

REGION VI SPRING MEETING
Branson, MO
APRIL 12, 2025

Call to Order - 9:05 am - Dan Badger #67974

Presentation of Flag - Woody Sauerbrei FR#111

Pledge of Allegiance - Tom Hendrix #37317

Invocation - Deb Puls #55516

Approval of the Agenda – Motion by: South Dakota Second by: Missouri - motion carried

Introductions and Protocol - Marge Miller #52948

Welcome to Missouri - Jim Pendleton, Jr. #40286

Secretary's Report - Vonita Gardner #63629

Roll Call: Iowa–2; Minnesota-2; Missouri– 2; Nebraska–2; North Dakota–2: South Dakota–2; Wisconsin-2

Approval of the Minutes – Motion by: South Dakota Second by: Minnesota – motion carried.

Treasure's Report - Julie Morff #71917

Approval of Treasurer's Report Motion by: South Dakota Second Wisconsin – motion carried.

State President's Reports

Wisconsin/Bob Layton #65778 report by: Bill Fleese #64179

South Dakota/Chad Albers #68747 report by: Cindy Crook #55834

North Dakota/Connie Olson #72670 report by: John Dahl #42828

Missouri - Jim Pendleton, Jr. #40286

Minnesota - Juanita Beauchamp #74247

Nebraska/Geneva Armbrust #72535 report by: Ruben Ventris #64569

US JCI Senate Representatives

Sweepstakes - Ron Kimmert #43520

Senators - Start your checkbooks!! Region VI is a top supporter. Thank you to Phyllis Bowers, Angie Taylor, Kristen Johnson. We have reached the next level to the cash prize - \$46,168 so far. Any purchase today goes into a drawing for 6 bottles of Crown Royal at National convention. Tickets are still available. Please purchase tickets in memory of Gary Pittenger.

Membership - Dawna Norfleet #61999 / Lisa Badger #67973

March membership dues: March ended at - 2. Year to date, Region VI is +2. Dues kits will be emailed out on April 15th to State Pres & Treas. Due by June 1st, but with National Convention starting that week, please send dues kits in prior to National Convention.

Chairman of the Board - Hal Williams #43912

No report!! (insert standing ovation here!!) 🙌🙌

Admin. VP - Larry Norfleet #60771

Hope everyone can make it to National Convention. There is a bid in for the Winter Board meeting that will be voted on in Chicago.

President - Bruce Sostak #52655

Thank-you Region VI from a native Minnesotan! It is always good to “come back home”. This is my first time in Branson though - thank you for the hospitality. Thinking of Gary and like Gary Pittenger. Gary would be so proud of all the work that is being done in Region VI. This region and the whole country is achieving Gary's dream. Let's make the National celebration what he and Stephanie would be proud of.

Region VI Appointments

Chief of Staff - Rose Steen #57178

Thank you for this wonderful year – this has been fun with Dan.

Chaplain - Deb Puls #55516

Prayers are needed for Linda Alexandar #82180, who is having open heart surgery today. A card will be passed around to send condolences for DJ Leppla #44743. If there are any new Senators since the Bismarck meeting, please let Deb know so she can update them to the Chaplain data base.

Children's Hospitals Bears and Books program - Cindy Crook #55834

This has been a year-long project that started in Bismarck, collecting stuffed bears (toys) and books. A challenge was put out during the Bismarck meeting. Thank you for stepping up to the challenge. Cindy shared a thank you gift for meeting (exceeding) this challenge (more gummy bears!). Look for another challenge coming up.

First Timers – Melissa Sanny #66967 – reported by Tom Molstad #63304

No first timers attended the Spring meeting.

National Projects - Tom Molstad #63304

Mimosas for Wreaths fundraiser at the Region VI Fall Meeting in Bismarck, ND raised \$136. - Wheelchairs for Kids received \$200. Photos for the year-end slide show at National Convention should be sent to pictures@uscisenate.org.

Future Directions - David Teachout #68700

Committee is meeting via Zoom every month. Topics include standardization of forms and the creation of an electronic membership database. Goal is to have a platform verified by the National Convention to present to the executive committee in June 2026. If you think of anything that will benefit our organization, please reach out to this committee. Ideas can be short term / long term etc. – please call.

