

**National Senate Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Saturday Jan 15, 2000**  
**Biloxi, MS**

**Meeting called to Order** by President Tom Stone # 36021 at 8:35 am.

**Roll Call** taken by Secretary Bill Smith #45919

States present and # of votes- AZ2, AR2, CO1, CT2, FL2, GA1, ID2, IL2, IN2, IA2, KY1, LA2, MD2, MA2, MI2, MN2, MS2, MO2, NE2, NV2, NJ1, NY2, NC2, OH2, PA1, SC2, SD1, TN1, TX2, VA2, WV2, WI2, RI Steve Rowe, RII Tom Newill, RIII Pam Milley, RIV John Matthews, RV Wayne Kieffer, RVI Brad Rowan, RVII Travis Boatright, RVIII Bob Arakawa, RIX Pat Hilbish, RX Joe A.Souza, COB Mary Sawyer, Treas. Denny Degroot, Sec. Bill Smith, ADVP Jerry Wendleken, Legal Council, Jack Pasquale, Pres. Tom Stone. VOTE TOTAL = 73.

**President Tom called for approval of agenda.**

**Invocation** led by Chaplain Ann Cromartie #48567.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by John Price #36383.

**Welcome** – Given by Bruce Van Nostrand, #14600. He thanked everybody for coming and for those that are donating to the Mississippi economy by way of the casino. Anybody that would like a convention shirt, they are \$35 please see Bruce. Shuttle service to airport please see MS Senate Pres. Bobby. Slot Tournament this afternoon, entry fee 20, 50/50 split with casino and Foundation, 3 top winners payoff. Bruce requested anybody that had taken pictures of the weekend please send them a copy as nobody from the committee had taken any.

**Introductions of Guests by Chuck Fries # 18344**

Russ Cooper from Toronto, Past President's – 78/79 Chuck Fries & Maxine, 79/80 Bob Hunt & Linda, 84/85 Doug Hincker & Jo Ellen, 86/87 Tony Dominiec & Judy, 89/90 Lanny Heater & Karen, 91/92 First Lady Marilyn Kerkorian, 92/93 Hap Hilbish & Pat, 96/97 Frank Butler & Mary Tee, 97/98 Allen Pierce & Connie, 98/99 Mary Sawyer & Earl

**Secretary Report** – Bill Smith #45919

Motion to approve Secretary report by MA, seconded by IA, Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report**- Denny Degroot #40222

Motion to accept treasurer report by IA, seconded by AZ, Motion passes.

**Finance Committee Report**- Given by AJ Morton & Denny Degroot, recommendation given to Finance committee for an increase in prize money for this years raffle because of the tremendous job done on ticket sales so far this year. Motion to increase prizes given by \$1750 made by WV. Seconded by IL. Motion passed. Breakdown will give \$1000, second prize, \$500 third prize, \$250 fourth prize in additional prizes. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will still be \$2000. This motion is for this year only. Committee also reported that they are looking for additional fundraiser opportunities, and to make sure that we support the Mentors ad sales. Denny reported on Membership numbers from the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, which was Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. As of this time we were down 109 members, however, there were several states that had not turned in their numbers yet. Please get this done.

**Legal Council Report** - Jack Pasquale # 32806

Jack reported that he would defer his report to Annual in Chattanooga, but also stated that no lawsuits were pending. Thank God!

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** –

**ADVP Jerry Wendelken** presented bid to host National Board meeting for next year in Houston, TX.

Motion to approve Houston bid made by CO, seconded by MI, motion approved after presentation given by TX Pres. Lisa Gilkeson and committee members Pat Felder and Mark Wiley.

Dates will be Jan 12-14<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western in Houston.

**Approval of Future Directions Committee** members for next year was announced.

Region II-Jim Rose, Region IV John Matthews, Region VI Eldon Bowers, Region VIII Linn Jones, and Region X Anne Shane. Motion to approve appointments made by NC, seconded by MO. Motion passed.

**Ambassador's Policy-** after conferring with legal council at the Executive committee meeting it was agreed that this should actually be in the protocol section, not in the policy section. This was agreed to and will be added to the training manuals protocol section. Thank you to Art Shane and the people who helped develop this for the Ambassadors use.

