

**Minutes of US JCI Senate  
Fall Board of Directors Meeting  
September 29, 2001  
New London, Connecticut**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Denny DeGroot #40222 at 8:35 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Secretary John Price #36383 called the roll:

Arizona	1	Maine	1	North Carolina	2
California	1	Maryland	2	Ohio	2
Colorado	2	Massachusetts	2	Pennsylvania	2
Connecticut	2	Michigan	2	Rhode Island	2
Delaware	2	Minnesota	2	South Carolina	2
Florida	2	Missouri	2	South Dakota	1
Georgia	2	Nebraska	1	Tennessee	1
Idaho	1	Nevada	1	Vermont	2
Illinois	2	New Hampshire	2	Virginia	2
Iowa	2	New Jersey	2	West Virginia	2
Louisiana	2	New York	2		

Region I VP Kass, Region II VP Sutton, Region III VP Sproles, Region IV VP Phillips, Region V VP Malac, Region VI VP Smith, Region VII VP Hackworth, Region VIII VP Wiley, Region IX VP Gehrke, Region X VP Irvine, C.O.B. Wendelken, Treasurer, Clements, Secretary Price, AVP Pasquale, President DeGroot.

Quorum Present.

**Approval of the Agenda:** MOTION TO APPROVE made by Michigan, seconded by Missouri. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Invocation:** Chaplain Walter Cahoon #27223—after asking for prayers for Pat Felder’s #41082 brother who is undergoing heart surgery, and following a moment of silence in memory of Herb Homer #38365 of Massachusetts, and Gary Bird #38426 of Arizona who perished in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center towers—delivered the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by our 7<sup>th</sup> President, Chuck Fries #18344.

**Mayor’s Remarks:** The Honorable Ernest Hewett, Mayor of the City of New London, welcomed the US JCI Senate to the city, and described the attractions and recent growth of New London.

**Host President’s Remarks:** Tom Jablonowski #54450, thanked Senators for coming.

**General Chairman’s Announcements:** Bill Potuchek #35278 briefed Senators on upcoming convention agenda items, and recognized the committee.

**Protocol Officer:** Chuck Fries introduced the following guests, and dignitaries:

Past Presidents: 1978-79, Chuck Fries #18344; 1990-91, Dave Habershaw #17879, and First Lady Pat; 1991-92, First Lady Marilyn Krekorian Cooper; 1996-97, Frank Butler #15132 and First Lady Mary Tee.  
Honored Guests: Kris Julin-Lawrence #60135 from London, UK; British Senate Counselor, and Secretary-elect Duncan Barbour #42161 and Chris Barbour #48636; Immediate Past President of the European Senate Tienneke Bezemer #47162 of Holland; 1987-89 Canadian Senate President Andy Lyons #23119, and Donna; Past Canadian Jaycee President, and current Ambassador to the U. S. Russ Cooper #4638.

**Secretary's Report:** John Price #36383 reminded Senators regarding the upcoming *Senate Scene* deadline, policy for articles, and subscriptions. He also distributed corrections to the National Directory.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE, 2001 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN DAYTON AS PUBLISHED IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF *SENATE SCENE* made by Nebraska, seconded by North Carolina. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- A. Finance Committee: Ken Clements #45944, reporting in place of the absent committee chair, Tom Stone #36021, reported that the Finance Committee approved the proposed 2001-02 Budget that will come up later for a vote. The committee is also preparing a written description regarding what we expect from our business service (Gryder), or to include in a bid solicitation in the event we wish to do that.
- B. Membership: List is on display. See Ken if there are questions.
- C. Audit Report: Associate Treasurer Jim Rose #30909 reported that the 2000-01 Audit Report would be available in January.

**Questions:**

Vermont JCI Senate President Gary Lazetera #22078 questioned the decision to assign identification numbers to non-Senators who are on the national mailing list. He asked if these people were counted on the national roll as members. Ken replied that what the individual states do is their prerogative (such as keeping surviving spouses, advertisers or others with a special relationship with the organization on the mailing list), but that non-Senators are not included on our membership rolls, and are assigned identification numbers primarily for the purpose identifying recipients of *Mentors* magazine, and assuring that duplicate copies are not being mailed out to the same person.

