the official FB page now.

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- **Directory** Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999 reported if you would like to receive the electronic copy of the 2025-2026 Directory please submit request on the website or send me an email directly. The next updated version will be sent out February 1.

Treasurer's Report Tom King #59642:

1. **Finance Committee** Past President Susan Hatcher #58143: Met yesterday. Looked over financial statements/budgets and we continue to be financial stable and in good shape. Discussed insurance matters and use of our reserves to document for future. Treasurer Tom recognized the Finance Committee.

2. **Budget 2025-2026** Treasurer Tom King #59642: Should have received a copy of dbudget actual on back table or QR code. Basically as Finance Chair reported we are financially in good shape. Stress earlier to NVPs to submit expense reports because it looks flush with cash. Have a budget adjustment change that the Executive Committee approved last night. Under Revenue Miscellaneous add line MIS Database (from Reserves) $5807 and under Expenditures Operations add line MIS Database $5807. This brings the total to Revenue $125,782 and Expenditures $124,836 with a difference of $946

3. **Membership Information Service** PM Lisa Badger #67974: Thanked Treasurers for getting dues in a timely manner. There were 1,779 members due in December. Our results were 92 drops and 81 adds for a net change of -151. Five regions grew in December with Region 4 and 9 with the largest at +8. The remaining growth regions were Region 2 at +4, Region 6 at +3 and Region 10 at +2. A total of 18 states grew with Minnesota being largest at +7 followed by Oregon at +6 and New Jersey and South Carolina +4. The remaining growth states are Massachusetts, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Washington, Arizona, and California. For year to date, the July base was 7,777 members with 222 drops, 160 adds for net change of -62. The March Dues kits were distributed on January 1 and are due along with payment on February 28th with 1,837 members due. June 1 dues kits will be sent out April 1. As a reminder, address changes may be made on the Senate website or by contacting Lisa by email.

Treasurer Tom King #59642 thanked Sweepstakes Committee for a wonderful job and hard work so far even though they are not under his report.

Administrative Vice President's Report Gary Duell #48384

Ambassador Reports:

- Canada- Karen MacCannell #49497: Read comments from Canada President

National Vice Presidents:

The NVPs entered the room dressed in Tacky Tourist Attire. NVPs reports are on the website.

- **Region 1** Bonnie Blaidsell #69956 announced all four states had scholarship judging and upcoming events.
- **Region II** Ann Harrison #75822 announced upcoming events including MAI April 9-12 in Jamestown, NY.
- **Region III** Letha Grimes #63946 announced upcoming events including Annual Bull & Oyster Roast March 4.
- **Region IV** Liz Martin-Young #47759 announced upcoming events including Calabash March 26 in Myrtle Beach, SC.
- **Region V** Monte Schroeder #62203 announced upcoming events including Spring Fling March 27-29 in Springfield, IL and Region V Raffle Tickets.
- **Region VI** Rose Steen #57178 announced upcoming events including Minnesota's Charity Ice Fishing Contest in Brainerd, MN.

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- **Region VIII** Anita Cummings #69380 announced upcoming events including Humbling with Wreaths Across America and Region VIII meeting April 30-May 3 in Topeka, KS.
- **Region X** Steve Balint #43364 announced pg 31 in Mentors has the Region X Registration form for Las Vegas April 16-19. We have a lot to celebrate.

Chairman Reports:

- **Convention & Bid Review** AVP Gary Duell #48384 provided a report on Convention & Bid Review. Reports from Columbus, San Antonio, Topeka, and entertained a bid from Pennsylvania JCI Senate to host Annual June 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. Looking for January 2027 Winter meeting. Introduced five committee members.

- **Constitution & Bylaws** Chair Scott Bryant #67910: Did not have a quorum at yesterday's meeting. We are addressing four items to come forth in the future. 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. Report on the web.

- **Future Directions** Chair David Teachout #68700: Thanked those who participated in the survey and it has been compiled. Will report on it at a future time. Looking at ways to help our budget and contingency plans for vacancies in our upper management.