**Freshman Senators – Pat Election Committee Appointments-** Presented by President Tom Stone. Chairman-Mary Sawyer, members Allen Pierce, Jim Luff, Doug Hincker. Motion to approve committee appointments made by OH, seconded by ID, motion passed.

**Administrative Vice Presidents Report-** Jerry Wendelken #23161

**Chairman's Reports-**

**Business Manager –** Lawrence Green #23161- unable to attend, but called Jerry to report all is going well. Raised \$3750 from credit card program.

**Constitution & Bylaws-** H.T “Jumper” Davis #27324 – Held meeting Friday night, nothing new to report.

**Future Directions-** Jim Rose #30909 – Reported that the committee had met Friday night, looking at a 5-Year plan. Committees have been established to look at different areas. Activation Planning committee, chaired by Bruce VanNostrand. Committee Structure Review committee headed by Eldon Bowers, and Strategic Planning Committee, headed by Wayne McDonald. The committee met with the PIE meeting Friday night and had a good exchange of ideas.

**Freshman Senators - “Chickmaster” Pat Hoelker #45893-** Discussed the number of new Senatorships being presented and her goal for the year were 200 new senators. She also introduced Senators at the meeting who were 1<sup>st</sup> timers. They were Scott Link - FL, Susie Parkhurst - WI, Pat Shoemaker - WI. They were presented with a gift from Pat. Pat also gave members of the Exec committee a gift which is to be passed on to a new Senator. The top 2 States with new Senators turned in were Illinois and Iowa with 10 each. Pat's new address will be coming out soon after she and Skip are done with their new home in SD.

**Historian Report-** Mike Sawyer #36403 – Mike reported all is going well with the Senate archives, but still missing the minutes from Day 2 of the annual meeting in San Antonio in 1981. If anybody has those minutes please contact Mike. Mike discussed that the minutes are being scanned onto the website by Web Master Lowell Vahl. Lowell has worked hard to get this done and will have it completed shortly. Mike also discussed why the archive collection is not put on disc and an article about this was attached to his report. Basically technology has changed or is changing and not all systems are compatible to read the disc. Mike also discussed the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Senate Scene and an article will be printed in the next issue of the Mentors. Mike also discussed the USJCC archive and that there is lots of information missing and that he maybe contacting senators for past information and help.

**Mentors Business Manager –** Steve Dunn #36692- Steve was unable to attend due to recent surgery, but Pat Malac gave a report for Steve. He reported that Steve is doing well but will take awhile to get back to full speed. Pat also reported about the March Madness Business Card Ad Sale that is going on. Due date to Steve is January 30<sup>th</sup>. He also discussed the ad campaign for national candidates that are due January 30<sup>th</sup> also and that they must be paid for prior to publication. His report also showed the cost for ads and additional information. Any questions please see Pat this weekend or call Steve.

**Mentors Editor -** Ron Whitmore #25946- Ron stated that he had bad news, good news. The bad news was that mentors articles were due today, January 15<sup>th</sup>, but the good news was he extended the deadline till Friday, January 21. He discussed why we use the Foundation for the magazine, and the money saved by using the foundation. He also said if you are not receiving your mentors to please check with your state organization treasurer to make sure you are on the membership list. Ron thanked Steve Dunn for the great job he has done on collecting ad money for the Mentors. So far we are half way through the year and have already collected 62% of the budget ad money.

**Mission Inn** - Jim Miller #34554- thanked Minnesota Senate President Greg Ritter, and Mission Inn program Manager Lisa Stroessner for the great job they are doing in trying to get a new home and partner for the Mission Inn Minnesota project. Other sites under consideration are Chicago, Milwaukee, and North Carolina. Jim asked that all states try to promote the Mission Inn program. If anybody has any questions or donations please see Jim.

**Organ Donor** - Marilyn Mueller # 51429- report is printed and in the back with article about donating your body. The winner of the R. Gordon Hope Donor Awareness Award was presented to Sharon Leppla, donor awareness chairman for Iowa. R. Gordon Hope was a past president from Nebraska who passed away last year and donated several of his organs to the donor program. The award is a Teddy Bear wearing rain clothes. Marilyn gives out a winner at each convention for the state best promoting the donor program.

