

# ICCTA *BOARD HIGHLIGHTS*

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March 18, 2009

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 14, 2009, meeting at the Marriott Oak Brook Hotel in Oak Brook, Illinois:

- Received an update on the spring 2009 session of the Illinois General Assembly. Governor Pat Quinn will deliver his budget address on March 18 and is expected to call for an increase in the personal income tax;
- Learned that ICCTA president Jeff May (Joliet) testified on behalf of community college funding at the March 12 Illinois Senate Appropriations Committee hearing in Springfield;
- Urged trustees to participate in ICCTA Lobby Day on Wednesday, April 29 in Springfield;
- Agreed to maintain ICCTA's "monitor" position on **House Bill 2253**, which would mandate the arming of sworn campus safety officers;
- Voted to support an amendment to **Senate Bill 1346** that would allow the collection of revenue to fund a workforce training center, operated jointly by Joliet Junior College and Prairie State College, on the grounds of the proposed South Suburban Airport;
- Acknowledged the concerns of the Student Advisory Committee of the Illinois Community College Board regarding **HB 2330**, which would limit a student trustee to a single one-year term of office. ICCTA had introduced the legislation as a "shell bill" and will delete the language referring to term limits;
- Were informed that Gov. Quinn has appointed trustee Jake Rendleman (Logan) and president Dr. Dale Chapman (Lewis and Clark) to a statewide board to review Illinois' spending priorities;
- Thanked trustee Carol Chiligris (Richland) for her service as state coordinator for the Association of Community College Trustees, and recommended the appointment of Diane Gallagher (Highland) to complete her term of office;
- Were informed that the Illinois Presidents Council has elected its officers for 2009-2010:
  - \* Dr. John Erwin (Illinois Central) – president
  - \* Dr. Jerry Weber (Lake County) – vice president
  - \* Dr. Gayle Saunders (Richland) – secretary/treasurer
- Learned that the Presidents Council will sponsor an orientation session this fall for the 15 new presidents in the Illinois community college system. Five additional colleges are conducting presidential searches this spring;
- Heard that the Board Chairs Council discussed ROTC programs, movie theater advertising, and pay scales for allied health faculty, among other issues;
- Were notified that the ICCTA Board of Representatives will vote on the association's FY2010 budget at its April 28 meeting in Springfield;
- Encouraged trustees to consider running for ICCTA office. The Nominating Committee will interview interested candidates on April 28; and
- Reviewed ICCTA's March 13 presentations on diversity in higher education, best practices in public relations strategies, and the federal stimulus package's potential impact on community college sustainability efforts.



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### March

- March 20 Illinois Community College Board meeting, College of Lake County, Grayslake
- March 24 ICCTA West Central Region meeting, John Wood Community College, Quincy
- March 26 ICCTA Southwest Region meeting, Kaskaskia College, Centralia
- March 30 ICCTA Southeast Region meeting, Southeastern Illinois College, Harrisburg

#### April

- April 3 Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting, William Rainey Harper College, Palatine
- April 4-7 American Association of Community Colleges' annual convention, Phoenix, Arizona
- April 7 Local trustee elections
- April 14 ICCTA East Central Region meeting, Danville Area Community College, Danville
- April 15 ICCTA North Suburban Region meeting, College of Lake County, Grayslake
- April 15-16 Homeland Security and Emergency Response Institute, Hilton Hotel, Springfield
- April 22 Phi Theta Kappa honors banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
- April 23 Illinois Community College Board Student Advisory Committee Advocacy Day, Springfield
- April 24 Deadline to submit nominations for ICCTA office
- April 25 ICCTA West Suburban Region meeting, location TBA
- April 28 Illinois Presidents Council meetings, 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  
Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield.***