

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 18, 2008

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its November 15, 2008, meeting at the Doubletree Chicago Magnificent Mile Hotel in Chicago, Illinois:

- Learned that ICCTA is working with the Illinois Presidents Council, the Illinois Community College Board, and other community college advocates to protect education funding in light of anticipated mid-year budget recisions;
- Heard that ICCTA has been asked to support proposed campus security legislation, including a provision to allow arming of sworn campus safety officers. The Association will review this issue and adopt its 2009 legislative agenda at its February 2009 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Welcomed Noah Brown, president/CEO of the Association of Community College Trustees, who provided an update on ACCT initiatives in the areas of poverty, voluntary accountability, legislative advocacy, and college governance;
- Recognized the following trustees for their accomplishments at ACCT's 2009 Community College Congress:
 - Tom Bennett (Parkland) – first Illinois trustee to become chair-elect of ACCT
 - James Polk (Illinois Central) – elected to ACCT board
 - George Lowe (McHenry) – elected to Central Region Nominating Committee
 - Jim Beasley (Kaskaskia) – recipient of Central Region Trustee Achievement Award
 - Jim Ayers (Parkland) – appointed to ACCT Trust Fund board and Joint Commission on Federal Relations
 - Dave Maguire (Spoon River) – retiring from ACCT board; appointed to Joint Commission on Federal Relations
- Encouraged trustees to attend the Community College National Legislative Summit on February 9-11, 2009, in Washington, D.C. ICCTA will schedule its board meeting for February 9 to coincide with the Summit;
- Were informed of the Presidents Council's partnership with the Illinois National Guard to provide support services to military personnel and their families;
- Approved \$25,000 to expand ICCTA's statewide public relations campaign, with donations provided by ICCTA and members of the Coalition for Community College Funding. The campaign will begin with local editorial board visits by trustees, presidents, and ICCB officials;

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- Learned that ICCTA will resubmit its proposal for a Statewide Trustee Media Training grant to the ACCT Trust Fund board;
- Received updates on the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Public Agenda for College and Career Success, the American Diploma Project, the Gates Foundation, and state task forces on dual credit, dropout students, Latino students, African-American males, and older adults;
- Learned of record attendance at ICCTA's November 14 seminars on wind energy and legal/legislative issues. Upcoming seminar topics will include international education and a review of the state budget process;
- Encouraged local colleges to refer to their Core Values statements when dealing with difficult board or hiring issues;
- Received reports from the Board Chairs Council, the Illinois Presidents Council, the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and the Illinois Community College System Foundation;
- Were informed that ICCTA has decided to discontinue its sponsorship of the statewide College Bowl state tournament; and
- Thanked the law firm of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd., for sponsoring the November 15 breakfast.

Upcoming events

- Nov. 19-20: Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference, Decatur
- Nov. 19-21: Illinois General Assembly fall veto session
- Nov. 21: Leadership and Core Values Institute, Decatur
- Nov. 21: Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting, National-Louis University, Chicago
- Nov. 25: Illinois Community College Board meeting, Heartland Community College, Normal
- Dec. 9: Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, National-Louis College, Chicago

For additional 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
- Government Relations – Jim Ayers, Parkland College
- Public Relations – Don Patton, Shawnee Community College
- Trustee Education – James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Women in Leadership – Peg Donohue, Prairie State College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on
Monday, February 9, 2009, at the Wardman Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C.***