

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

"Nobody Does It Better than ICCTA!"

October 5, 2005

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its October 1, 2005, meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois:

- Observed a moment of silence for Chris Ringhausen, one of the founding trustees of Lewis and Clark Community College and the ICCTA;
- Previewed the Illinois General Assembly's fall veto session (October 24-26 and November 2-4). Possible issues include House Joint Resolution 24 (which would create a Joint Task Force on Community Colleges), pension reform legislation, and the inclusion of the City Colleges of Chicago in the state's community college retirees health insurance program;
- Learned that the Illinois Community College Board is seeking federal reimbursement for college expenses associated with the recent hurricane relief efforts;
- Were informed that \$600,000 in state funding has been restored for minority transfer centers at Illinois community colleges;
- Adopted an association policy on recommending currently serving trustees for appointment to the ICCB;
- Reviewed ICCTA's four goals for the year: 1) increased awareness of community college issues; 2) sharing of best practices; 3) coordinated efforts on state and federal lobbying; and 4) enhanced member participation;
- Discussed the draft report of the ICCB Baccalaureate Degree Access Task Force. The Task Force is seeking feedback until October 21 and will hold a public hearing in Springfield on October 28;
- Acknowledged Jim Ayers (Parkland) upon the conclusion of his term on the board of the Association of Community College Trustees, and congratulated the following individuals on their election to various ACCT offices: Dave Maguire (Spoon River) – chair, Central Region; Tom Bennett (Parkland) – director-at-large, ACCT board; James Polk (Illinois Central) – vice chair, Diversity Committee; Jake Rendleman (Logan) – chair, Central Region Nominating Committee; and Mike Monaghan (ICCTA) – vice president, National Council of State Association Chief Executives;
- Encouraged trustees to attend the ACCT National Legislative Summit on February 5-8, 2006, in Washington, D.C. ICCTA will hold a Board of Representatives meeting in conjunction with this event;
- Learned that new ACCT president Noah Brown will attend ICCTA's March 2006 meeting in Rosemont;
- Viewed the Illinois community college system's new 40th anniversary DVD;
- Received the association's FY 2005 audit. There were no findings in the "clean" audit; and
- Thanked 3D/I for sponsoring the dessert break during ICCTA's September 30 seminars.

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Upcoming regional meetings

- Northwest – October 19 at Kishwaukee College
- North Suburban – TBA
- South Suburban – November 3 at Joliet Junior College (tentative)
- West Suburban – October 25 at the College of DuPage
- West Central – October 25 at Dallas City (tentative)
- East Central – TBA
- Southeast – October 27 at John A. Logan College
- Southwest – October 24 at Southwestern Illinois College

Enclosures

- News release on the passing of Lewis and Clark / ICCTA founder Chris Ringhausen
- ICCTA policy on recommending sitting trustees to serve on the Illinois Community College Board
- Registration form -- November 9 Higher Education Summit

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

- Awards – Dr. Joan DiLeonardi, Oakton Community College
- Bylaws – Roger Rutherford, Lincoln Land Community College
- Diversity – James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Executive – Tom Bennett, Parkland College
- Finance – Jerry Wright, Illinois Central College
- Nominating – Carol Chiligris, Richland Community College
- Government Relations – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County
- Trustee Education – Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College
- Women in Leadership – Cindy Brand, Heartland Community College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at the Swissotel Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.***

Sitting Trustee Policy Recommendation

Background

Based on the passage of SB2112 amending 110 ILCS 805/21 (P.A. 94-0157), which became effective July 1, 2005, one criteria the governor must consider is filling future appointment vacancies to the Illinois Community College Board either by resignation, death, expiration or other action resulting in a vacancy on the Illinois Community College Board is giving consideration to a sitting Illinois Community College Trustee.

Because of the timing involved and due to current vacancies on the Board, the ICCTA Executive Committee has recommended Jake Rendleman be considered for initial appointment on the Illinois Community College Board.

At its planning retreat held on Friday, August 19, 2005 and Saturday, August 20, 2005 at the offices of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association in Springfield, it was recommended that the Ad Hoc By Laws Committee of ICCTA meet and develop a proposed policy to deal with future recommendations for appointment to fill vacancies to the Illinois Community College Board.

The Ad Hoc By Laws Committee in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Public Policy Committee hereby recommends the following to the ICCTA membership for consideration:

The ICCTA Executive Committee shall make a recommendation to the Governor for consideration to fill a vacancy on the Illinois Community College Board based on legislation passed by the Illinois General Assembly SB2112 amending 110 ILCS 805/21 and signed by the Governor as P.A. 94-0157, and became effective July 1, 2005.

The Executive Committee shall consider the following criteria when making their recommendation to the Governor for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Illinois Community College Board.

- A current sitting Community College trustee with at least 2 years remaining on his or her term of office
- Active in ICCTA activities during term of office of college trustee
- Advance notice of ethical requirements for successful appointment to Illinois Community College Board by providing prospective applicants a copy of State of Illinois Ethics Questionnaire to predetermine ethical issues in advance.

**Adopted by the ICCTA Board of Representatives
October 1, 2005
Springfield, Illinois**