**President Info Exchange** - Jack Ryan #28446 - reported that there was about 50 people attending the PIE meeting Friday night. 24 state presidents was in attendance. It was a joint meeting with the Future Directions Committee so that information could be exchanged and gathered from the different states. Lots of good ideas were shared and the next meeting will be in Chattanooga.

**Presidential Raffle Committee** - Frank Alfano #28424 - Frank was unable to attend due to illness but stepping in for Frank were John Price - Prize Chairman, Linda Shaffer - Ticket Chairman, and Ken Clements - States' Party Chairman. John told everybody to keep Frank in your prayers and hopefully everything will be OK. John discussed the states that have turned in their form already and encouraged the rest to please do so as soon as possible. Forms were available in the back. He also discussed the prize drawings to be held for the early entries to be held at the end of meeting. Linda Shaffer reported on the ticket sales so far. Things are looking good but just because tickets were sent out to all Senators, that doesn't mean you don't have to ask people. She ran into a Senator the other night and asked if they had bought a ticket yet, and they replied nobody had asked them before. Many senators are still going to buy the tickets from the way they have in past. So please ask your friends and sell, sell, sell. She also spoke of the checks and balance system they have in place and she is working with Karen Cave of New York to get everything on computer. Her written report contains information on the number of tickets sold in each state. Ken Clements reported on the mini-states party program and stressed getting your information in if you plan on participating. The theme will be President Tom's theme, "Carpe Diem". The hotel has no restrictions on the party except food can not be prepared in the room, that must be done in kitchen before party. Come have a good time. Jerry Wendelken addressed the meeting saying that just because the prizes have been increased doesn't mean we don't need to continue selling tickets. We do, so please do your share in trying to sell more tickets.

**Products** - Kim Cook #18571- Not in attendance, but products were being sold next door to the hospitality room.

**Return the Favor**- Bobby Saunders #53025- Bobby reported that he was a little busy last month due to his marriage to Mary Lou, who he introduced to the membership. He thanked everybody for the great job they are doing in Returning the Favor to the Jaycees and would like to especially thank the Massachusetts and Minnesota Senate for their outstanding job. Bobby presented Greg Ritter, President of the Minnesota JCI Senate with a bottle of Champaign for their outstanding effort in Returning the Favor.

**Web Master** -Lowell Vahl #40315- Lowell reported on the updates for e-mail addresses and discussed the Regional Registration forms that can be found on the web site. He also talked about the minutes that are being scanned and put on the web site. He hopes to have them all done next month.

**Ambassadors' Reports:**

**Asia** - Tom Woo # 6946- No Report.

**Canada** - Bruce Geddes #35527 - reported on the upcoming "Meeting of the Crew" and other activities. He thanked Canadian President Bill Skibe and Canadian Russ Cooper for all the great hospitality shown on his visits. The registration for for the crew meeting is attached to Bruce's report in back.

*Caribbean* - Marty Tuohy #24500- reported that his report could be found on page 24 & 25 in the last issue of the Mentors along with pictures of the West Indies Convention. Marty presented President Tom with a gift bag he received from the West Indies Senate President. He invited everyone down to the next Caribbean Meeting in Antigua, August 17-20<sup>th</sup>. He also invited anyone coming to his part of the country to come on down and spend some time. The country is beautiful.

*Europe* - Hank Kolodner # 34400- no report given, Hank was busy doing his duty, serving as Ambassador to Europe.

*Mexico* - Art Shane # 27322 - Art gave his report on the trip to Mexico in November. He thanked President Tom for attending and representing the 13 member delegation with class. Lots of food and drink was available and many new friendships started. Anybody wishing information about Mexico or their events, please see Art. Art also thanked the Executive Committee for accepting the new rules or information on Protocol for Serving as an Ambassador. President Tom thanked Art for the great job he did on putting together the information.

### **Meeting Coordinators Reports:**

*2000 Annual Meeting Chattanooga* - Brian Lopez-Cepro - reported that registration forms are available but noted that changes in the dates need to be made since it looks like the US JCI Reverse Raffle and States party will be on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, as well as the "Corp of Corp Meetings". You might want to plan arriving on the 12<sup>th</sup>. He also discussed the Gatlinburg meeting, registration forms available in back. President Tom addressed the membership regarding the date changes and advised us to watch the Scene and Mentors for corrections to the dates.

