

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

“Nobody Does It Better than ICCTA!”

March 24, 2006

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 18, 2006 meeting at the Embassy Suites Chicago O’Hare Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois:

- Welcomed comments from **Noah Brown**, president/CEO of the Association of Community College Trustees, and **Judy Erwin**, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education;
- Previewed ICCTA’s March 29 Lobby Day. Trustees will focus on the following key issues:
 - 1) **SUPPORT** the Governor’s proposed FY07 budget, which includes a **1.9% increase** for community colleges;
 - 2) **SUPPORT** additional funding for **Illinois Veterans Grants** and **Disadvantaged Student Success Grants**; and
 - 3) **OPPOSE** the sale of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission’s student loan portfolio;
- Approved the association’s FY07 budget, which includes **no dues increase** for the fourth year in a row;
- Accepted the ICCTA Nominating Committee’s proposed slate of officers for 2006-2007:
 - * **Kathy Wessel** (DuPage) – Vice president
 - * **Jerry Wright** (Illinois Central) – Treasurer
 - * **Jeff May** (Joliet) – SecretaryA total of five candidates had applied for consideration for ICCTA office. The ICCTA Board of Representatives will elect officers at its June 10 annual meeting in Springfield;
- Learned that ICCTA’s annual **June convention** will feature a “sophomore” seminar for new trustees, a joint awards luncheon with the Illinois Community College System Foundation, a tour of the President Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum, and a presentation on Lincoln, leadership and ethics by State Historian **Thomas Schwartz**;
- Were informed that the association is developing a **trustee mentoring** program;
- Encouraged board secretaries and president’s executive assistants to attend ICCTA’s May 3-5 **Professional Assistants’ Conference** in Belleville. The conference will be hosted by Southwestern Illinois College; and
- Heard that Gov. Blagojevich has appointed **Dr. Angela Perez-Miller** of Chicago as the newest member of the Illinois Community College Board.



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

- Awards – Dr. Joan DiLeonardi, Oakton Community College
- Bylaws – Roger Rutherford, Lincoln Land Community College
- Diversity – James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Executive – Tom Bennett, Parkland College
- Finance – Jerry Wright, Illinois Central College
- Nominating – Carol Chiligris, Richland Community College
- Government Relations – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County
- Trustee Education – Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College
- Women in Leadership – Cindy Brand, Heartland Community College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
in conjunction with the annual ICCTA convention on
Saturday, June 10, 2006, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel
and Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois.***