

ICCTA Board Highlights

Notes from the ICCTA Board of Representatives' November 12-13, 2021 meetings, held in person and virtually via Zoom at the Chicago Marriott Schaumburg Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois.

ADVOCACY

- Adopted ICCTA's [2022 Legislative Goals](#);
- Received a report on the Illinois General Assembly's fall 2021 veto session. ICCTA coordinated efforts with higher education partners to oppose [House Bill 2778](#) (mandated paid COVID leave for education personnel);
- Learned that the Illinois Community College Board will ask for a 5% increase in Fiscal Year 2023 community college funding;
- Discussed the legislature's accelerated 2022 spring session schedule, which will run January 4 – April 8;
- Were informed that ICCTA has been invited to participate in monthly legislative briefings on diverse vendor contracts. ICCB reports indicate that Illinois community colleges are not yet meeting the 20% aspirational goal;
- Noted that the [2021 Illinois Community College System Economic Impact Study](#) found that Illinois community colleges account for \$3.5 billion in economic output and more than 43,000 jobs;
- Were informed that Gov. JB Pritzker's administration will move forward soon on appointing the trustee representative to the ICCB board; and
- Heard updates on federal legislation, including the proposed \$1.75 trillion Build Back Better Act and the \$1.2 trillion [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#).

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Adopted the guidelines and criteria for ICCTA's new [Gregg Chadwick Student Service Scholarship](#);
- Removed the age requirement for the ICCTA [Lifelong Learning Award](#);
- Were informed that the ICCTA Diversity Committee is developing an anti-racism statement for consideration at ICCTA's March 2022 board meeting;
- Congratulated three trustees on their elections during the Association of Community College Trustees' October 13-16 Leadership Congress in San Diego: Dr. Maureen Dunne (Central Region director, ACCT Board); Torrie Newsome (Central Region member, ACCT Diversity Committee), and Greg Wolfe (chair, ACCT Central Region Nominating Committee); and
- Observed a moment of silence for founding trustee [Harry Blizzard](#) (Elgin Community College), 30-year trustee John Daly (South Suburban College), and board chair emeritus [Richard "Shorty" Dickson](#) (Waubonsee Community College).



ICCTA president Jon Looney welcomes trustees to the association's November 11 luncheon.



ICCTA Diversity chair Torrie Newsome (College of Lake County) and Public Relations chair Dr. Frank Barbre (Southeastern Illinois College)



ICCTA Awards Committee members Pennie Groezinger (Highland Community College) and Jim Ellis (Southeastern Illinois College)

TRAINING

- Learned that ICCTA's November 12 Trustees Roundtable drew record participation. Three topics were discussed: techniques to reverse enrollment trends; new vocational/technical curricula and programs; and COVID compliance and accountability;
- Heard that ICCTA's March 2022 seminar will focus on college budgeting and finance; and
- Received a suggestion to sponsor a seminar on the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCIES

- Were informed that ICCTA's ad hoc Dues Committee will examine the association's current funding formula and offer recommendations to the ICCTA Executive Committee by March 2022; and
- Asked trustees to provide input into the process of selecting the ACCT State Coordinator.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2021

- Dec. 2: [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#), location TBA
- Dec. 2-3: [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), location TBA
- Dec. 3: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
- Dec. 14: [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago (as conditions allow)

JANUARY 2022

- Jan. 21: Illinois Council of Community College Presidents retreat, Parkland College, Champaign
- Jan. 28: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield

FEBRUARY 2022

- Date TBA: ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting (in conjunction with the National Legislative Summit), Washington, D.C.
- Feb. 2: Governor's State of the State / Budget Address, State Capitol, Springfield
- Feb. 3-4: [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBA
- Feb. 6-9: [Community College National Legislative Summit](#), Marriott Marquis Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- Feb. 25: Deadline for [ICCTA awards](#)

MARCH 2022

- March 10: Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting / Joint meeting with Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Services Officers, location TBA
- March 10-11: [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBA
- March 11-12: ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, location TBA
- March 25: Deadline for [ICCTA awards](#)
[Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Heartland Community College, Normal

NEXT MEETING

The ICCTA Board of Representatives will take place in conjunction with the February 6-9, 2022 Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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