

ICCTA *BOARD HIGHLIGHTS*

May 1, 2020

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its April 29, 2020 virtual meeting, held via Zoom:

- Acknowledged April as Community College Month ([#CCMonth](#)). Several trustees have shared their personal community college stories via ICCTA's newslist and social media;
- Noted that despite the cancellations of ICCTA's March 13-14 meetings and April 29 Lobby Day due to COVID-19 restrictions, trustees and presidents remain connected through technology;
- Discussed the confusion surrounding the U.S. Department of Education's [CARES Act guidance](#). The Community College Association Executives will send a letter to all member of Congress that requests three items:
 - Increased institutional flexibility in using emergency funding for essential college services;
 - Student relief funding guidelines that reflect the diversity of student populations (especially low-income, first generation, and DACA students); and
 - A substantial increase in higher education relief funds;
- Learned that U.S. Sen. Richard Durbin will soon release his annual letter to high school principals regarding for-profit colleges. In his letter, Sen. Durbin will recommend that students enroll at community colleges because of their low cost and quality education options;
- Asked ICCTA to seek clarification on CARES Act reporting requirements (**ICCTA Update:** *Association of Community College Trustees and American Association of Community Colleges attorneys have since advised ICCTA that neither students nor institutions need to track how students spend the money. The only requirement for the institution is that it discloses the formula used to determine how those funds are being distributed to students.*)
- Heard an update on Gov. JB Pritzker's upcoming Executive Order that modifies the state's stay-at-home restrictions, which will be issued May 1 and extend through May 30;
- Learned that the Illinois Community College Board has created a short-term Transition Back to Campus Committee to develop a statewide, consistent response to issues such as on-campus operations, classroom instruction, enrollment trends, student support, and health and safety;
- Heard that ICCB is seeking \$18-20 million for the Illinois community college system from CARES Act discretionary emergency relief funds;
- Were informed that ICCB will extend all FY 2020 state grants until June 30, 2021, allowing programs additional time to spend those funds;

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- Received an update on the Illinois General Assembly, which has not yet set a date to reconvene for its spring 2020 session. ICCTA, ICCB, and the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents continue to advocate for a \$15 million Monetary Award Program set-aside for community college students and for state funding for the Illinois community college system at FY20 levels;
- Learned that the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly reduced the state's gas tax and video gaming revenues, which is impacting community college capital funding. Colleges should be in contact with ICCB and their local legislators regarding the status of their construction projects;
- Heard a report that the Illinois Workers Compensation Commission has withdrawn its [emergency rule](#) that would have allowed essential workers who become ill from COVID-19 to claim benefits, even if they could not prove they caught the virus while on the job;
- Were informed of the Presidents Council's meeting with four-year universities regarding admission and transfer issues;
- Notified trustees that ICCTA's June 5-6 50th anniversary convention has been cancelled. The Association is exploring options for rescheduling the annual awards banquet in September; and
- Were informed that the ICCTA Nominating Committee is recommending the following candidates for 2020-2021 ICCTA office:
 - **Jon Looney** (Black Hawk) – vice president
 - **Mandy Little** (Logan) – treasurer

In addition, the nomination period for the position of 2020-2021 ICCTA secretary has been reopened until May 6. Interested trustees should submit [an application and a letter of support from their board of trustees](#); candidates will be interviewed on May 7 via Zoom.

For community college-specific information on the COVID-19 crisis, visit the Illinois Community College Board's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Updates and Resources page](#).

**The annual meeting of the ICCTA Board of Representatives will take place
on Saturday morning, June 6, 2020, via Zoom.**

Contact ICCTA at iccta@communitycolleges.org or 1-800-454-2282 for information

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2020

- May 31 Scheduled adjournment of the Illinois General Assembly

JUNE 2020

- June 3-5 [State Universities Retirement System meeting](#), location TBA
- June 6 ICCTA annual meeting, via videoconference
- June 9 [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago
- June 12 [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield, and Forest View Administration Center, District 214 Central Office, Arlington Heights
- June 18 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), Michael A. Bilandic Building, Chicago

JULY 2020

- Date TBD [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#) (subject to call)

AUGUST 2020

- Date TBD [Illinois Community College Board retreat](#), location TBD
- August 4 [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), via videoconference
- August 14-15 ICCTA Executive Committee retreat, Heartland Community College, Normal

SEPTEMBER 2020

- Sept. 10-11 Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, location TBD
[State Universities Retirement System meeting](#), location TBD
- Sept. 11 [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Crisp Community College Center, Springfield
- Sept. 11-12 ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, location TBD
- Sept. 15 [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- Sept. 17 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), Michael A. Bilandic Building, Chicago
- Sept. 30 [Association of Community College Trustees' Leadership Congress](#), Hyatt Regency Chicago

OCTOBER 2020

- Oct. 1-3 [Association of Community College Trustees' Leadership Congress](#), Hyatt Regency Chicago
- Oct. 15 [State Universities Retirement System meeting](#), location TBA

NOVEMBER 2020

- Nov. 12-13 Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, location TBD
[Illinois Council of Community College Administrators / Illinois Community College Faculty Association conference](#), I Hotel Conference Center, Champaign
- Nov. 13-14 ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, location TBD

DECEMBER 2020

- Dec. 3 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), Michael A. Bilandic Building, Chicago
- Dec. 3-4 [State Universities Retirement System meeting](#), location TBA
- Dec. 4 [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
- Dec. 8 [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), Malcolm X College, Chicago