Rolan Jackson #45050 of Alabama asked about dues -paid members in his state who are not receiving *Mentors*. Ken responded that we must investigate each instance on an individual basis, and encouraged states to let him know who is not receiving the magazine. Ron Whitmore #25946, *Mentors* Editor, explained that just because someone did not receive *Mentors* does not mean it was not sent since it is bulk-mailed, and thus non-delivered copies are not returned. Ken said that any Senator who got Raffle Tickets could be assured he/she is on the *Mentors* mailing list.

Rhode Island JCI Senate President Charles Dick #39434 asked about membership totals for his state, and was assured by Ken that membership was at 20.

**Old Business:**

- A. Approval of the 2001-02 Proposed budget: MOTION TO APPROVE by North Carolina, seconded by New Jersey. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. World Congress—Barcelona: Denny updated Senators on the upcoming event, and said there are a couple of packages are available.
- C. World Congress, 2002—Las Vegas: Raffle tickets available. Drawing for two free registrations this evening.
- D. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: There will be a cocktail party in Sioux Falls, June, 2002.

**New Business:**

- A. Constitution/Bylaws Amendments. Committee chair Bill Potuchek explained that the committee was recommending approval of the proposed amendment to establish a US JCI Senate flag, and tabling a second proposed amendment to establish a national life membership program. The flag amendment was also approved by the Executive Committee.  
MOTION TO APPROVE THE FLAG BYLAW AMENDMENT AS FOLLOWS: "Article V, Section 2—The official flag of this Corporation will be of white fabric three feet in height by five feet in length, trimmed on three sides with gold fringe cord. A four -color version of the official insignia of the United States JCI Senate appears in the center of the white field. The colors are a blue shield and lettering, outlined in red, with the outline of the United States and territories in gold foil, and gold foil leaves surrounding the shield. The wording "United States" appears on the

white field above the shield and “JCI Senate” appears on the white field below the shield. When color is not used, the flag may be reproduced in monochrome.”—made by Massachusetts, seconded by Ohio. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Fall 2002 BOD Meeting bid. AVP Jack explained that competing bids by Pennsylvania and Colorado both met US JCI Senate Policy requirements. A coin toss determined that Pennsylvania would present its bid first. Tom Newill #11736 made the presentation, and sought to hold the meeting in Lancaster. Judy Jones #60795 led the Colorado presentation which sought to hold the meeting in Denver. Following questions, AVP Jack asked for the roll to be taken.

ROLL CALL (ATTENDANCE): Secretary John began to call the roll during which there was a question about whether the Executive Committee was eligible to vote. MOTION TO RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES TO CONSULT THE BYLAWS made by Connecticut, seconded by VP Sutton. Motion carried by voice vote.

Following the recess President Denny announced the Executive Committee is eligible to vote on this question. The Secretary again called the roll:

ATTENDANCE:

Alabama	1	Minnesota	2	West Virginia	2
Arizona	2	Missouri	2	VP Kass	1
California	1	Nebraska	1	VP Sutton	1
Colorado	2	Nevada	2	VP Sproles	1
Connecticut	2	New Hampshire	2	VP Phillips	1
Delaware	2	New Jersey	2	VP Malac	1
Florida	2	New York	2	VP Smith	1
Georgia	2	North Carolina	2	VP Hackworth	1
Idaho	1	Ohio	2	VP Wiley	1
Illinois	2	Pennsylvania	2	VP Gehrke	1
Indiana	1	Rhode Island	2	VP Irvine	1
Iowa	2	South Carolina	2	COB Wendelken	1
Louisiana	1	South Dakota	2	Treas. Clements	1
Maine	1	Tennessee	2	Sec. Price	1
Maryland	2	Texas	1	AVP Pasquale	1
Massachusetts	2	Vermont	2	Pres. DeGroot	1
Michigan	2	Virginia	2		

TOTAL: 77. NEEDED TO APPROVE: A simple majority of those present and voting.

