

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 14, 2006

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its November 11, 2006, meeting at the InterContinental Hotel in Chicago, Illinois:

- Observed a moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day and recognized those trustees who had served in the military;
- Received an update on litigation to clarify the status of Illinois community colleges as units of local government under the Illinois State Officials and Employees Ethics Act;
- Learned that ICCTA and the Illinois Presidents Council are drafting criteria for the Illinois Board of Higher Education to consider in preparing the state's FY 2008 higher education budget request;
- Voted to support legislation that would give community colleges the authority to impose impact fees if they so choose, and to oppose legislation that would restrict that authority. Impact fees can only be used for construction or facilities renewal;
- Thanked state Sen. **Ed Maloney**, chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee, for his presentation during ICCTA's Nov. 10 luncheon;
- Reaffirmed ICCTA's plans to hold its next Board of Representative meeting in conjunction with the February 12-14 National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. U.S. Senators **Richard Durbin** and **Barack Obama** will be invited to attend the February 12 ICCTA board meeting;
- Agreed to send a letter to the Illinois Community College Board supporting the continuation of a separate funding stream for the federal Tech-Prep program. A new provision in the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act gives states the flexibility to combine either all, or a portion, of their Tech-Prep grant with funds received under the basic state grant;
- Were updated on the work of the House Joint Resolution 122 Task Force on Community Colleges, the Governor's task forces on truancy and dropout students, ICCTA's ad hoc task force on continuing legal education credit courses, the Senate Joint Resolution 91 Task Force on the College Insurance Program, and the new Illinois Center for Nursing;
- Were informed that ICCTA's 2007 Lobby Day will take place either the last week of April or the first week in May, depending upon the schedule of the Illinois General Assembly;
- Welcomed retired trustee **Kris Howard** (Harper) as ICCTA's newest Lifetime Member;
- Learned that ICCTA will survey board chairs about their interest in and availability to participate in a Board Chairs Council. The initial organizational meeting of the Council is planned in conjunction with ICCTA's March 9-10 meetings in Schaumburg;
- Heard that the ICCTA Diversity Committee will survey colleges on their marketing efforts to minority students. The findings will be compiled in a written report and may be the basis for a future ICCTA seminar;

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- Were informed that the ICCTA Finance Committee will continue to monitor the association's new tiered registration scale, which was implemented on a temporary basis in September. Preliminary findings indicate that the group discount rates have led to an increase in trustee attendance at ICCTA seminars;
- Congratulated the following individuals and colleges on their achievements at the Oct. 11-14 Association of Community College Trustees' Congress in Orlando:
 - **Tom Bennett** (Parkland) – ACCT secretary/treasurer (the first Illinois trustee elected to national ACCT office)
 - **Jim Ayers** (Parkland) – recipient of the national M. Dale Ensign Trustee Award, and member of the ACCT / American Association of Community Colleges' Joint Commission on Federal Relations
 - **Dave Maguire** (Spoon River) -- chair of the ACCT Central Region
 - **James Polk** (Illinois Central) -- chair of the ACCT Diversity Committee and incoming member of the ACCT board
 - **Roger Rutherford** (Lincoln Land) – chair of the ACCT Central Region Nominating Committee;
 - **Danville Area Community College** – recipient of the national William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award and the ACCT Central Region's Equity Award
 - **Mike Monaghan** (ICCTA executive director) – chair of the National Council of State Association Chief Executives;
- Learned that ICCTA's March 9 seminar will focus on alternative education programs. The June 8-9 annual convention will feature sessions on leadership development for all levels of trustee experience; and
- Were informed that ICCB's Leadership and Core Values Committee has been reconstituted and is planning to hold an institute on Nov. 15-16, 2007 in Tinley Park.

Upcoming events

- Nov. 7 - Jan. 29, 2007: Period to circulate candidate petitions for the April 17, 2007 trustee elections
- Nov. 14-16 & 28-30: Illinois General Assembly veto session in Springfield
- Nov. 15-17: Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference in Decatur
- Nov. 17: Illinois Community College Board meeting at John Wood Community College in Quincy
- Nov. 17: Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting at Northwestern University in Evanston
- Dec. 5: Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting at Harold Washington College in Chicago
- Jan. 18-19, 2007: Illinois Presidents Council meetings in Springfield
- Jan. 29 - Feb. 5, 2007: Filing period for candidates in the April 17, 2007 trustee elections

For additional information on ICCTA committee projects, contact the following chairs:

- Awards – Carol Chiligris, Richland Community College
- Bylaws – Roger Rutherford, Lincoln Land Community College
- Diversity – Fred Leggett, Black Hawk College and James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Executive – Dr. Clare Ollayos, Elgin Community College
- Finance – Jerry Wright, Illinois Central College
- Nominating – William Kelley, William Rainey Harper College
- Government Relations – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County
- Trustee Education – Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College
- Women in Leadership – Cindy Brand and Shiney Thomas-Jacob, Heartland Community College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
in conjunction with the ACCT National Legislative Summit on
Monday, February 12, 2007, at the Wardman Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C.***