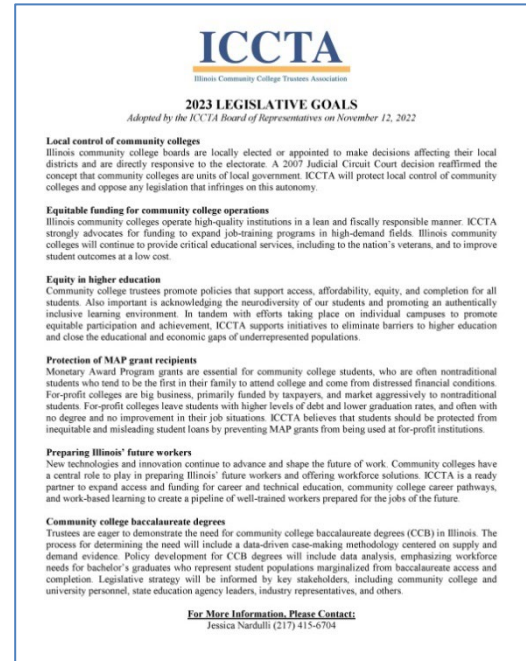


# ICCTA Board Highlights

Notes from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's November 11-12, 2022 meetings, held in person at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel in Downers Grove, Illinois.

## ADVOCACY

- Adopted ICCTA's [State Legislative Goals for 2023](#):
  - Local control of community colleges,
  - Equitable funding for community college operations,
  - Equity in higher education (including neurodiversity),
  - Protection of MAP grant recipients,
  - Preparing Illinois' future workers, and
  - Community college baccalaureate degrees;
- Learned that the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents has also adopted its 2023 legislative agenda, which dovetails with ICCTA's goals;
- Received updates on the November 2022 general election, the Illinois General Assembly's fall 2022 veto session, the legislature's January 2023 'lame duck' session, and federal legislative priorities;
- Reminded trustees of the [February 6-9, 2023 Community College National Legislative Summit](#) in Washington, D.C.;
- Discussed the recommendations of the [Illinois Future of Work Task Force](#) as part of the association's efforts to identify and connect with key stakeholders and resources in economic development; and
- Received updates from ICCB, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, and the Association of Community College Trustees.



Click [HERE](#) to read ICCTA's 2023 Legislative Goals

## MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Were informed that ICCTA Trustee Roundtable participants discussed two topics: economic development and virtual simulation learning;
- Approved [a resolution honoring immediate past president Jon Looney](#) of Black Hawk College for his outstanding service during 2020-2022;
- Learned that ICCTA's [Neurodiversity Inclusion Statement](#) is being reviewed and adapted by community college boards across the country;
- Encouraged trustees to volunteer as judges for the association's [2023 awards and scholarships](#) program; and
- Thanked ICCTA Associate Member [Robbins Schwartz](#) for hosting a member reception on Friday evening, November 10.



Jon Looney (with ICCTA president Dr. Maureen Dunne) was recognized at ICCTA's November 12 board meeting with a resolution honoring his outstanding service as the association's president for 2020-2022.

## TRUSTEE EDUCATION

- Praised ICCTA's November 10 Legal, Legislative, and Ethics Update, which featured sessions on board communications, parliamentary procedure, and censure of elected officials;
- Invited trustees to suggest readings for the ICCTA Diversity Committee's new book club;
- Welcomed luncheon comments from retiring Waubensee Community College president Dr. Christine Sobek, who reflected on "The Art of Leaving Well" after 21 years as Waubensee president and 44+ years with the Illinois community college system;
- Gave feedback on ACCT's October 26-29 [Leadership Congress](#) in New York City, which featured several Illinois-focused presentations and an ICCTA reception on October 27;
- Asked for ideas for future ICCTA seminars, including procurement barriers, enrollment and retention, and tuition waivers; and
- Encouraged trustees to participate in ACCT's December 1-2 Governance Leadership Institute at Triton College.



Retiring Waubensee Community College president Dr. Christine Sobek (center) was joined by board chair Rebecca Oliver and trustee Tina Wilson as she shared her perspective on how Illinois community colleges have evolved during the past 40 years.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2022

- November 17 - 18 [Illinois Council of Community College Administrators / Illinois Community College Faculty Association conference](#), iHotel and Conference Center, Champaign
- November 29 - 30 Illinois General Assembly fall veto session, Springfield
- November 30 ACCT Governance Leadership Institute reception, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago O'Hare Airport, Rosemont

### DECEMBER 2022

- December 1 Illinois General Assembly fall veto session, Springfield
- December 1 – 2 ACCT Governance Leadership Institute, Triton College, River Grove
- December 2 [ICCB meeting](#), Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
- December 8 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#), virtual or Chicago
- December 8 – 9 [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBD
- December 9 ICCTA East Central Region meeting, Heartland Community College, Normal
- December 12 – 19 Filing period for trustee nominating petitions for the April 2023 consolidated election

### JANUARY 2023

- January 11 [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), location TBA
- January 26 ICCTA South Suburban Region meeting, South Suburban College, Oak Forest
- January 27 [ICCB meeting](#), Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield

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