The Secretary then polled the delegates:

	For Colorado	For Pennsylvania
Alabama		1
Arizona	2	
California	1	
Colorado	2	
Connecticut	2	
Delaware		2
Florida		PASS
Georgia		2
Idaho	1	
Illinois	2	
Indiana	1	
Iowa	2	
Louisiana		1
Maine	1	
Maryland		2

Massachusetts	2	
Michigan	1	1
Minnesota	2	
Missouri	2	
Nebraska	1	
Nevada	2	
New Hampshire	2	
New Jersey		2
New York		2
North Carolina		2
Ohio		2
Pennsylvania		2
Rhode Island	2	
South Carolina		2
South Dakota	2	
Tennessee	1	1
Texas	1	
Vermont	2	
Virginia		2
West Virginia		2
Kass	1	
Sutton		1
Sproles		1
Phillips	1	
Malac	1	
Smith	1	
Hackworth	1	
Wiley	1	
Gehrke	1	
Irvine	1	
Wendelken		ABSTAIN
Clements		ABSTAIN
Price		1
Pasquale	1	
DeGroot		ABSTAIN
Second call, Florida		2

The final tally: 43 votes for Colorado, 31 votes for Pennsylvania, 3 abstentions. Colorado wins the bid.

C. Appointments: MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENTS made by Ohio, seconded by Arizona. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Administrative Vice President’s Report:** Jack called on the RVP’s for their reports, at which time the VP’s entered the room wearing Boy Scout kerchiefs. Jack presented Denny with a kerchief in recognition of his scout-like exec. shirts.

**Region I**—Jeff Kass #32300 welcomed everyone to Region I. He called on New Hampshire President Ken Hawkins #19929 who announced the Region I, Fall Frolic 2002 would be held in New Hampshire.

**Region II**—Jim Sutton #20204 thanked everyone who has helped following the attack on America.

**Region III**—Gerry Sproles #14886 asked for prayers for the families and loved ones of those who died in the attack on the Pentagon September 11.

**Region IV**—Marsha Phillips #47528 informed Senators of the death, August 18, of SC JCI Senate President Deborah Barnett #60578, adding that Deborah’s husband Mike #38817 would take over as South Carolina President for the remainder of the year. Marsha asked for donations in Deborah’s name to Camp Hope, a Jaycee project in South Carolina. She also promoted upcoming events in her region including the Winter Board in Kissimmee/Orlando, FL. She presented flamingos to AVP Jack, President Denny and Ron Whitmore.

**Region V**—Pat Malac #41085 advised that four of five states from Region V are in attendance, including three state Presidents.

**Region VI**—Bill Smith, Jr. #38430 said Jaycees and Senators have helped him get through the grief of September 11 for which he was grateful.

**Region VII**—Ray Hackworth #19564 recognized TN JCI Senate President Glenda Newberry #45988 who promoted the upcoming Region VII/Gatlinburg Mini-National in February.

**Region VIII**—Rob Wiley #56033 thanked the Senate for supporting Colorado’s Fall Board 2002 bid. He said the New Mexico JCI Senate would be represented at the next convention, and that Jaycees will be reactivated in that state, also.

**Region IX**—Dale Gehrke #39835 introduced his wife Linda, and invited Senators to visit the Pacific Northwest.

**Region X**—Susie Irvine #45196 advised that Old-Timers Weekend in Hawaii was up in the air due to uncertainty about the date of the Pro Bowl. She expects the situation will be resolved in a week or two.

AVP Jack thanked the RVP’s for their hard work on behalf of the Senate and the Jaycees. He said that the scout kerchiefs were not meant in any way to demean the Boy Scouts of America, a great organization.

#### **Chairpersons’ Reports:**

**Future Directions** – Wayne MacDonald #36519, representing Chairman Eldon Bowers #45999, reported that the committee has recommended the Senate act in January on a proposal to create an Activation program manager whose job would be to maximize membership potential. He said the committee would like to explore ways to monitor the federal government in Washington. He invited input from Senators.

**Historian** – Mike Sawyer #36403 asked Senators to send him their old Senate material, rather than throw it away. He is continuing to look for written reports from officers and chairpersons who served in Jim Ashley’s year (1995-96). He noted that the Jaycee Foundation has been working with Darcy Giessenbier (Henry’s granddaughter) who has uncovered previously unknown archival material from his younger years. Mike also noted that the Jaycee Foundation is accepting contributions for terrorist victims’ relief.

