

ICCTA Board Highlights

November 18, 2020

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its November 14, 2020 meeting, held via telephone and Zoom videoconference:



- Adopted ICCTA's [2021 Legislative Goals](#), which include a special focus on equity on higher education;
- Analyzed the results of the November 3 general election. Failure of the graduated income tax amendment will place tremendous pressure on the state's finances. Gov. Pritzker has asked state agencies to trim their budgets by 5 percent to fill a potential \$4 billion shortfall over the next two fiscal years. The Illinois community college system could see 5-8 percent cuts;
- Learned that COVID-19 concerns have led to cancellation of the Illinois General Assembly's fall 2020 veto session and modification of the February 2021 [Community College National Legislative Summit](#) to a virtual format;
- Shared ideas on how to reach out to lawmakers remotely, such as inviting them to serve as guest lecturers, appear at virtual town halls, and participate in Zoom issue briefings;
- Heard that the Illinois Community College Board plans to offer a webinar on enrollment strategies, in response to the system's 13.7 percent drop in fall 2020 enrollment;
- Received positive feedback on ICCTA's November 13 seminar on diversity, equity, and inclusion, which featured presentations by State Rep. Chris Welch and representatives of Illinois Central College, the Association of Community College Trustees, and the Illinois Department of Human Rights;
- Thanked local boards for hosting [ICCTA's "road show" award presentations](#), which are taking place around the state in lieu of the association's June 2020 awards banquet;
- Learned that trustees may soon be appointed to the ICCB board and the [Illinois Board of Higher Education's Strategic Planning Advisory Committee](#);
- Were informed that the Illinois Community College Marketing Collaborative has selected a consultant to develop a statewide media campaign for fall 2021;
- Reported that Trustee Roundtable participants shared 1) how their colleges are responding to possible budget reductions following the failure of the "Fair Tax" amendment, and 2) how colleges responding to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Approved several "housekeeping" amendments to the ICCTA Bylaws and Operations Manual;
- Discussed possible non-dues revenue sources, including the addition of a job-posting page on the ICCTA website;
- Noted the November 11 passing of Dr. Jerry Weber, former president of Kankakee Community College and the College of Lake County; and
- Expressed a 'season of thanks' to trustees, presidents, and other community college advocates for the work they do for their students and higher education. Happy Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2020

- December 3: [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), via WebEx
December 3-4: [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), location TBA
December 4: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
December 8: [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), Malcolm X College, Chicago
December 14-21: [Filing period for April 6, 2021 trustee elections](#)

JANUARY 2021

- January 15: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
January 28: Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting / Joint meeting with Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Services Officers, via Zoom

FEBRUARY 2021

- February 8-10: [Virtual Community College National Legislative Summit](#)
February 26: Nominations deadline for ICCTA's 2021 [Distinguished Alumnus Award, Gary W. Davis Ethical Leadership Award, Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Award, Professional Board Staff Member Award, and Ray Hartstein Trustee Achievement Award](#)

MARCH 2021

- March 11-12: Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, via Zoom
March 12-13: ICCTA Board of Representatives meetings, Hyatt Regency Schaumburg Hotel, Schaumburg
March 26: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove
March 26: Nominations deadline for ICCTA's 2021 [Business / Industry Partnership Award, Gandhi / King Peace Essay Scholarship, Lifelong Learning Award, Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award, Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Member Award, Pacesetter Award, and Paul Simon Student Essay Contest](#)

APRIL 2021

- April 6: Consolidated election (including community college trustees)
April 11-14: [American Association of Community College's in-person convention](#), Nashville, Tennessee
April 15: [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#), location TBD

MAY 2021

- May 6, 13, 20 and 27: [American Association of Community Colleges' digital conference](#)

JUNE 2021

- June 3: Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, location TBA
June 3-5: ICCTA Annual Convention, Marriott Bloomington-Normal Hotel and Conference Center, Normal, IL
June 4: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Marriott Bloomington-Normal Hotel and Conference Center, Normal, IL
June 17: [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#), location TBD

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