- **Presidential Sweepstakes** Chair Kristen Johnson #72859 BUCKAROO BANDITS: Thanked everyone for their support. Drawing for two prizes from tickets (winners Katy Lemmer and Lori Palo).
  Ticket Chair Larry MacQuirter #67377 announced $37,832 before this meeting. We are $2158 from meeting our budget goal of $40,000.
  The Top 3 State: 3rd Pennsylvania, 2nd Oklahoma, 1st Missouri
  The Top 3 Regions: 3rd Region 8, 2nd Region 2, 1st Region VI

Program Managers:

- **Chaplain** Paul Myers #72173: Report on the web

- **Wreaths Across America** Angie Scherff-Taylor: Thanked everyone for wearing red each Friday. We blew past our goals this year.
  We had 45 out of 47 states participated (goal was 40/47) and 1989.7 sponsored wreaths (goal was 1000). Four Jaycee chapters sponsored and participated in laying wreaths (OR, MO, SD, MT) and 250 cemeteries were represented.
  AWARDS presented:
  Top 3 States wreaths sponsorships: 3RD MO (156.5), 2ND FL (345.38), 1ST AL (353)
  Top 3 Regions wreaths sponsorships: 3RD Reg II (211.9), 2ND Reg VI (311.35), 1ST Reg IV (925.88)
  Top 3 States recorded hours: 3rd AZ (78 hrs), 2nd SC (82 hrs), 1st AL (1000 hrs)
  Top 3 Regions recorded hours: 3rd Region X (82 hrs), 2nd Region VIII (111 hrs), 1st Region IV (1034 hrs)
  Special Individual Presentations to John Anderson from South Dakota and JCI USA Bethanie Miller.
  Save the date for this year December 19, 2027 and theme is Remember Me. Complete report on web

- **President's Information Exchange** PM Sally Traczuk #68943: Had two zoom meetings and a great group of presidents. They are the backbone of this organization

- **S.O.A.R**. PM Melanie Paschal #70372: Report on web. Thirty-one states and seven regions have participated. Rowdy Bruce has traveled to 100 places including four countries so far. Top two State winners were 1st Illinois and 2nd Pennsylvania and Top two Region winners were 1st Region V and 2nd Region II.

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- **First Timers** PM Jess Kling #78271: We had four First Timers who had booklets since Thursday night. Send new senators/freshmen information along with pictures for the facebook page to her and she will submit them.

- **Enhanced Membership Benefits** Past PM Michelle Tarantino #63380: Link has been updated on website. Can call 800 # Check for good deals especially car rentals.

- **Vendor Showcase** PM Jaci Newmark #56368: We had vendors yesterday. Had a great time and thank you if you shopped. If you missed it come by this afternoon from 1pm-4pm. If you make a purchase, you will be in a drawing for a $25 Amazon gift card. Giving away two gift cards. Yesterday's winner was Jimmy Law from South Carolina.

- **JCI USA Liaison/RTF** PM Tracy Culler #64534: JCI USA grew by 220 members and twenty states. The incoming Board of Directors was hosted at TN Camp Discovery by TN Porch Boys in December.

  RTF Individual Awards- Beth Fujishige #69219 (CA), Backporch Boys-Jeff Cardwell #54265, Paul Ottinger #72999, Chester Lowe #44017 (TN) and CJ Jordan #45857 (NC) and RTF State Award-North Carolina

- **Friendship** Lloyd Mueller #57186: Report on the web. Recognized previous award winners. Deadline May 15 to President Bruce. Will be presenting one tonight. Nebraska sponsors the award however; has no say who receives it.

- **Historian PM** Melissa Sleeth #69220: The new year of 2026 brings some big changes in the way we house our materials. The office building that all of our Senate materials have lived in for so many years was sold in mid-December and we have moved everything. With the help of Earl Sawyer and Paul Myers on site, we engaged the help of AJ Medlock (Coordinator of the Research Center at The State Historical Society of Missouri in St. Louis) and his staff. He had previously agreed to take the Jaycee material we had and store and catalogue them. When he done with that he will begin to work on the Senate materials. This will allow us to link the items to our historian section of the national website so that anyone can see what we have online. The large collection of non-document materials also will be housed at his facility in secure storage.

Meeting Coordinators:

- **2026 Winter BOD Meeting (Melbourne, FL)** Chair James Warren #42572: Drawing from sunshine buttons for the sunshine basket and the final drawing for one room night and registration (Wayne Keifer)

- **2026 Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX)** Chair Ron Holzer #56549 introduced San Antonio Slim and the committee. Doing a fundraiser by selling lanyards with a save a date for $20 each. Drawing tonight for free registration. Buy ticket at registration table $5 each or 5 for $20. Any issues with hotel reservations or booking proper rooms, contact committee and we will work it out. We have plenty of rooms available.

