

ICCTA *BOARD HIGHLIGHTS*

September 16, 2008

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its September 13, 2008, meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois:

- Asked trustees to thank their state legislators for voting to override the governor's veto of House Bill 4189 (which clarifies community colleges as units of local government under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act). HB 4189 is now state law and further protects colleges' local autonomy;
- Learned that trustees are exploring a grassroots campaign to develop a new revenue stream to fund education;
- Heard that the Illinois Community College Board is holding budget hearings around the state to draw attention to college funding needs;
- Were encouraged to submit suggestions for ICCTA's 2009 legislative agenda, which will be discussed at the Government Relations Committee's November meeting and adopted at the February 2009 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Received updates on the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Public Agenda for College and Career Success, the American Diploma Project, and state task forces on dual credit, dropout students, Latino students, and African-American males;
- Asked the ICCTA Finance Committee to look into tapping into the association's reserves to fund an expanded statewide public relations campaign;
- Previewed the Oct. 29 - Nov. 1 Association of Community College Trustees' annual Congress in New York City:
 - 1) Several Illinois trustees are running for ACCT office: Tom Bennett (Parkland) – Central Region director; James Polk (Illinois Central) – director-at-large; Jody Wadhwa (Oakton) – Diversity Committee; and Kathy Wessel (DuPage) – Central Region Nominating Committee. In addition, Tom Bennett is running for ACCT chair-elect; if elected, he will become the first Illinois trustee to serve in that office;
 - 2) Illinois has won two ACCT Central Region's five awards: Jim Beasley (Kaskaskia) – Trustee Leadership Award, and Nancy Willamon (Parkland) – Professional Board Staff Award;
 - 3) ICCTA will host a reception on October 29 to celebrate Illinois' involvement in ACCT;
- Were reminded of the November 7 deadline to apply to serve on an ACCT committee;
- Learned of record attendance at ICCTA's September 12 seminars on presidential searches and board/president relations. Upcoming topics include a Legal & Legislative Update, wind energy (presented by representatives of the Pickens Plan), and the roles of ICCB, IBHE and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission;
- 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;

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- Heard that ICCTA will be surveying colleges on sustainability programs, diversity staffing, and seminar priorities;
- Received a report from the Board Chairs Council, which discussed financial reporting, hiring practices, and trustee involvement in faculty negotiations;
- Learned that the ICCTA Women in Leadership Committee will host a networking breakfast during the National Legislative Summit and is exploring the development of a trustee mentorship program;
- Were informed that the ICCTA Executive Committee is reviewing the association's sponsorship of the annual College Bowl state tournament;
- Received the association's FY08 audit. There were no findings in the "clean" audit; and
- Adopted a resolution honoring trustee Kathy Wessel (DuPage) for her outstanding service as ICCTA's 2007-2008 president. The association also presented Wessel with two books on American theatre that will be donated to the College of DuPage library in her name.

Upcoming meetings

- Sept. 19 – ICCB, Rend Lake College, Ina
- Sept. 19 -- ISAC, Edwardsville
- Oct. 7 – IBHE, Kennedy-King College, Chicago (IBHE's Oct. 6 reception is open to trustees)
- Oct. 9 – ICCTA Southeast Region meeting, Southeastern Illinois College
- Oct. 9-10 – Community College Teaching/Learning Conference, Springfield
- Oct. 15 – ICCTA Northwest Region meeting, Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon
- Oct. 16-17 – Illinois Presidents Council retreat, Ina
- Oct. 29-Nov. 1 – ACCT Congress, New York City
- Nov. 7 – Deadline to apply for an ACCT committee
- Nov. 12-14 & 19-21 – Illinois General Assembly fall veto session
- Nov. 14 – Presidents Council meeting, Chicago
- Nov. 14-15 – ICCTA meetings, Chicago
- Nov. 19-21 – Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference / Leadership and Core Values Institute, Decatur

Enclosures

- Save the Date flyer for ICCTA's Nov. 14-15 meetings
- Resolution honoring ICCTA past president Kathy Wessel / thank-you note from Kathy Wessel
- 2009 ACCT Associate Committee interest form

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
Saturday, November 15, 2008, at the Doubletree Chicago Magnificent Mile Hotel
in Chicago, Illinois.***