*2000 Hal Krekorian Golf* - Doug Hinker #22200- The date of the tournament will be Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The golf course has not been finalized yet. All proceeds from the hole sponsors and gift sponsors will go towards your foundation contribution, except the golf fee does not count.

*2000 Fall Board Meeting* - Hap Hilbish #24442 - reported on 2000 Board meeting to be held in Post Falls, Idaho Sept 15-17<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are being distributed as he speaks. Hap discussed all the activities being planned and invited us all to come have a great time. Registration is \$55 for early and \$65 for late. There are plenty of activities planned, including golf.

### **National Vice President's Reports:**

*Region I* - Steve Rowe #40470- Written report in back. All is going well in 1 and registration for Fall Frolic available in back.

*Region II* - Tom Newill # 11736 - Written report in back. Mentioned 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of New Jersey Senate. Please see Jackie Miller for forms. MAI will be held in Lancaster, PA the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in April, please see Tom for registration forms. Tom presented President Tom with a little "Tape Worm" mascot to remind him that the JCI mascot is not dead.

*Region III* - Pam Miley #43030 - Thanked Biloxi for the great hospitality and her report was in the back of the room.

*Region IV* - John Matthews #37505 - report in the back. Couple of important dates include April 1, 2000 is Georgia 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the Calabash Bash has been moved to April 28-30<sup>th</sup>, so please make note of these date changes.

*Region V* - Wayne Kiefer #36498 - written report in back. He thanked all his state Presidents in attendance. The Region V Spring Fling will be March 24-26 in Canton, OH. Registration forms available.

Card is being sent around for John Voshel who suffered a heart attack last week. Please keep John in your prayers.

*Region VI* - Brad Rowan #44427 - Report in back. One important date, March 17-19, Region VI & VIII Meeting in St. Paul. Registration forms are available in the back and on the Web site. Come have a great St. Patrick's Day in St. Paul.

*Region VII* - Travis Boatright #40008 - Welcomed all to Region VII. Hope everybody is having a great time. One thing I need to bring up is a tragic fire to Ann Bower's house. Ann is the wife of late Senator Ed Bowers who was organ donor chairman for several years. Ann was here this weekend

with Lanny and Karen Heater. They received notice of the fire this morning and left immediately to go home. The Arkansas Senate will be taking donations for Ann and her family.

*Region VIII* – Bob Arakawa #44056 – Report in the back. Thanked the Biloxi committee for the great hospitality.

*Region IX* – Pat Hilbish #50412 - Thanked all for the great hospitality. Talked about what happenings in her states and invited all to come out to Idaho this fall for the National Board Meeting. All states have held Senate meetings and the Alaska JCI Senate is looking forward to hosting the Region Meeting, May 12-14<sup>th</sup>. Written report was in back.

*Region X* - Joe A. Souza #27511 – Written report in back. One correction to the report. Must have been caused by the Y2 bug! The Rodeo planned by Arizona is in Yuma, not Tucson, February 11-13<sup>th</sup>. Region X meeting is March 17-19<sup>th</sup>. The Registration Form is in the Mentors and on the Web site.

#### **U.S. JCI Foundation Report –**

*Robert “Bubba” Hunt #16436* reported on the status of the foundation. Currently we have \$278,000 in foundation; will be giving out 14 scholarships this year and there are 439 members in the foundation. Also addressed some issues and comments brought up about the foundation and told members to read the article in the last Mentors about the foundation. If you have any questions please see Bob or one of the foundation directors.

*Joe Sabella #26077*, Scholarship Chairman, gave a report on the program. He was pleased that he had no frantic calls this year and that the State President's had did an outstanding job promoting the program. He stated that MN and CO were the 1<sup>st</sup> states to turn in their winners to him this weekend. He reported that the judges will be from Geneva College again this year and that the number of scholarships has increased from 12 to 14 this year. Again thanks to all the states participating.

