

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

September 15, 2009

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its September 12, 2009, meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois:

- Adopted a resolution supporting restoration of state Monetary Award Program funding to FY09 levels (enclosed);
- Encouraged suggestions for ICCTA's 2010 legislative agenda, which will be discussed at the Government Relations Committee's November meeting and adopted at the February 2010 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Learned that ICCTA president Barbara Oilschlager (Lake County) and Don Patton (Shawnee) will represent trustees on the Illinois Senate Resolution 303 Task Force on Community College Funding;
- Reviewed a sample letter to the editor on community colleges (enclosed). Trustees can insert information pertaining to their own college and send the letter to local newspapers;
- Discussed urging Governor Quinn to fill board vacancies at the Illinois Community College Board, Illinois Board of Higher Education, and Illinois Student Assistance Commission;
- Received updates from state task forces on older adults, dropout students, and Latino students; the ICCB Student Advisory Committee; and the Board Leadership Council;
- Asked for trustees to serve on ICCTA's ad hoc Technology Task Force and the Illinois Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults;
- Previewed the Oct. 7 - 10 Association of Community College Trustees' annual Congress in San Francisco;
- Endorsed John Sanders (Logan) in his campaign for ACCT director at-large. The ICCTA Board of Representatives had previously endorsed Jeff May (Joliet) for ACCT Central Region director;
- Learned that ICCTA has discontinued its Pacesetter and Lifelong Learning awards and will create three new awards to honor part-time faculty, professional board staff, and equity programs;
- Sought ideas for a new slogan for ICCTA's 2010 billboard campaign;
- Heard that ICCTA's November seminar will feature political columnist Paul Green. The association's March 2010 seminar will focus on Illinois higher education structure and acronyms;

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- Were informed that ICCTA's November media training will be tailored for board chairs. The March 2010 media training session will prepare trustees for communicating with legislators;
- Encouraged participation in the November 20 Leadership and Core Values Institute in Springfield;
- Received the association's FY09 audit; and
- Adopted a resolution honoring Jeff May for his outstanding service as ICCTA's 2008-2009 president (enclosed).

Enclosures

- Resolution honoring ICCTA past president Jeff May
- Resolution supporting restoration of MAP grants
- Sample letter to the editor

Upcoming meetings

- Sept. 18 – Illinois Community College Board, Kankakee Community College, Kankakee
- Sept. 18 -- Illinois Student Assistance Commission, Edwardsville
- Sept. 21 – ICCTA Southeast Region, Rend Lake College, Ina
- Sept. 22 – ICCTA Northwest Region, Kishwaukee College, Malta
- Oct. 6 – Illinois Board of Higher Education, Loyola University, Chicago
- Oct. 7-10 – Association of Community College Trustees' annual Congress, San Francisco
- Oct. 8-9 – Community College Teaching/Learning Conference, Springfield
- Oct. 14-16 – Illinois General Assembly fall veto session
- Oct. 15-16 – Illinois Presidents Council retreat, East Peoria
- Oct. 16 – Deadline to apply for an ACCT committee
- Oct. 28-30 – Illinois General Assembly fall veto session
- Nov. 13 – Presidents Council meeting, Chicago
- Nov. 13 – Illinois Student Assistance Commission, North Central College, Naperville
- Nov. 13-14 – ICCTA meetings, Chicago
- Nov. 18-20 – Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference / Leadership and Core Values Institute, Springfield
- Nov. 20 – Illinois Community College Board, Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg

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

- Awards – Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College
- Bylaws – Jim Beasley, Kaskaskia College
- Diversity – Dr. Phyllis Folarin, Elgin Community College
- Executive – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County
- Finance – Gregg Chadwick, Heartland Community College
- Government Relations and Public Policy – Jim Ayers, Parkland College
- Public Relations – Kathy Wessel, College of DuPage
- Technology – Gregg Chadwick, Heartland Community College
- Trustee Education and Leadership Development – James Polk, Illinois Central College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on
Saturday, November 14, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel.***