

ICCTA Board Highlights

Notes from the ICCTA Board of Representatives' February 7-8, 2022, meetings, held in person and virtually via Zoom in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

ADVOCACY FEDERAL ISSUES

- Received briefings on community college [federal legislative priorities](#) from First Lady Jill Biden, U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, U.S. Labor Secretary Martin Walsh, and Association of Community College Trustees president/CEO Jee Hang Lee;
- Hosted a [virtual forum with U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth](#) on short-term Pell grants, the BASIC Act, the nursing shortage, and the Dream Act;
- Learned that community college representatives participated in 40 meetings with Illinois members of Congress; and
- Welcomed Carrie Warick-Smith, ACCT's new vice president of public policy.



College of Lake County trustee Julie Shroka talked with Labor Secretary Martin Walsh following his remarks at the National Legislative Summit.
Photo by CLC trustee Torrie Newsome

STATE ISSUES

- Discussed state legislation that may impact local control of community colleges:
 - [House Bill 4361](#) (sets \$1,333/credit hour as the minimum salary for adjunct faculty);
 - [House Bill 4436](#) (allows a non-board member to serve as board secretary; permits community colleges to spend down Working Cash Funds to zero);
 - [House Bill 5315](#): (requires advance notice of course enrollments to adjunct faculty; provides free parking for adjuncts for the academic term)
 - [House Bill 5573](#): (sets a minimum salary for non-teaching staff of \$20/hour for the 2022-2023 academic year, rising to \$22 for the 2024-2025 academic year)
 - [Senate Bill 3856](#): (requires colleges to provide free course material)
- Were updated on Gov. JB Pritzker's [proposed Fiscal Year 2023 state budget](#), which includes a 5% increase in community college funding, expanded Monetary Award Program grants for short-term certificates, and \$25 million to create a Healthcare Pathway for frontline healthcare employees;
- Heard that ICCTA and the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents issued a [joint statement](#) in support of Gov. Pritzker's FY23 budget request;
- Discussed the 7th Judicial Circuit Court ruling that reduces K-12 schools' ability to require masks and vaccinations for students, faculty, and staff. The Illinois Community College Board recommends that colleges "stay the course" since the order currently only applies to K-12 schools; and
- Announced that ICCTA will present a special 'back home lobbying' award to the ICCTA region that logs the most legislative contacts by the association's June convention.



Heartland Community College officials (here with U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood) were among the 800 education leaders attending NLS activities this week.



ICCTA honored J. Noah Brown (second from left) for his 30+ years of higher education advocacy.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Presented the 2022 Michael S. Monaghan Meritorious Service Award to J. Noah Brown, retired president/CEO of the Association of Community College Trustees;
- Adopted two amendments to the ICCTA Operations Manual that formalized the guidelines and criteria for the Gregg Chadwick Student Service Scholarship and removed the age requirement for the ICCTA Lifelong Learning Award;
- Were informed of Moraine Valley Community College's pilot program to train students as Election Technicians, building on coursework in civics, cybersecurity, and election technology issues;
- Learned that ACCT's toolkit for 2022 National Community College Month in April will be available soon; and
- Acknowledged the in-person and virtual participation of the following colleges in ICCTA's February 7-8 activities: Black Hawk, City Colleges/Malcom X, Danville, DuPage, Elgin, Harper, Heartland, Highland, Illinois Central, Joliet, Kaskaskia, Lake County, Lake Land, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln Land, Logan, McHenry, Moraine Valley, Morton, Oakton, Parkland, Prairie State, Richland, Sauk Valley, South Suburban, Southeastern, Spoon River, and Waubonsee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2022

Feb. 25: Deadline for [ICCTA awards](#)

MARCH 2022

March 10: [Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting with Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Services Officers](#), Holiday Inn & Suites, East Peoria

March 10-11: [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBA

March 11: [Illinois Council of Community College Presidents](#) meeting, Holiday Inn & Suites, East Peoria

March 11-12: [ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings](#), Holiday Inn & Suites, East Peoria

March 15: [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), location TBA

March 25: Deadline for [ICCTA awards](#)

ICCTA East Central Region meeting, Heartland Community College, Normal

ICCTA West Central Region meeting, Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg

[Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Heartland Community College, Normal

March 30: ICCTA South Suburban Region meeting, South Suburban College, South Holland

APRIL 2022

April 6 ICCTA West Suburban Region meeting, via Zoom

April 8 Scheduled adjournment date for the Illinois General Assembly

April 14 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#) meeting, location TBD

April 21 [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBD

April 28 Phi Theta Kappa banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center, Springfield

April 29 ICCTA meetings, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center, Springfield

April 30/May 3 [American Association of Community Colleges annual convention](#), New York City

NEXT MEETING

The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on Saturday morning, March 12, 2022, at the Holiday Inn and Suites in East Peoria, Illinois.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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