*Earl Sawyer #28243*, foundation treasurer was called forward to present the foundation awards. The levels of giving are \$500 bronze, \$1000 silver, \$2500 gold, \$5000 platinum and a new level voted on at the foundation meeting was if an individual or state reaches the \$20,000 level, one of the scholarships will be named after them if they would like. Foundation new members are Kathy Doherty - CT, Jim Daugherty - AZ, Tom & Lorraine Newill - PA, Lisa Gilkeson - TX, Pat Robinson - OH, Bruce Geddes - OH, Brian Lopez-Cepero - TN. Bronze level recognition given to the West Virginia Senate, Dick Churns - TX, Steve Rowe -VT, Bruce VanNostrand - MS. Silver Level recognition given to Linda Shaffer - NY, Joe Fodor - PA. Earl also discussed the raffle going on this weekend for the foundation. The winners will be drawn at 10:30 tonight in hospitality room. Winning ticket holder must be present to win.

Other new members to the foundation were Pat Hoelker - IA, Jim Caulder - MA and a \$500 donation was received from the Massachusetts Jaycees. Bubba thanked all of the supporters to the Foundation and announced that the MS JCI Senate and the Isle of Capri Casino had gotten together to have a slot tournament. 50% of the proceeds from the entry fees will go to the foundation and the rest will go to the winners to be split 50% for 1<sup>st</sup>, 30% for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20% for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Chairman of the Board** – Mary Sawyer #43930- Mary invited all states that are going to announce candidates for office to please come forward. She explains the filing requirements that were necessary, such as turning in the application for office, a letter of recommendation from your state and a check for \$25 or \$50 if running for President. This must be turned in to Secretary Bill no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> and a copy sent to Mary also. As far as the elections go in Chattanooga, members must check in for credentials together ½ hr before the meeting starts. This is Mary's rules, and she is the election chairman.

#### **Announcements for National VP**

Region X- none

Region IX candidate Jack Raymond from Idaho, presented by Hap Hilbish

Region VIII- none

Region VII- none

Region VI- candidate D.J. Leppla from MN, presented by Greg Ritter

Region V- candidate Larry Popp from Ohio, presented by Earl Rice  
 Region IV- candidate Bobby Saunders from NC, presented by Carol Jordan  
 Region III- candidate Conrad Melkus from WV, presented by John Price  
 Region II- candidate Jackie Miller from NJ, presented by Jim Sutton  
 Region I- none

**Announcement for Elected office**

Secretary- candidate Jim Miller from NJ. Presented by Karen Cave  
 Treasurer – candidate Ken Clements from FL, presented by Roger Thomas  
 Admin VP- candidate Denny Degroot from IL, presented by Ray Ainslie  
 President- candidate Jerry Wendelken from MI, presented by Kevin Kiska

**President's Comments - Tom Stone #36021**

President Tom thanked everybody for coming and for keeping the meetings on schedule. He thanked everybody for the great hospitality shown to him on his trips over this 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year. He has been on the road representing you, the JCI Senate, making new friends, meeting new Senators. Carpie Diem- that Day is Day of Change, things are changing and thanks to all the committees, Future Direction, Constitution and Bylaws, and the Finance Committee for the great job they are doing this year. Looking forward to the rest of the year! Thank you!

**Special Presentation –**

Raffle drawing for prizes for early bird raffle tickets returned. Handled by John Price.

<i>Prize</i>	<i>Donated by</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Casino Shirt	Linda Shaffer	Jeff Matson, MO
Coaster Set	Pat Felder	Rich Ulbrien, DE
Hot Sex Liquor	Bill Smith	Muriel Guidry, LA
? Cake Pan	Linda Shaffer	Dave Lindberg, Mn.
Team Bear	Linda Shaffer	Wallace Evans , NC
Decanter & Glass Set	John & Debby Price	Richard East, WV
Collectable Snowman	Linda Shaffer	Larry Sheeler, NV
Mickey Mouse Time Works Watch	Ken & Sharon Miller	MB Schmidt, AZ
Attic Treasurers Collectable Bears Trio	John & Debby Price	Nick Martin, MD
Silver Tray	Ann & Fred Cromartie	Sue Little, MI

**Good of the Order - Special Musical Presentation by Susie Parkhurst, President of WI JCI Senate**

**Adjourned with the Jaycee creed- Travis Boatright # 40008**

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Bill Smith, US JCI Secretary