**Mentors Business Manager** – Paul Carney #10861 thanked the states, and national officers who have distributed *Mentors* sign-in sheets. Due in part to that, and in part to a successful “Christmas in September” promotion, *Mentors* first quarter receipts are at an all time high: \$3,391. “The Connector” classified ad program, which premiered with the September issue, is not doing well, but is an inexpensive way to buy, sell products and services.

**Mentors Editor** – Ron Whitmore #25946 asked for more pictures. Article submissions for the September issues were at a record -high. Ron thanked VP’s and state Presidents for their help. *Mentors* must continue to be bulk mailed due to budget considerations. It means less efficient delivery. The alternative would be a doubling of the dues rate.

**Organ Donor** – Johnny Swank #44479 asked to receive the names of all state Organ Donor chairs. Singled out New York chairman Bill Bates and Florida for excellent work.

**Presidents’ Information Exchange (P.I.E.)** – Tom Newill said there was low participation at the P.I.E. meeting (15 to 18 out of 35-40 states present). He urges all states that have representation at future meetings to send someone to P.I.E., and promises to streamline the meeting, with more discussion between presidents, and fewer reports by national officers.

**Presidential Raffle** – Joe A. Souza #27511 recognized Ticket Chair Karen Cave #52860 said 745 tickets have been sold so far, bringing in \$9,380, or about 1/3 of the goal. There will be a mini-raffle tonight, and all sold tickets sold will be included. Mini-States Party Chair Roger Thomas

#51441 said the theme for the 2002 Mini-States will be "State Fair." He said the party facility will be ample, and asked that states see him for details.

**Products** – President Denny, speaking for chairman Rich Lindow #40108, mentioned that executive shirts and bears are for sale at this meeting. Due to transportation problems, Rich is unable to be here, but there will be a full line of products available in Florida.

**Return the Favor** – Jim Calder #5514 presented quarterly RTF awards to the following: Lee Williams #6893, Massachusetts; John Russ #25350, Connecticut; Terry Seeley #46163, New Jersey; State Executive Committee, Maryland, Diane Baerveldt #48476, President; Ron Whitmore #25946, Florida; Tom Johnson #54983, Iowa; Walt Rucinski #35257, Montana; and Dave Hill #16651, Washington.

**Junior Chamber Family AIDS Network (F.A.N.)** – Barry Batterman #33295 introduced the new name of what was once Junior Chamber Mission Inn. The organization is now updating materials to reflect name change. This year's fund drive has already raised more than all of last year. Barry recognized AVP Jack for a fundraising effort he and his wife, Sue, conducted last Christmas. Promoted the "Ribbon of Hope" program, and asked for commitments, and state chairpersons. Asked to be kept informed of Senate involvement in Jaycee F.A.N. projects. Barry recognized Boni Hart #59553, Region VI F.A.N. Chair. Boni is raffling a 50 year-old bottle of Lord Calvert to benefit F.A.N. Bernie Planetta announced that the Yankee Corps is now raising funds for F.A.N. John Sturges, Fall Board Golf Chairman, presented a \$2,500 check to F.A.N. representing funds raised in the Fall Board golf tournament. He thanked sponsors, committee member and golfers who made it happen. Barry said it is the single largest donation received.

**Jaycee Liaison** – Jim Miller #34554 announced there will be no Jaycee States Party in Sioux Falls as we have known them in the past. Jim said replacement events are being planned, and there should be announcements at Winter Board in Orlando. He announced the Jaycees will hold TOYA in June in Sioux Falls, necessitating a revised fee structure to accommodate Senators who wish to attend. Jim said many, if not all of the rumors floating around about Jaycees are false, and should not be spread. People with questions should direct them to President Denny.

**E-News** – Jim also is handling the bi-weekly e-newsletter, and asked Senators who wish to be added to the mailing list to contact him. Jim read "Random Thoughts," a monograph by Patrick Mahaney #51255 of Delaware, regarding the events of September 11.

