

# ICCTA Board Highlights

Notes from the ICCTA Board of Representatives' March 11-12, 2022, meetings, held in person and virtually via Zoom at the Holiday Inn and Suites in East Peoria, Illinois.

## ADVOCACY

- Received copies of ICCTA's [Fact Sheet on Gov. Pritzker's proposed Fiscal Year 2023 community college budget](#) and the ICCTA/Illinois Council of Community College Presidents' [joint statement supporting Gov. Pritzker's FY23 budget](#);
- Called attention to a letter sent to lawmakers by ICCTA, the Presidents Council, and the Illinois Public University Presidents and Chancellors Group that emphasizes [the importance of collective negotiations at the local level](#);
- Learned that ICCTA is developing a fact sheet about the expanded Statements of Economic Interest now required by [Public Act 102-0664](#);
- Encouraged trustees to participate in ICCTA's "Back Home Lobbying" initiative. The ICCTA region that meets with the most state legislators this spring will be recognized during the association's June 10-11 annual convention in Chicago;
- Proposed that Illinois community colleges consider forming a rural



## ICCTA's FY23 Budget FACT SHEET

consortium to seek \$5 million in [federal Career, Technical, and Education equity grants](#);

- Heard an update on ICCTA's work on community college baccalaureate degrees. College presidents have been asked to assist in compiling local workforce data to help build a persuasive case for CCB degrees in Illinois; and
- Acknowledged ICCTA's March 11 luncheon speaker Dr. Rita Ali, the first woman and first person of color to serve as mayor of Peoria. Prior to her election as mayor, Dr. Ali served as vice president of workforce and diversity at Illinois Central College.



Peoria Mayor Rita Ali (at center with ICCTA president Jon Looney and vice president Dr. Maureen Dunne) wowed the crowd at ICCTA's March 11 luncheon.

## MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Adopted an [Anti-Racism Statement](#) based on the University of Redlands Anti-Racism Statement;
- Announced that the application deadline for 2022-2023 ICCTA office (vice president, secretary, or treasurer) is 5 PM, Monday, April 18. In-person interviews will be held Friday, April 29, in Springfield, with elections occurring at the June 11 annual meeting in Chicago;
- Were alerted that April is National Community College Month ([#CCMonth](#)). ACCT's [2022 Community College Month toolkit](#) is now available online, and Gov. Pritzker has proclaimed [April 2022 as Illinois Community College Month](#);
- Thanked the Illinois Community College System Foundation for its donation of \$500 each for ICCTA's 2022 Paul Simon Student Essay Contest and Gregg Chadwick Student Service Scholarship;
- Learned that ICCTA's March 11 Trustee Roundtable discussed recent enrollment trends and strategies, how colleges are dealing with employee fatigue, and campus security issues;
- Noted that ICCTA's March 11 seminar offered an excellent review of college finances from a statewide and local campus perspective;



ICCTA received high marks for its March 11 educational seminar on Community College Financial Literacy.

- Were informed that ICCTA's upcoming seminars will focus on creativity and unconventional strategies in community colleges (April 29) and minority contracting (June 10). Future sessions may cover campus housing and free community college;
- Learned that ICCTA's ad hoc Dues Committee is examining various formulas to modernize the association's dues structure;
- Heard updates from the Presidents Council, ACCT, and the [Illinois Community College Board](#); and
- Acknowledged the in-person and virtual participation of the following colleges in ICCTA's March 11-12 activities: Black Hawk, Danville, DuPage, Elgin, Harper, Heartland, Highland, Illinois Central, Illinois Valley, Joliet, Kankakee, Kaskaskia, Kishwaukee, Lake County, Lake Land, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln Land, Malcolm X, McHenry, Moraine Valley, Oakland, Parkland, Richland, Rock Valley, Sandburg, Sauk Valley, Southeastern, Southwestern, and Spoon River.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH 2022

- 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/MAY 2022

- April 6       ICCTA West Suburban Region meeting, via Zoom
- April 8       Scheduled adjournment date for the Illinois General Assembly
- April 11      ICCTA North Suburban Region meeting, College of Lake County, Grayslake
- 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

### JUNE 2022

- June 2-3     [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBD
- June 10      Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago
- June 10- 11   ICCTA annual convention, Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago
- June 16      [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#), location TBD
- June 17      [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
- June 28      Illinois primary election
- June 29      [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), location TBD

## NEXT MEETING

The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on Friday afternoon, April 29, 2022, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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