

ACCT State Coordinator Report
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Presented by Diane Gallagher

OUR ACCT VISION: *To generate an environment that leads to the practice of exemplary governance and greater involvement and influence by community college boards as leading policymaking entities working on behalf of their communities.*



ACCT Board members: James Polk, Jeff May, and John Sanders from IL

Be a part of the move from “discussion” to “action”

Attend the **2011 ACCT National Legislative Summit on** Feb 14-16 (Sunday, 2/13 committees meet) at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. This gives you an opportunity to hear David Gregory from NBC’s Meet the Press, visit with congressional staff & delegation, attend a ACCT board meeting or committee meeting as an associate and attend the Community College Advocacy Academy, a pre-Summit event designed to help you understand the federal-level advocacy. The early bird **deadline is Dec 10**. February 12: ACCT Committee Meetings. Reserve your lodging now.

Make your board a model citizen within your community

Community colleges are finally being recognized as significant educational and economic engines for America’s local and national economies. As Tom Bennett, our newly retired ACCT chairman puts it, “Thanks to your support at the 2010 NLS and throughout the year, we have been able to pave the way for record federal assistance. Visiting Washington early in 2011 will enable you to help influence the national political agenda and express your appreciation of the unparalleled support that the federal government has given to community colleges.”

Invite your trustees to: NEW TRUSTEE ONE-DAY ACADEMY – 2/13, DC
Governance Leadership Institute 2011-March 16-18, Las Vegas, NV

Take Action to Serve on the ACCT Board

Candidates who plan to come before a nominating committee are required to submit written notification of their intent to run to the ACCT president at the Washington, D.C. office. Notification must be received with a return receipt postmark date of **Thursday, January 6, 2011** or by electronic mail (preferred method) to nominations@acct.org by close of business on Thursday, January 6, 2011.

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ACCT Nominating Committee - Craig Findley Lincoln Land -IL

Summit the ACCT Nominating Committee will meet and interview year nominations of candidates for Directors-at-Large (3 yr term) may be Voting Members or Regional Nominating Committees (each region has 5 yr terms) by submission of such name or names to the president no later year.

Lame Duck Congress Returns Next Week

The collective thinking on the \$5.7 billion Pell Grant shortfall is that Congress will not address it this year. Next year, Congress will likely be unable to address the Pell Grant shortfall unless they put the funding into an emergency spending bill, which it has done in past.

Tom Bennett & Col Pete Sercer, ACCT leaders gave input to White House Summit



Community college leaders attending last month’s [White House Summit on Community Colleges](#) left the event with a sense of validation of their work, as well as the inspiration needed for the job of reaching President Barack Obama’s goal of increasing college completion rates. Watch the Cspan video of closing summary.

Immediate Past Chair Tom Bennett - IL



2011 ACCT Chair Col Pete Sercer - SC

2011 ACCT Trust Fund Board Grant

Dec. 3 is the deadline for projects that engage or improve college governance, support college board activities, or enrich ACCT's service to trustees. ICCTA's program on public relations & media training has been a recent recipient.

Congratulations to ACCT Board & "Diversity Winners

Regional Director from Central Region – Celia Turner, Mott Community College, MI 3 yr term
Director –at-Large – Jean Torgeson, North Iowa Community College, IA 3 yr term
Diversity Committee – Robin Smith, Lansing Community College, MI 2 yr term
Nominating Committee – Craig Findley Lincoln Land –IL 2yr term

The AACC-ACCT Joint Commission on Federal Relations has been dissolved after a 28 year history of coordinating advocacy activity. The joint sessions held by the organizations' executive committees continue to serve that same purpose.

Balancing Community College Access with Success

VFA – Voluntary Framework of Accountability – measurement of CC outcomes & processes

<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Resources/aaccprograms/vfa/Pages/default.aspx>

There have been 8 institutions from various states that volunteered to be pilot sites. This initiative is funded by Gates and Lumina Foundations so watch ACCT site for additional measures that will be added. Colleges have been measured by the graduation data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) but community college students have different outcomes for success. One suggestion is "stackable" credentials. Six organizations, including ACCT & AACC have made a formal commitment to increase degrees and certificates by 50% by 2020. This was named the "Democracy's College Call to Action".

Grant Applications

GI's \$12 billion (American Graduation Initiative) was not enacted, but Community College & Career Training Program did provide \$2 billion. The Department of Labor is preparing to issue its first Solicitation of Grant Applications (SGA) for the Community College and Career Training Program. This program, funded via the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act enacted in late March, will provide \$500 million per year in fiscal years (FY) 2011 – 2014 for training and education programs at community colleges and other institutions. The Solicitation for Grant Applications for the first round of the Community College and Career Training Program (CCCTP), will now likely be issued in December. CCCTP is the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act program for community colleges and other institutions that received \$2 billion in funding in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act.

Future: Congress is currently out of session, and does not return to Washington until the week of November 15. The 112 Congress will begin Jan 3 with Illinois's 19 House seats in the House and 2 Senators (Durbin & Kirk).

Outlook for the 112th Senate:

The Senate in 2011 will have 53 Democrats (including 2 Independents who caucus with Democrats) and 47 Republicans (including one uncalled race, but the two front runners are Republicans). Senate leadership is not expected to change, with Majority Leader **Harry Reid** (D-NV) and Minority Leader **Mitch McConnell** (R-KY) retaining their posts. Additionally, the committee chairman will largely be unaffected, as Senator **Daniel Inouye** (D-HI) will remain as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and Senator **Tom Harkin** (D-IA) will remain as Chair of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Outlook for the 112th House of Representatives:

On the House side, the election brought about significant change, as the Republican party gained control of the House for the 112th Congress. The current election results are 239 Republicans and 188 Democrats, with 8 uncalled elections. Current Minority Leader **John Boehner** (R-OH) is expected to become the Speaker of the House, and current Minority Whip **Eric Cantor** (R-VA) is expected to be the Majority Leader. Rep. **Kevin McCarthy** (R-CA), a former trustee from [Kern Community College District](#), announced that he will seek the Majority Whip position.