

ICCTA *BOARD HIGHLIGHTS*

February 13, 2009

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its February 9, 2008, meeting at the Wardman Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the 2009 Community College National Legislative Summit:

- Adopted ICCTA's 2009 state legislative agenda (enclosed). ICCTA already has filed two bills for consideration: 1) legislation allowing community colleges to accept electronic bids; and 2) a bill clarifying the term of office for student trustees;
- Heard that the Illinois Board of Higher Education has proposed five different budget scenarios for FY 2010, depending upon available state resources and funding priorities;
- Were informed that ICCTA and Illinois Presidents Council leaders plan to meet with new Governor Pat Quinn within the next few weeks;
- Learned that ICCTA's Lobby Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, in Springfield;
- Welcomed Association of Community College Trustees president/CEO Noah Brown and chair-elect Tom Bennett (Parkland), who reviewed community colleges' federal legislative priorities for 2009 (enclosed). Brown commented that Illinois participants comprised nearly 15 percent of the registrants at the 2009 Summit;
- Encouraged trustees and presidents to participate in ICCTA's February 10 meeting with U.S. Sen. Richard J. Durbin and February 11 meeting with U.S. Sen. Roland W. Burris;
- Learned that the ACCT Trust Fund has awarded ICCTA a \$10,000 grant for its proposed statewide media training project. The association will offer its first trustee media training session in March;
- Received an update on ICCTA's public relations campaign. The association's PR Committee will sponsor strategic planning sessions in March and June to develop short- and long-term goals;
- Heard reports on the Illinois Community College Sustainability Network (enclosed), the Illinois Board of Higher Education, IBHE's Public Agenda for College and Career Success, and state task forces on dual credit, dropout students, and Latino students;
- Encouraged trustees to consider running for ICCTA office. Nominations will close April 24, and candidate interviews will take place in Springfield in conjunction with the April 28 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Congratulated ICCTA president Jeff May (Joliet) on his nomination for the ACCT board, acknowledged George Lowe (McHenry) for his work with the ACCT Central Region Nominating Committee, and noted that Don Patton (Shawnee) served on a panel discussing ICCTA's PR campaign during ACCT's "Advocacy Focus" panel on February 11;
- Were informed that the ICCTA Trustee Education Committee will sponsor a follow-up discussion in March to last year's "Diversity in Illinois Higher Education" seminar; and
- Invited trustees to attend ICCTA's Women in Leadership breakfast on February 11.



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ENCLOSURES

- ICCTA's 2009 state legislative agenda
- 2009 community college federal legislative priorities
- Fact sheet on the Illinois Community College Sustainability Network

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 13 Illinois Presidents Council meetings, Oak Brook Marriott Hotel, Oak Brook
ICCTA seminar and board/committee meetings, Oak Brook
Illinois Community College Board Student Advisory Committee meetings & dinner, Oak Brook
- March 20 Illinois Community College Board meeting, College of Lake County, Grayslake
- March 26 ICCTA Southwest Region meeting, Kaskaskia College, Centralia
- March 30 ICCTA Southeast Region meeting, Southeastern Illinois College, Harrisburg
- April 3 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, William Rainey Harper College, Palatine
- April 4-7 American Association of Community Colleges' annual convention, Phoenix, Arizona
- April 7 Local trustee elections
- April 22 Phi Theta Kappa honors banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
- April 23 Illinois Community College Board Student Advisory Committee Lobby Day, Springfield
- April 28 ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, Springfield
- April 29 ICCTA Lobby Day, Springfield

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ICCTA COMMITTEE PROJECTS, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING CHAIRS:

- Awards – Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College
- Bylaws – George Lowe, McHenry County College
- Diversity – Reggie Coleman, John Wood Community College
- Executive – Jeff May, Joliet Junior College
- Finance – Dr. Joan DiLeonardi, Oakton Community College
- Nominating – Dr. Clare Ollayos, Elgin Community College
- Government Relations – Jim Ayers, Parkland College
- Public Relations – Don Patton, Shawnee Community College
- Trustee Education – James Polk, Illinois Central College / Ed Ledvina, Morton College
- Women in Leadership – Peg Donohue, Prairie State College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the Oak Brook Marriott Hotel in Oak Brook.***