

ICCTA CONVENTION AND BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June 13, 2007

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its June 9, 2007, meeting at the Chicago City Centre Hotel in Chicago:

- Heard an update on the spring 2007 legislative session. The Illinois General Assembly is now in overtime session with little agreement on the FY 2008 budget;
- Learned that House Bill 3504 has passed both houses and will be sent to the Governor for review. HB 3504 clarifies that community colleges are units of local government under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act;
- Voted to support Kaskaskia College's efforts to oppose Senate Bill 1876, which would require KC trustees to be elected by subdistricts determined by the General Assembly without a voter referendum;
- Heard a keynote presentation by **Dr. Patricia Stanley** of the U.S. Department of Education regarding new federal education initiatives;
- Received a report on the Board Chairs Council and ICCTA Executive Committee's meeting with **Judy Erwin**, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and **Carrie Hightman**, the new chair of IBHE;
- Approved a comprehensive revision of the ICCTA Bylaws;
- Elected ICCTA's 2007-2008 officers by unanimous ballot:
 - * **Jeff May** (Joliet) – Vice president
 - * **Vickie Miller** (Danville) – Secretary
 - * **Dr. Joan DiLeonardi** (Oakton) – TreasurerICCTA's current vice president, **Kathy Wessel** (DuPage), will assume the presidency on July 1, succeeding **Dr. Clare Ollayos** (Elgin).;
- Were informed that the Illinois Presidents Council is developing a statewide image campaign about Illinois' community colleges;
- Learned that the Presidents Council has elected the following officers for 2007-2008:
 - * **Terry Bruce** (Illinois Eastern) -- President
 - * **Dr. Robert Mees** (Logan) -- Vice president
 - * **Dr. Jerry Weber** (Kankakee) – Secretary/treasurer**Dr. Keith Miller** (Black Hawk) will conclude his one-year term as president on June 30;
- Received an update on the statewide Community College Economic Impact Study. The Illinois Community College Board will promote the study through a media campaign and editorial visits;
- Learned that the state's "Ready Illinois" homeland security initiative will be launched this summer at four community colleges: the College of DuPage, Illinois Central College, John A. Logan College, and Malcolm X College;

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- Recognized ICCTA's officers, regional chairs, committee chairs, and task force/organizational liaisons for 2006-2007;
- Reminded trustees of several upcoming events:
 - * July 11-13 Association of Community College Trustees' Governance Institute in Reno
 - * Aug. 10-11 ICCTA Executive Committee retreat in Lombard
 - * Sept. 26-29 ACCT Congress in San Diego
 - * Nov. 16 Leadership and Core Values Institute (in conjunction with the Nov. 14-16 Illinois Council of Community College Administrators' conference) in Tinley Park
- Recognized the sponsors of ICCTA's annual convention:
 - * Illinois Community College Risk Management Consortium (ICCTA President's Reception)
 - * Illinois Community College System Foundation (Paul Simon Student Essay Contest)
 - * Illinois Community College Procurement Consortium (Friday luncheon)
 - * Accurate Biometrics (Friday luncheon)

ENCLOSURE

- List of 2007 ICCTA award winners

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
on Saturday, September 15, 2007, at the Holiday Inn in Champaign.***