

## ICCTA Board Highlights

September 17, 2020

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its September 12, 2020 meeting, held in person and via Zoom videoconference at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois:



- Held a moment of reflection to acknowledge the passing of ICCTA president **Gregg Chadwick** (Heartland) on September 9. Heartland Community College will host an outdoor [Celebration of Life](#) from 2-6 PM on Friday afternoon, September 18. ICCTA will present the 2020 Ray Hartstein Trustee Achievement Award to Gregg's family at 5 PM;
- Announced that vice president **Jon Looney** (Black Hawk) will assume the ICCTA presidency for 2020-21 (serving out Gregg Chadwick's term) and for 2021-2022. The ICCTA Board of Representative will vote to fill the vice president vacancy at a future meeting;
- Learned that the ICCTA Executive Committee's August 14-15 retreat focused on revising the association's Mission Statement and Vision Statement;
- Discussed state and federal legislative issues, including the Illinois General Assembly's fall 2020 veto session, the state's Fiscal Year 2021 budget, construction bidding procedures, and the proposed federal HEROES stimulus package;
- Were informed that ICCTA will seek member input on the association's 2021 Legislative Goals, which will be adopted at the November 14 board meeting;
- Directed staff to formulate diversity, equity, and inclusion goals for ICCTA, in light of the [Association of Community College Trustees' new DEI implementation guide](#), and to report back at the November 2020 meeting;
- Shared positive feedback on ICCTA's September 11 seminar on "Petitions, Procedures and Ethics: How Will the 2021 Trustee Election Work in a Pandemic?" Future seminar topics will include ACCT's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion plan (November 2020), campus security and cybersecurity (March 2021), and trustee leadership training (June 2021);
- Learned that President Looney will appoint an ad hoc Onboarding Committee to revise orientation material for new trustees;

- Discussed possible factors in fall 2020 enrollment declines at Illinois community colleges (COVID-19 health and safety concerns, the digital equity gap, and student dislike of remote learning). It was also noted that social distancing requirements have restricted class size, especially in hands-on areas in career and technical education;
- Previewed [ACCT's October 5-8 Leadership Congress](#), which will be held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. The City Colleges of Chicago will host a virtual hospitality hour with Latin fusion cooking on October 6, and Joliet Junior College will sponsor a pastry demonstration and ice carving on October 7;
- Encouraged trustees to support **Amanda Howland** (Lake County) for ACCT director at-large, and **Fritz Larsen** (Black Hawk) for the ACCT Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. [Delegates must register by September 28 in order to be eligible to vote virtually on September 30;](#)
- Accepted ICCTA's FY 2020 audit. The external auditor reported a clean opinion, with no findings or adjusting entries required;
- Heard that the Trustee Roundtable discussed six issues: COVID-19; cybersecurity; ICCTA communications; Top 10 community college issues; and diversity, equity and inclusion;
- Approved changes in the ICCTA Bylaws and Operations Manual regarding electronic voting at ICCTA meetings and mandated sexual harassment prevention training;
- Were informed that ICCTA is scheduling in-person, on-campus presentations to recognize the winners of ICCTA's 2020 awards;
- Recognized ICCTA's [2020 Trustee Education Award recipients](#), including **Dr. Clare Ollayos** (Elgin), who is only the 6th Illinois trustee to earn the Linden A. Warfel Trustee Education Award through completion of 100 ICCTA educational programs; and
- Unanimously adopted [a resolution honoring immediate past president Bob Thompson](#) (Sauk Valley) for his outstanding service during the 2019-2020 year.



*From left: ICCTA executive director Jim Reed, treasurer Mandy Little (Logan), past 'Pandemic President' Bob Thompson (Sauk Valley), president Jon Looney (Black Hawk), and secretary Dr. Maureen Dunne (DuPage)*

## Upcoming Events

### SEPTEMBER 2020

September 22: [First day to circulate petitions for the April 6, 2021 trustee elections](#)

### OCTOBER 2020

October 5-8: [Association of Community College Trustees' Annual Leadership Congress](#) (via videoconference)

October 15: [State Universities Retirement System meeting](#), location TBA

### NOVEMBER 2020

November 3: General election day

November 12-13: Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting (via Zoom videoconference)

November 13-14: ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, location TBD

November 17-19: Fall veto session, State Capitol, Springfield

### DECEMBER 2020

December 1-3: Fall veto session, State Capitol, Springfield

December 3: [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#) (via Webex videoconference)

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

### FEBRUARY 2021

Date TBD: ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting (in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit)

February 7-10: [Community College National Legislative Summit](#), Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C.

### MARCH 2021

March 11-12: Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, location TBD

March 12-13: ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, location TBD

March 26: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove

### APRIL 2021

April 6: Consolidated election (including community college trustees)

April 14: Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield

### MAY 2021

May 31: Scheduled adjournment date of the Illinois General Assembly

### JUNE 2021

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

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