Historian - Dave DeLaney #41203 (Official timer - Paul Myers!)

Our history is what we are. It is everything we have done. Submit materials that your State uses/has created. Every project that is run should be archived in the St. Louis JCI headquarters. It important to maintain these records - this tells our story.

Newsletter - Bill Flease #64179

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter. Send anything you want included in the newsletter to regionvijsenatenewsletter@gmail.com by the 25th of each month. (note from Bill - early submissions make my life easier!)

Photographer- Eldon Bowers #45999

Any photos from state meetings, socials etc. should be sent to pictures@jicisenate.org. Keep Smiling!!

Return the Favor - Michele Emmerich #60635

Everyone is working hard on Return the Favor projects. Send submissions to Michelle by May 10th.

Sergeant at Arms - Toon Bauman #67855

Everyone has been keeping their cell phones turned off during meetings – there are no penalties to report!

P.I.E./T.I.E. Chairperson - Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003

Thanks to State Presidents and Treasurers (or their representatives) for attending the PIE/TIE meeting. Wreaths Across America – thank you so much for your participation as we continue respecting veterans and active-duty service men & women through this project. Remember to wear red on Fridays – thank you for remembering our deployed veterans.

Ways and Means - Wendy Cox #69246 & Wayde Burkhart #63877

Thanks for all those that have donated prizes and purchased tickets. This would not have been possible without these donations. We will be selling tickets this weekend and until National Convention. Amount raised so far is \$3,408 for our Region VI officers.

Sweepstakes - Phyllis Bowers #51430 & Judi Barrington #49802

Thanks to all that have been donating prizes, these will be combined to make a prize totaling \$100. Gift-cards are always good – would like \$100 each, but any amount is accepted. If you do not have your button, you will be asked to buy another ticket!!

Region VI Party Booth - Lora Lawton #66156

There will be a booth at National Convention. Met with the PIE group on 4/11 re: booth information – an email will be forwarded to State Presidents re: the information. Theme for the weekend is racing in honor of Gary Pittenger.

Region VI Advisor - Randy Johnson #56636

Glad to have everyone here in Region VI. Hats off to Susan and the committee for putting this together. The golf outing on 4/11 was a good day. Thanks for all that participated. At State Advisors meeting, future leadership discussed – we have strong leadership to look to in the future. Discussed future meeting sites – Spring 2026 meeting is being bid today. Region advisors from other regions were introduced. Special thank you to Wayne Keifer as he retires.

Region VI Foundation Rep - Donna DeLaney #55560

Sweepstakes area is going strong. Under Wayne Keifer's leadership the foundation has raised money to award 45 - \$1500 scholarships for university applicants and 5 - \$1000 Vocational School applicants. Club tickets are available to purchase. Auction items or monetary donations are always welcome.

Old Business

Region VI Fall 2024 Meeting - Ken Fischer #72668 #43036

Thanks to those who attended the Region VI Fall meeting. 82 were registered – everyone had a good time.

Region VI Spring 2025 Meeting - Susan Hatcher #58143

Thanks to everyone who attended and all that have helped out. I hope you all have a good time. Great to have Senators from other regions attending.

Region VI Fall 2025 Meeting - Nancy Stredde #63623

Forms are available for the meeting. The hotel address is Spicer, MN, but is closer to New London MINNESOTA.

New Business

Region VI Spring 2026 Meeting

A bid was presented by South Dakota Senate to be held April 17-19, 2026 in Yankton, SD at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center. Motion by Missouri; second by Wisconsin - unanimous vote to approve–motion carried.

Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget - Julie Morff #71917

Proposed budget available – \$2,480 balanced budget. Motion to approve by Missouri Second by Minnesota - motion carried

Visiting NVP Comments

Kim Hubbell #68729 from Region V. Thank you for the hospitality this weekend. National Convention is scheduled for June 15-19, 2025 in Northbrook, IL. Registration forms are available. Events are being arranged (tours, baseball games etc.). Registration forms are also available for the US JCI Fall Board Meeting in Ohio scheduled for Sept 11-14, 2025.