- **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. Amtrack 1 block from hotel. Rooms $119 per night. We have complimentary Texas Roadhouse peanuts on the tables for you today. We are selling raffle tickets for many prizes. We will be giving away two free early hospitalities tonight. Many attractions for you from wineries/brewers, creameries, OZ museum, zoo, golf and casino. Thursday night early hospitality will be Halloween costume party. Lots of places for region dinners options. Found out last week that the hotel has elevator situation 2 out of 4 are working. Limited rooms in host hotel now. Overflow hotel is 5 minutes 15 seconds drive time. We will be providing transportation back and forth. If elevators get fixed, we will move everyone to host hotel.

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Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089: Thanked Florida for the wonderful hospitality. He will be registering a complaint. He did research the event and found "Hot time in Melbourne" was false advertising. Special tip to all when zooming events be sure to test camera and position.

Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912: As Chair of the Election Committee, he announced Past Presidents Mike Andrews and Jumper Davis will be joining him as part of the election committee. The following are the NVP Candidates:

a. Region II – Sally Traczuk #68943 from Pennsylvania
b. Region III – Jackie Julien #74251 from Virginia
c. Region V – Lori Tomlin #62797 from Indiana
d. Region VI – Martin "Toon" Bauman 67855 from Minnesota
e. Region VIII – Shannon Klocker #77823 from Colorado

Additionally, COB Hal called on the following for the purpose of candidate announcements

f. President of Arizona Tanis Friedman #70297 announced Carolyn Smith #64564 for Secretary
g. Past President of Tennessee Teresa Beans #67173 announced Dawna Norfleet #61999 for Treasurer
h. President of Virginia Karen Gage #78980 announced Tom King #59642 for Administrative Vice President
i. President of Pennsylvania Jeff Kozak #63411 announced Gary Duell #48384 for President.

You may meet the candidate up front after the meeting.

U.S. JCI Senate Foundation President Wayne Kiefer #36498: Auction will be after banquet. Will be setting up after BOD. Golf will be available in June. See Bill Patterson. Sponsorship forms are in the back of the room and upcoming Eblast. 500 Club tickets available through your representatives. The foundation has done well. Name scholarship amount will be $2000 this spring. We currently have 26 and 3 coming on board in June. Thank you for everything.

Unfinished Business:

- Jenny Brunner #64688 provided a final report on the 2025 Fall BOD Meeting-Columbus, OH. Thanked everyone for the opportunity. Had 285 registrations: full 282; daily hospitality 2 and 1 banquet only. 153 early hospitality and five tours. Thanked Region V and Ohio Team for making it successful and their hard work.

New Business:

- Election Committee Appointments President Bruce Sostak #52655: Hal took care of it in his report.

- 2027 Annual Meeting -Lancaster, PA Chairs Katy Lemmer #73037 & Amy Newton #68529: Amish Adventure will be in Lancaster, PA June 20-25, 2027 at the Wyndham Host Resorts. Rooms are $179 single/double and $189 for triad/quad. There are 317 rooms/ 26 meeting rooms. Free parking. Golf course, pool, jogging trail, restaurants, Starbucks and business center on site. Four airports near by (Lancaster/Harrisburg/Baltimore Internation/Philadelphia). Several places to visit and we will be setting up tours. Motion to accept bid by Illinois and second by California. Motion passed unanimously.

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- 55th Anniversary Co-Chairs Past Presidents John Robinson #55768 & Pat Hoelker #45893: This will be held in Lancaster, PA June 2027. More info/cost will be coming forward.

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Good of the Order Announcements:

- Jumper Davis' Mom's 99th Birthday was yesterday.
- Maryland Sippy Cup Awards were presented by Tom Rohr to Nina Badeen, Kristin Johnson, Vette Sutton, Linda Miller and Diane Duell
- Katy Lemmer will take all holiday cards to be recycle for Make A Wish.
- ESSAC information presentation on 3rd Annual Meeting Cruise in June in Lido room.
- Vino Belles/Fellas will meet at 3pm 8th floor in Harbour Room
- Sgt of Arms thanked everyone for being respectful during the meeting.
- MAI April 9-12, 2026 and FB page has a challenge posted. Registration is $115 and Comedy Center is an additional cost. Form is located in back of room.
- Maryland Oyster Roast Registration on web site

President's Comments: President Bruce Sostak #52655 stated will save most of his remarks for the banquet. However; he was very of proud of everyone and what we did on the Wreaths Across America. Everyone should be proud of our Veterans and honor. As you have your state elections be sure to make directory changes to Secretary Dawna. Look forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio.

A motion to adjourn was made by Texas and seconded by Alabama. Motion passed unanimously. We adjourned with the Jaycee Creed led by Region I NVP Bonnie Blaisdell #69956.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.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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