

**Minutes of US JCI Senate
Executive Committee Meeting
September 28, 2001
New London, Connecticut**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. by President Denny DeGroot #40222.

Roll Call: Secretary John Price #36383 called the roll. Present were: Region I VP Jeff Kass #32300, Region II VP Jim Sutton #20204, Region III VP Gerry Sproles #14886, Region IV VP Marsha Phillips #47528, Region V VP Pat Malac #41085, Region VI VP Bill Smith, Jr. #38430, Region VII VP E. Ray Hackworth #19564, Region VIII VP Rob E. Wiley #56033, Region IX VP Dale W. Gehrke #39835, Region X VP Susie Irvine #45196, Treasurer Ken Clements #45944, Secretary Price, Administrative VP Jack Pasquale #32806, Chairman of the Board Jerry Wendelken #23161, and President DeGroot. (100% attendance)

President DeGroot announced that any chairman wishing to make a report to the Executive Committee could do so by seeking recognition from the chair at the appropriate time.

Invocation: The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Walter Cahoon #27223.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Region I VP Kass.

Secretary's Report: John asked for any corrections to the Directory, and reminded everyone that the next Senate Scene deadline was three days away. He has extra copies of the Directory for sale.

Treasurer's Report: Ken advised that he received much feedback on the new dues billing procedure, and noted that it is a "work in progress." He is working to refine dues billing to states so that they are received in a more timely manner. He wants to formalize our business relationship with our business service (Gryder), since at present all our agreements are verbal.

Ken presented the September Dues statement, and noted that several states were still in the process of turning in their dues.

Ken asked for a motion to approve the Proposed Budget (June, 2001 through June, 2002).

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET made by Reg. VII VP Hackworth, seconded by COB Wendelken. Discussion: Mentors line item reflects last year's actual figures, and 30th Anniversary line item eliminated. Other than that, the budget is substantially unchanged from last year. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ken assured the Vice Presidents that he will generate, and provide them with dues and renewal information for their regions in a more timely manner. He also stated that this information is being provided to the individual states.

Audit Report: President Denny announced that, due to the problems in the New York City area, the Audit Report would be presented at the January board meeting. He added that there are no problems with the report.

Administrative Vice President's Report: Jack called on the RVP's for their reports, and asked them not to repeat anything that would be in their written reports:

Region I—Jeff went to Herb Homer's memorial service (Herb died in the terrorist attacks in NYC). It was a moving ceremony that demonstrated Herb lived the Jaycee Creed.

Region II—Jim (who is from New York State) said the Jaycees in New York are contributing to disaster relief. He thanked Senators for helping.

Region III—Gerry said to his knowledge there were no Region III Senate casualties in the attack on the Pentagon.

Region IV—Reminded senators that the SC JCI President, Deborah Barnett, passed away August 18, and announced that Deborah’s husband, Mike, would finish her year, and was in attendance.

Region V—Pat announced that there were 35-40 people attending from Region V, including three of five state presidents.

Region VI—Bill reminded everyone that the National Convention will be held in Sioux Falls, SD (and added the Spring, 2002 Region VI meeting would be in the same hotel). He said he learned through discussions with the Jaycee Liaison that the Jaycees will not hold a States Party per se, citing insurance problems as the reason. He said they will hold a “tailgate party” in which states will be invited to bring consumables. Bill said the Jaycees are unhappy with the fact that the Senate and Jaycees will be meeting in separate sites, but added the Jaycees do not believe this will last long.

Region VII—Ray has forms for the Region VII meeting which will be held in conjunction with the Mini-States in Gatlinburg.

Region VIII—Rob reminded everyone that Phil Thompson (6th USJCI Sen. Pres.) passed away in August, and noted that Phil was of great help to the Kansas Jaycees and Senate.

Region IX—Dale said in light of the events of 9-11-01, he is glad he and his wife were able to attend this meeting.

Region X—Susie said that due to the uncertainty about the NFL playoff schedule, the Hawaii Old Timers are not sure when they will hold their Senate/Old Timers Weekend event which coincides with the Pro-Bowl.

Chairmen’s Reports

Future Directions—Wayne MacDonald #36519 (speaking for Chairman Eldon Bowers #45999) presented a committee recommendation seeking the creation of an Activation Chairman, whose job it would be to maximize Senate membership potential, particularly in light of the fact that our numbers will be steadily decreasing. This chairman would come up with ideas for the states to use to activate “old Senators” who have not renewed their membership, or who were never asked to join their SOM.

