

# ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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September 18, 2007

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its September 15, 2007, meeting at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Urbana:

- Received updates on local control issues involving the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. ICCTA is pursuing several strategies to protect the local autonomy of community colleges:
  1. Asked trustees to contact their state representatives regarding the Governor's veto of House Bill 3504 and:
    - Ask them to hear a motion to override HB 3504; and
    - Ask them to vote to support an override of the HB 3504 veto.  
(HB 3504 clarifies that community colleges are units of local government under the Ethics Act.)
  2. Received an update on the August 21 court decision that ruled that community colleges are considered units of local government under the Ethics Act. The Illinois Executive Inspector General has until September 20 to appeal this decision;
- Agreed to send an open letter to Gov. Rod Blagojevich (and statewide media) indicating that "community college students are not pork," and that his proposed budget cuts directly affect community college programs and services throughout the state;
- Received a "thank you" from Kaskaskia College for opposing House Bill 1876, which requires Kaskaskia trustees to be elected by subdistricts;
- Agreed to send a letter to U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean (8<sup>th</sup> District - Illinois) expressing ICCTA's concern with her "NO" vote on federal Perkins funding and to inquire about her rationale for this vote;
- Were encouraged to submit suggestions for ICCTA's 2008 legislative agenda, which will be discussed at the committee's November meeting and adopted at the February 2008 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Received the association's 2007 audit. There were no findings in the "clean" audit;
- Learned that ICCTA will apply for a grant from the Association of Community College Trustees' Trust Fund to provide media training for trustees;
- Heard an update on the Governor's Task Force on Re-Enrolling Students Who Dropped Out of School. The task force may propose new programs and state funding that could positively impact community colleges;
- Were informed that the ICCTA Diversity Committee will be conducting a survey on college diversity statements/goals and on minority recruitment methods;
- Learned that the ICCTA Executive Committee is developing a formal policy for seminar and conference sponsorships;

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- Previewed the Sept. 26-29 Association of Community College Trustees' annual Congress in San Diego. Illinois will receive two of the ACCT Central Region's five awards: the Chief Executive Officer Award (Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs of Danville), and the Outstanding Faculty Member Award (Glenda Boling of Danville). ICCTA will host a reception on September 26 to celebrate Illinois' involvement in the national association;
- Learned that the ICCTA Women in Leadership Committee is considering a change in focus to trustee leadership development;
- Discussed the first meeting of ICCTA's new Public Relations Committee, which is developing a statewide marketing campaign to promote Illinois community colleges;
- Encouraged trustees to suggest topics for future ICCTA seminars;
- Were informed that the Illinois Community College Board has completed its staff reorganization, and that there is one vacancy and three pending vacancies on the state board;
- Heard that nine community colleges will host news conferences to promote the state of Illinois' new Ready Illinois database (comprised of student volunteers willing to assist with homeland security and natural disaster emergencies);
- Observed a moment of silence for former ICCTA president Richard Groharing of Sauk Valley Community College;
- Expressed "get well" wishes for trustee Dr. Wayne Green of Carl Sandburg College; and
- Thanked Parkland College for coordinating a tour of its campus on September 14.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 21 – Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting @ College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn
- Sept. 26-29 – ACCT Congress @ Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego
- Oct. 2 – Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting @ Southern Illinois University in Carbondale
- Nov. 1 – ICCTA Northwest Region @ Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby
- Nov. 5 – Illinois Community College Board meeting @ Parkland College in Champaign
- Nov. 6 – ICCTA Southeast Region @ Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg
- Nov. 14-16 – Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference / Leadership and Core Values Institute @ Holiday Inn Select Hotel in Tinley Park

### **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 Saturday, November 10, 2007, at the Hotel Intercontinental Chicago.***