UNITED STATES JCI SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 16, 2026
Melbourne, FL

Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Sostak #52655 at 1:32 p.m.

Chaplain Paul Myers #72173 offered the invocation.

Region IV NVP Liz Martin-Young #47759 led the pledge.

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.
(13/15 votes present) 87%

The agenda was presented for approval by President Bruce Sostak #52655. He requested item B Membership Database Committee Report/Recommendation under Unfinished Business and Christianna Gilliam be removed. A motion to approve the agenda as amended moved by Region V NVP Monty Schroeder #62203 and second by Treasurer Tom King #59642. Motion passed unanimously.

Protocol Officer DeLisa Anderson #54310 introduced Past President CJ Jordan #45857 and Past President Susan Hatcher #58143.

Secretary's Report Dawna Norfleet #61999:
Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Executive Committee Minutes from the Columbus, OH September meeting was made by Region II NVP Ann Harrison #75822 and seconded by Region I NVP Bonnie Blaisdell #69956. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Mentors Chief Editor** Angie Jelinek #60570: The next Mentors deadline will be March 2 . Article sizes were reminded. Send links to obituaries to Empty Chair Editor and information on new senators to New Senator Editor.

- **Mentors Business Manager** Christianna Gilliam #78844 not present. Angie Jelinek spoke on her behalf. 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.

- **Photographer** Eldon Bowers #45999: Regional pictures will be taken Saturday night between 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Please arrive early. After the meeting the pictures of the weekend will be on the website. Most NVPs have set up their group times already. See him after the meeting for times. Be sure to send state meeting pictures to Dr. Tom for slide show/Mentors and include information of who is in the photos and their senate numbers.

- **E-news Editor** Kim Bode #62467: We are 14 issues down. If getting electronic Mentors and E-News 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. Saturday, January 31 deadline is 5pm EST.

- **Webmaster** Allison Geddes #74777: It still works. Hits are continuing to go up due to scholarship requests. Submit directory changes through website at directory change link so Secretary Dawna can update for next year. We are here if you need anything.

- **Social Media** PM Ruby Weymouth #67303: Believes it is going great. 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: If you would like an electronic copy, please submit a form on our website. The next updated directory will be sent out Feb 1.

Treasurer's Report Tom King #59642:
Met with TIE earlier this morning. Around eighteen treasurers were present. Talked about deadlines and taxes with Jim Frances.

1. **Finance Committee** Past President Susan Hatcher #58143: Committee met with a full agenda. Reviewed budget vs actual. A lot of expenses haven't been requested yet. Reminded NVPs to submit expense reports. Discussed use of reserves and possible uses in the future. It was brought up Audit report gave us a ding for not using a cash count sheets and Treasurer Tom responded cash count sheets was covered in the TIE meeting.

2. **Budget** for 2025-2026 was presented by Treasurer Tom King #59642. Flowing along as projected. NVPS and elected officers have the ability to submit expenses. Need to meet deadlines. Last deadline to received reimbursements will be June 10th. Budget and cash flow gets out wack when you don't submit for reimbursements on time. It looks like we are sitting on a pile of money due to lack of requests so far. Started sending out monthly financials in November and if you have any questions reach out.

3. **Membership Information Service** PM Lisa Badger #67973: Thanked Treasurer Tom and NVPs for all your support. There were 1,779 members due in December. Our results were 92 drops and 81 adds for a net change of -11. Five regions grew in December with Region 4 and 9 with the largest at +8. For year to date, the July base was 7,777 members with 222 drops, 160 adds for net change of -62. Quarterly dues kits were sent out. Be sure to check spam if you don't see them. Reach out if you do not get them. Due February 28 in hand. June Dues kits will be sent out April 1 and will be Due June 1. Very critical to meet deadlines. We are tracking drops from death. The number is very high.

4. **Presidential Sweepstakes** PM Kristen Johnson #72859: Thanked everyone for all your support. We are at $36,942 and $3058 away from budget. We plan to meet budget this weekend you're your help. Currently have less than twenty $100 buttons for purchase. Two baskets (coffee/football) will be raffled off this weekend.
   Welcome Party Chair Katy Lemmer thanked NVPs for asking states for donations for party. Region IV NVP Liz and Region V NVP Monte are tied with three states each donating. Checks payable to TX JCI Senate and can be mailed to her. We do not have a budget for this party and asking each states to assist with money that they normally would be using on their region booth. We will party, then pull sweepstakes tickets, party more, pull more tickets and party more and pull more tickets.

Administrative Vice President's Report Gary Duell #48384: Requested each NVP to tell one exciting thing about their region.

Region	Name	Theme/Report
I	Bonnie Blaisdell #69956	**Region 1 is Awesome** CT will be doing the Caucus in May and it will not be the first weekend May as in the Directory. Will be 16th
II	Ann Harrison #75822	**Unlimited** MAI in Jamestown will be a great time in NY.
III	Letha Grimes #63946	**Get Hooked** President Bruce was ill for our Crab Feed; however, he will be doing raw oysters with us at our Broil Oyster event.

