

# ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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March 23, 2004

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 20, 2004, meeting at the Northfield Inn and Suites Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois:

- Discussed the recommendations of the Illinois Community College Board's Adult Education Funding Task Force. The proposed changes – which are still being modified by the ICCB Task Force – would establish a uniform formula for the distribution of funds;
- Heard that ICCTA will participate in the Illinois Education Association's March 24 Lobby Day in Springfield. ICCTA is working in coalition with IEA and other labor unions to lobby for increased state funding of higher education;
- Reminded trustees that **ICCTA's Lobby Day is Wednesday, April 28**, in Springfield;
- Expressed support for a resolution for equitable state funding for the Illinois community college system;
- Approved the association's FY 2005 budget, which will require no dues increase for member colleges;
- Accepted the ICCTA Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2004-2005:
  - \* Tom Bennett (Parkland) – Vice president
  - \* Dr. Clare Ollayos (Elgin) – Secretary
  - \* Jim Beasley (Kaskaskia) – Treasurer

A total of five candidates had applied for consideration for ICCTA office. The ICCTA Board of Representatives will elect officers at its June 19 annual meeting in Springfield;

- Learned that units of local government, including community college districts, must **adopt model ethics policies by May 19** in order to comply with new state law. A model ethics policy is available on the Illinois Attorney General's web site at [http://www.ag.state.il.us/government/ethics\\_ordinance.html](http://www.ag.state.il.us/government/ethics_ordinance.html).
- Were informed of the following upcoming ICCTA regional meetings:
  - \* South Suburban Region – April 1 at Kankakee Community College
  - \* Southeast Region – April 12 at Shawnee Community College
  - \* West Central Region -- April 20 at John Wood Community College
- Received a list of ICCTA regional chairs for 2004-05:
  - \* North Suburban Region – Dr. Joan DiLeonardi (Oakton)
  - \* South Suburban Region – Richard Frey (Kankakee)
  - \* West Suburban Region – Kathy Wessel (DuPage)
  - \* West Central Region – Dave Maguire (Spoon River)
  - \* Southwest Region – James Lane (Illinois Eastern)
  - \* Northwest Region – Ed Andersen (Sauk Valley)
  - \* East Central Region – Carol Chiligris (Richland)
  - \* Southeast Region – Don Patton (Shawnee)
  - \* City Colleges – James Tyree (CCC)



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- Welcomed Tom Brophy as ICCTA's newest Associate Member;
- Heard that the ICCTA Finance Committee has been asked to develop a proposal regarding ICCTA Life Memberships;
- Received an update from the ICCTA Executive Director Search Committee. The Executive Committee has approved the proposed job description and position qualifications. Advertising is scheduled to start on April 19, with the review of applications beginning on June 11. The Search Committee will then recommend the names of two or three finalists to the Executive Committee, which will interview the candidates and make the final recommendation to the ICCTA Board of Representatives;
- Were told that the Illinois Auditor General's office may propose limits on how long a community college may retain the same independent auditor;
- Learned of these upcoming Association of Community College Trustees events:
  - \* May 19 -- deadline for ACCT awards
  - \* June 23-26 – Central Region Seminar, Baltimore
  - \* October 6-9 – Annual convention, New Orleans; and
- Congratulated Highland Community College on its successful education fund referendum on March 16.

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place in conjunction with LOBBY DAY on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the Renaissance Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.***