

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 18, 2008

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 15, 2008, meeting at the Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort in Oak Brook, Illinois:

- Observed a moment of silence for trustee **Patrick Botterman** (Harper) and former trustee **Dr. James H. Griffith** (Prairie State);
- Learned that **House Bill 4189** (which clarifies that community colleges are units of local government under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act) has passed the House and will be considered by the Senate. Trustees should ask their state senators to co-sponsor this bill;
- Were informed that the Illinois House of Representatives is holding regional hearings on the state's Fiscal Year 2009 budget needs. ICCTA is coordinating trustee testimony at the sessions;
- Voted to support **HB 4903**, which requires publishers to disclose the actual cost and revision history of their textbooks and to sell "unbundled" versions of textbooks and supplemental materials;
- Were reminded that ICCTA's Lobby Day will take place April 30 in Springfield;
- Heard that ICCTA joined with other community college advocates at a February 20 news conference prior to the Governor's FY09 budget address. The newly formed Coalition for Community College Funding urged the governor and state lawmakers to make Illinois community colleges a priority in budget deliberations;
- Received an update on ICCTA's statewide public relations campaign. Billboards promoting "*Community Colleges. Illinois' Best Investment!*" will be unveiled in Chicago on March 26;
- Learned that ICCTA will offer media training to trustees at the June annual convention;
- Heard that the ICCTA Trustee Education Committee is planning seminars on presidential searches, academic freedom, campus security, board chair/college president relations, financial reports, and small board procedures;
- Were informed that Association of Community College Trustees board chair **Lynda Stanley** has asked national and state diversity committees to focus on poverty issues;
- Received a report on the Illinois Community College Board's College and Career Readiness Project, which is a three-year pilot program designed to decrease the need for remedial coursework at the community college level;
- Expressed concern regarding questionable community college data cited by the Illinois Board of Higher Education during its March 14 "Public Agenda for College and Career Success" presentation. ICCTA will communicate those concerns to IBHE's staff and study consultants;
- Adopted the association's FY 09 budget, which includes a very modest dues increase;
- Heard that ICCTA's Women in Leadership Committee is continuing to collect information on trustee skills and backgrounds for its Resource Directory project;

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- Were informed that ICCTA representatives will be surveyed on future meeting locations at the April 29 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Learned that the following trustees will be running for board/committee posts during ACCT's annual Congress this fall: **Tom Bennett** (Parkland) – Central Region director; **James Polk** (Illinois Central) – director at-large, and **Jody Wadwha** (Oakton) – Diversity Committee;
- Congratulated trustee **John Huston** (Sandburg) on his selection as Carthage's "Citizen of the Year"; and
- Heard that the ICCTA Executive Committee has approved **Dominic Demonica** as ICCTA's newest Associate Member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 25 ICCTA West Central Region meeting, Black Hawk College East Campus, Kewanee
- March 27 ICCTA Southwest Region meeting, Kaskaskia College, Centralia
- March 31 Illinois Community College Board meeting, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove
- April 1 Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, Illinois State University, Normal
- April 2-3 Homeland Security and Emergency Response Institute, Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington
- April 4 Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting, University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield
- April 5 - 8 American Association of Community Colleges' annual convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- April 10 ICCTA Southeast Region meeting, Carmi campus, Southeastern Illinois College
- April 14 Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois awards banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
- April 15 ICCB Student Advisory Committee Lobby Day, Springfield
- April 16 - 18 ICCTA Professional Administrative Assistants Conference, City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago
- April 29 ICCTA / Illinois Presidents Council meetings, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
- April 30 ICCTA Lobby Day, Springfield

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

- Awards – Carol Chiligris, Richland Community College
- Bylaws – George Lowe, McHenry County College
- Diversity – Reggie Coleman, John Wood Community College / James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Executive – Kathy Wessel, College of DuPage
- Finance – Dr. Joan DiLeonardi, Oakton Community College
- Nominating – William Kelley, William Rainey Harper College
- Government Relations – Roger Rutherford, Lincoln Land Community College
- Public Relations – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County / Don Patton, Shawnee Community College
- Trustee Education – John Huston, Carl Sandburg College
- Women in Leadership – Peg Donohue, Prairie State College / Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield.***