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IV	Liz Martin-Young #47759	**Where Friendships Lead and Success Follows** We have a lot of people who are fired up to be senators and it shows in what they do.
V	Monte Schroeder #62203	**Serving Up Five States** Spring Fling is in IL and hopefully President Bruce brings his golf clubs.
VI	Rose Steen #57178	**Crusin' Through Region VI** Two weeks will be MN ice fishing which is the largest! I will be freezing!
VII	Dewayne Sumner #66239	**Be the Spark** EXCUSED
VIII	Anita Cummings #69380	**Service to Humanity Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow** Reg VIII meeting is in a few months along with KS 55th Anniversary.
IX	Susan Manthey #68777	**Activate** EXCUSED
X	Steve Balint #43364	**Leadership Through Fellowship** Reg X Conference response around the country has been overwhelming!

Program Mangers, Committee Chairs & Meeting Coordinators:

- Gary Duell #48384 provided a report on **Convention & Bid Review**. Reports from Columbus, Melbourne, San Antonio, Topeka, and a bid from Lancaster, PA June 2027 which the committee moved to submit to Executive team. Still looking for someone to host Winter 2027.
- James Warren #42572 provided an update on the **2026 Winter BOD Meeting**. Tickled you are here. Met goal of 280 people. It is hot time (85 degrees) in Melbourne, Australia! Had a few problems: His hospitality chair is in the hospital. He has lost two golf chairs who became empty chairs. However; everyone has been pitching in and assisting. There will be a band tonight.
- Ron Holzer #56549 provided an update **2026 Annual Meeting** to be held in San Antonio, TX. 130 rooms booked throughout the conference. 162 nights which is close to our 75%. Received 62 full registrations and have tours slated. Looking forward to having everyone there.
- Rob Wiley #56033 provided an updated on the **2026 Fall BOD** to be held in Topeka, KS. Elevators down. We have rooms at overflow hotel and if/when elevators are back at main hotel we will move individuals. We have updated registration form. If you have hotel booking issues contact Rob. This issue about elevators happened one week ago.

Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089: Haven't had to sue anyone, yet.

Chairman of the Board Hal Williams #43912: Colder in Northern Florida than Anchorage, Alaska. Candidates have filed and will be announced tomorrow.

Unfinished Business:

- **2025 Fall BOD Meeting -Columbus, OH** 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:** Appointed Past President Mike Andrews #58312 and Past President Jumper Davis #38376 to be part of the Election Committee with Chairman of Board Hal Williams #43912. Motion to accept appointments were made by Region IV NVP Liz Martin-Young #47759 and seconded by Region VI Rose Steen #57178. Motion passed unanimously.

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- **Budget Adjustments Treasurer Tom King #59642:** At the last meeting this group approved the MIS Database however we did not put it in the budget. 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. Motion to accept budget adjustment were made by Region IV NVP Liz Martin-Young #47759 and seconded by Region V Monty Schroeder #62203. Motion passed unanimously.

- **2027 Annual Meeting-PA Katy Lemmer #73037 & Amy Newton #73037:**
  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 nearby (Lancaster/Harrisburg/Baltimore Internation/Philadelphia). Several places to visit and we will be setting up tours. No fee for holding if shipping. We are unavailable to bring in our own food/drinks. We will be providing a specific drink tickets for alcoholic drinks only in your registration packet for the week. Early hospitality will be separate set of tickets. We will do some fundraisers in advance to offset our cost. 55th Anniversary will be an option and the cost will be forthcoming.
  Motion to accept bid to move to BOD for vote were made by Region VIII NVP Anita Cummings #69380 and seconded by Region II Ann Harrison #75822. Motion passed unanimously.

Good of the Order Announcements:

- Wreaths Across America PM Angie Scherff-Taylor #71600: On the website is the preliminary report and the final report will be up after tomorrow's meeting. We thank you and are excited at the final results. Tomorrow will give out recognitions to the top 3 state/regions for wreaths sponsorships and top 3 state/region for volunteer hours and recognizing JCI USA. Thanked those who wore red today. Will be taking pictures to post on FB page. We already have 27 sponsor wreaths for next year. Theme will be Remember Me and the Save the Date is December 19, 2026.
- President Bruce thanked Angie and her team for a great job. He stated John Anderson from North Dakota was out in -18/-58 windshield placing wreaths. He takes the cake for being the most dedicated.
- MIS PM Lisa Badger #67973 reported from 222 drops through December 104 of those dropped were deceased members.

A motion to adjourn was made by Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999 and seconded by Treasurer Tom King #59642. Motion passed unanimously. We adjourned with the Jaycee Creed led by Region X NVP Steve Balint #43364.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 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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