

# ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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March 12, 2007

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 10, 2007, meeting at the Marriott Hotel in Schaumburg.:

- Agreed to work with the Illinois Presidents Council to seek an additional \$60 million in credit-hour grants and \$4 million in Illinois Veterans Grants in the FY 2008 state budget. The Governor's current FY08 budget recommendations call for a \$6 million increase (or 1.7%) in state funding for Illinois community colleges;
- Urged trustees to contact their legislators and ask them to co-sponsor **House Bill 3504** (sponsored by Reps. Granberg, Froehlich, and Black) and **Senate Bill 589** (sponsored by Sen. Halvorson), which would clarify the status of community colleges as units of local government under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act;
- Were reminded that ICCTA Lobby Day will be held April 25 in Springfield. The ICCTA Board of Representatives will meet the afternoon prior to Lobby Day, followed by the annual Phi Theta Kappa awards banquet;
- Learned that 12 community college board chairs participated in ICCTA's inaugural Board Chairs meeting. The group plans to meet informally during future ICCTA meetings;
- Approved the association's budget for FY08. The budget includes ICCTA's first dues increase in five years, averaging 1.2% per member college;
- Welcomed two speakers:
  - Dr. Robert Brueder, president of William Rainey Harper College, who discussed Harper's initiative to develop a pilot baccalaureate degree program in public safety/homeland security and technology management fields;
  - Col. Jill Morgenthaler, the Governor's deputy chief of staff for public safety, who discussed how community colleges can assist in strengthening Illinois' response to emergency situations;
- Learned that the ICCTA Diversity Committee is considering the creation of an Equity Award to recognize college leadership in expanding opportunities for minorities and women;
- Received updates from task forces dealing with truancy and dropout students; continuing legal education credit courses; and the College Insurance Program;
- Reminded trustees that candidate applications for ICCTA office are due by Friday, April 20. Candidate interviews will be held April 24 in conjunction with the association's board meeting in Springfield;
- Acknowledged trustees who chose not to run for re-election in the April 2007 consolidated election, including Richard Gillette (Harper) and Craig Findley (Lincoln Land); and
- Thanked William Rainey Harper College for hosting a reception at its new Avante Center for Science, Health Careers, and Emerging Technologies.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 26 – Illinois Community College Board meeting, Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville
- March 27-- Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, Springfield
- March 27 -- ICCTA West Central Region meeting, Illinois Central College, East Peoria
- March 30 – Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting, Millikin University, Decatur
- April 14-17 – American Association of Community Colleges convention, Tampa, Florida
- April 17 – Consolidated election (including community college trustees)
- April 20 – Deadline to submit candidate applications for 2007-2008 ICCTA office
- April 24 – ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting, Northfield Inn and Suites, Springfield
- April 24 – Phi Theta Kappa banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center, Springfield
- April 25 – ICCTA Lobby Day, Springfield

**ENCLOSURE**

- Call for Nominations for ICCTA Office

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ICCTA COMMITTEE PROJECTS,  
CONTACT THE FOLLOWING CHAIRS:**

- Awards – Carol Chiligris, Richland Community College
- Bylaws – Roger Rutherford, Lincoln Land Community College
- Diversity – Fred Leggett, Black Hawk College and James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Executive – Dr. Clare Ollayos, Elgin Community College
- Finance – Jerry Wright, Illinois Central College
- Nominating – William Kelley, William Rainey Harper College
- Government Relations – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County
- Trustee Education – Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College
- Women in Leadership – Cindy Brand and Shiney Thomas-Jacob, Heartland Community College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on  
Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at the Northfield Inn and Suites in Springfield.***

***ICCTA Lobby Day will take place on Wednesday, April 25, in Springfield.***