MOTION TO ADOPT FUTURE DIRECTIONS PROPOSAL TO CREATE A USJCI SENATE ACTIVATION CHAIRMAN made (for purposes of discussion) by COB Wendelken, seconded by Reg. I VP Kass.

Discussion: President Denny noted that the Presidents’ Information Exchange (P.I.E.) should already include discussions regarding activation. Motion carried by voice vote, with Wiley, Phillips and Wendelken voting no.

Jaycee Liaison—Jim Miller #34554 announced that there will be no Jaycee States Party as we have known it in Sioux Falls. He said the Jaycees are working on, but have not finalized plans for, a “tailgate party.” He also announced that the Jaycees will hold TOYA at the June, 2002 meeting which will necessitate a different registration price structure for Senators. It is not yet known what that structure will be. He said the Jaycees will hold a training meeting in Tulsa in the first half of March. There will be no US JCC September meeting in 2002, but future September Year-end/TOYA/Election meetings will be bid (the 2003 meeting has not yet been bid.)

Jim also publishes the bi-weekly Email “E-blast” which goes to 1,400 Senators, and asked the VP’s to put out the word to Senators who would like to receive the emails that they should provide Jim with their email addresses. This vehicle is a good way to get state information to a national audience. No personal money-making items will be published.

Historian—Mike Sawyer #36403 asked that Vice Presidents send him copies of their newsletters, so he can place them in the archives.

Mentors Business Manager—Paul Carney #10861 said that income for the first quarter was \$3,391 which he termed “outstanding.” He credited the “Christmas in September” promotion, and the Mentors collections in the states. He also said, “we’re bombing out” on the “Connector,” (the new classified-type ad program).

Return the Favor—Jim Calder #5514 said he is having some email problems, and anyone not receiving emails from him should let him know.

Constitution & Bylaws—Bill Potuchek #35278 announced the committee unanimously recommended approval of the proposed bylaw amendment establishing a US JCI Senate flag. The committee tabled the proposed amendment establishing a US JCI Senate Life Membership program. Bill said the committee will consult with the Finance Committee, and have a recommendation ready in January.

Presidential Reverse Raffle—Joe A. Souza #25711 said there will be a mini-raffle at this meeting. Anyone who has purchased a Reverse Raffle ticket is eligible.

Bid Review Committee—AVP Jack announced that the committee met, and accepted two bids for the Fall, 2002 BOD meeting—one from Colorado, and one from Pennsylvania. Both bids are in order, and meet policy specifications. Jack said the committee also has policy revision proposals for the Executive Committee which he will distribute to the committee later.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BIDS FROM PENNSYLVANIA AND COLORADO FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISPOSITION made by Reg. II VP Sutton, seconded by Reg. III VP Sproles. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman of the Board—Jerry said that Vice Presidents in even numbered regions must submit Future Directions Committee nominations to the President prior to the January Winter Board Meeting in Orlando. Those running for national office may announce their intentions at the January meeting.

President's Remarks—Denny announced there would be further discussion in January regarding the 2002 National Convention in Sioux Falls. The Jaycees are planning their States Party substitute event for Friday night, after Senate activities have ended. Denny said he expects to ask the Executive Committee to lower the registration fee for Sioux Falls to \$100. Those who have already paid \$125 will be reimbursed.

Denny said the stuffed bears that he has been handing out will be available for sale at the General Membership meeting. He then distributed heart-shaped sun-catchers which he hand-made.

Good of the Order—P.I.E. Chairman Tom Newill #11736 said that, after receiving input from the Presidents, there will be a format change at the next P.I.E. meeting. Walter Cahoon noted that there were two Senators who perished in the WTC disaster, Herb Homer #38365 of Massachusetts, and Gary Bird #38426, and asked that Senators pray for their families. He also asked that he be kept informed of Senate deaths and illnesses.

Denny presented bears to Walter, Mike Sawyer, and Jim Calder.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Jerry Wendelken, seconded by Gerry Sproles. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m. with the Jaycee Creed led by Jerry Wendelken.

Respectfully submitted,

John Price #36383, Secretary
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