

ICCTA Board Highlights

Notes from the ICCTA Board of Representatives' March 10-11, 2023, meetings, held at the Westin Chicago Lombard Hotel in Lombard, Illinois.

ADVOCACY

- Received an update on the Illinois General Assembly's spring 2023 session. The [Governor's Fiscal Year 2024 budget proposal](#) includes a 7% increase in community college funding, boosted by higher-than-anticipated revenue estimates;
- Discussed a possible expansion of [Illinois Public Act 94-1006](#) to create a Lifelong Learning Account program for healthcare workers;
- Were briefed on ICCTA's research on community college baccalaureate degrees. Based on data gathered through the association's Joyce Foundation grant, legislation may be introduced next year to establish pilot CCB programs in Illinois;
- Asked the ICCTA Awards Committee to begin drafting guidelines and criteria for a proposed Future of Work and Society Scholarship for Illinois community college students; and
- Learned that ICCTA has been invited to host a University of Chicago intern for summer 2023. The internship will focus on trustee demographic research & CCB.



Teamwork was the buzzword at ICCTA's March 11 board meeting in Lombard (from left: ICCTA president Dr. Maureen Dunne, past president Jon Looney, and executive director Jim Reed)

TRUSTEE EDUCATION

- Adopted a resolution encouraging member colleges to utilize the Association of Community College Trustees' [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Checklist and Implementation Guide for Community College Boards](#), or another tool or guide deemed appropriate by their board, to monitor their institution's progress with DEI and report their findings to their board on an annual basis;



Whitney Thompson of the Illinois Community College Board acknowledges a question during ICCTA's March 10 Competency-Based Education seminar

- Heard that ICCTA's March 10 Trustee Roundtable discussed dual credit and dual enrollment issues in depth. Due to high interest, the association will sponsor a seminar on this topic at its September 2023 meeting;
- Noted that ICCTA's March 10 seminar offered an excellent introduction to competency-based education, featuring presenters from the Illinois Community College Board, Lewis and Clark Community College, and Parkland College;
- Were informed that ICCTA's June 2-3 annual conference will provide trustee leadership development training as required by [Illinois Public Act 99-692](#); and
- Received reports from ICCB, ACCT, and the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Announced that the application deadline for 2023-2024 ICCTA office (vice president, secretary, or treasurer) is 5 PM, Friday, April 28. In-person interviews will be held Tuesday, May 2, in Springfield, with elections occurring at the June 3 annual meeting in Bloomington/Normal;
- Learned that ICCTA's ad hoc Dues Committee is proposing a \$60,000 cap on a member institution's annual dues. Related ICCTA Bylaws/Operations Manual changes will be on the agenda for the association's May 2 board meeting; and
- Acknowledged the longtime board tenure of two retiring trustees: John Duffy of Elgin Community College (48 years of service) and Richard Roehrkasse of Southwestern Illinois College (32 years of service).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2023

- March 24: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby
March 31: Deadline for [ICCTA award nominations](#)

APRIL 2023

- April 1-4: [American Association of Community Colleges' annual convention](#), Denver, CO
April 4: Illinois consolidated election (including community college trustee elections)
April 13: [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), virtual or Chicago
April 20: [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBD
April 27: Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield

MAY 2023

- May 2: [ICCTA Board of Representatives meetings](#), State House Inn, Springfield
[Illinois Community College Caucus inaugural legislative reception](#), Illinois State Museum, Springfield
May 3: [ICCTA Lobby Day](#), Springfield
May 19: Scheduled adjournment of the Illinois General Assembly

JUNE 2023

- June 1 Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Normal
June 1 – 2 [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBD
June 2 [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Normal
June 2 – 3 ICCTA annual convention, Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Normal
June 14 [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), location TBA
June 22 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#), virtual or Chicago

NEXT MEETING

The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on Tuesday afternoon, May 2, 2023, at the State House Inn in Springfield, Illinois.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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