**Ambassador to Asia** – Bob Arakawa #44056 announced the Area "A" meeting will be next May in Sendai, Japan.

**Ambassador to Canada** – Bruce Geddes #35527 said the Canadian JCI Senate outpouring of condolences over the events of September 11, are evidence that "the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations." He re-introduced Russ Cooper #4638, Canadian Ambassador to the U. S., who invited Senators to attend the Canadian JCI Senate meeting May 17-19, 2002 in Toronto. Their website is: [torontocrew2002.itgo.com](http://torontocrew2002.itgo.com). Bruce promoted other upcoming Canadian Senate events including a gourmet fellowship dinner in two weeks in Toronto, and a golf outing in London, Ontario.

**Ambassador to the Caribbean** – Marty Tuohy #24500 announced the Caribbean Reunion in St. Kitts will be rescheduled. Details to follow. He also promoted the Dutch Caribbean Convention in Curacao.

**Ambassador to Europe** – Mike Bearon #12975 said Senators planning to go to Europe should access the website: [jcisenate.com](http://jcisenate.com). He extended welcome to the Europeans visiting us at this meeting.

**Winter Board 2002 BOD Meeting** – Ron Whitmore urged those planning to attend to get their hotel reservations, and registration forms in. There will be a drawing for free registration. Mike Bearon said free raffle tickets will be given to anyone registering today. Hats pins and shirts also available.

**Annual Meeting, 2002** – Herb Koerner #28607 invited Senators to Sioux Falls, June 25-29. Tentative schedule is as follows: Monday, June 24: Presidential Golf Shootout; Tuesday, June 25: Krekorian Memorial Golf Outing and Mini-States Party/Reverse Raffle; Wednesday, June 26: Foundation Reception/Auction; Thursday, June 27: Open; Friday, June 28: 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception and Year-End Banquet. Committee is working on a tour to Mitchell, SD, home of the "Corn Palace." Airlines currently serving Sioux Falls: Northwest, TWA and United. Sioux Falls

is a six-hour drive from Mt. Rushmore. Committee has shirts, caps, raffle tickets and free pins available.

**US JCI Senate Foundation:** President Joe Sabella #26077 announced Foundation awards would be given at the banquet.

The Colorado Senate has pledged all proceeds from the golf tournament at the Fall 2002 BOD meeting to the Foundation.

Joe announced that Tony Dominiec #23393 is this year's Scholarship Chairman. Scholarship packets are available for states that did not receive them.

Joe introduced Foundation Trustee Steve Rowe #40470 who announced details of the silent auction/raffle to be held this evening.

Joe recognized Foundation Officers, Trustees and Region Fundraisers.

Joe recognized Travis Boatright #40008 of Louisiana who presented two checks totaling \$700 from himself and the Louisiana JCI Senate.

Joe was unable to say whether the Foundation in 2002 would be able to increase the number of scholarships given, but said the total would at least match the 15 scholarships given last Spring.

**Krekorian Golf** – Michigan President John VanWyck #32640, speaking for Chairman Jack Ryan #28446, said Jack will be traveling to Sioux Falls to scout golf courses, and reiterated that the Krekorian, which raises funds for the Foundation, will be held June 25.

**Chairman of the Board's Report:** Jerry Wendelken #23161 announced that his tokens of appreciation arrived too late to be given out in Dayton, but are now available for those who served during his year.

**President's Comments:** Denny commented that the first quarter was a great one, though there were some ups and downs. While America is experiencing some difficulties, the Senate is not, and the organization will continue with great spirit. He promised even better things to come, and thanked everyone for supporting him, and for keeping in touch.

**Special Presentations:** Those with special presentations deferred them until the evening banquet.

**Good of the Order:**

Dick Howell #30268 of Delaware, invited Senators to attend the Mid-Atlantic Institute meeting in April in Wilmington.

It was announced that teddy bears would be for sale to benefit the New York Patrolmen's Widows and Orphans Fund.

Carol Tuohy said she won Miss Senior Virgin Islands, and asked for contributions to support her appearance in the national competition in Las Vegas.

**Adjourn with the Creed:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. with the Jaycee Creed led by Paul Carney.

Respectfully submitted,

**John Price #36383, Secretary**  
US JCI Senate, 2001-02