Special Presentations/Awards

All Friendship recipients in attendance were recognized. Friendship award is sponsored by Nebraska Senate. Congratulations to newest recipient Katie Johnson, FR#125 from Missouri!

President Bruce presented Legacy awards to:

Mary Sawyer #43930, Earl Sawyer #28243, Randy Johnson #56636, Deb Puls #55516, Jim Pendleton, Jr. #40286, Marge Miller #52948 and Cindy Crook #55834. Veterans have a special coin they can receive. Paul Myers #72173 received the Large gavel award!

US JCI Senate Candidate's Announcements

Secretary - Dawna Norfleet #61999

Very pleased to be in Region VI, the hospitality has been exceptional. Communication is vital to this organization – there are 4 main platforms the US Senate organization utilizes to communicate to Senators: E-news; Mentors Magazine; US JCI Senate website; Social Media/Facebook.

Treasurer – Tom King #59642 – announcement via Lori Oakland #67100

Tom King's vision is to expand the digital options within the Senate. Development/Creation of a Membership Data Base is occurring. Expanding payment options being explored to include Venmo; Zell; PayPal; Cashout.

Admin. VP – Gary Duell #48384 – announcement via Randy Johnson #56636

Gary Duell – Randy endorsed Gary Duell by sharing past experiences as State Advisors together and friendly adversaries (i.e. Eagles vs. Chiefs). Randy lost the Superbowl bet he made with Gary and Randy PROUDLY wore an Eagles jersey to endorse Gary for Administrative VP!

President - Bruce Sostak #52655

Bruce supports expanding the digital footprint. All Senators should continue to support the Jaycees. Bruce has a vision/plan to bring back the Jaycees (focusing on states that have a limited number of Jaycees chapters/members).

Election 2025-2026 Region VI NVP - David Teachout #68700

Gavel was passed to David Teachout #68700 to conduct elections. Pat Hoelker #45893, nominated Chief of Staff, Rose Steen #57178, for 2025-2026 Region VI NVP. Herb Koerner #28607, second nomination. Tom Hendrix #37317, motioned to close nominations and elect Rose Steen #57178 by acclamation. Second by Julie Morff #71917. Unanimous vote – motion passed.

2025 – 2026 NVP Elect Comments by Region VI NVP Elect Rose Steen #57178

We have been having some Looney Times the last several months - looking forward to cruising through more exciting times in the next year.

2024-2025 NVP Comments - Dan Badger #67974

Outgoing thank you gifts were presented to NVP Dan – Looney Times lithograph. Looney Times cribbage board.

Presidential thank you gifts presented to Cindy Crook #55834 - Children's Hospital Bears and Books program; Juanita Beauchamp #74247– Outstanding State Membership; Overall state – Iowa JCI Senate.

Thank you to all - Lisa and I have had a wonderful time traveling to states and regions, attending events. Thank you for the memories. Thank you for supporting the Sweepstakes program – the Ways and Means fundraising and the Foundation. Let's finish the last 68 days of the Senate year strong!

Good of the Order - All

Julie Morff #71917 – Follow-up from the Badger Safari hunt in Bismarck – winner will receive a goody basket. Any monies you have to give Julie Morff #71917, please request an envelope from her so she can keep anything received for a program organized.

Sign up for helping at the rodeo in Sikeston, MO, August 6-9, 2025. Please see Barry Johnson #80200 . Hotel information has been updated.

Foundation golf tournament information is available.

Susan Hatcher #58143 - remember \$5 tickets (donation to the Scholarship program) are still available for a chance to win a bottle of your choice from a selection of beverages.

Cindy Crook #55834 would like names of “winners” of the candy toss that must meet the Bears and Books challenge at the Region VI Fall Meeting.

Adjourn with the Jaycee Creed – 2025/26 Region VI NVP Elect Rose Steen #57178

Secretary notes submitted by:

Vonita Gardner #63629

2024-2025 Region VI Secretary