

ICCTA Board Highlights

Notes from the ICCTA Board of Representatives' September 10-11, 2021 meetings, held in person and virtually via Zoom at the Wyndham City Centre Springfield in Springfield

ADVOCACY

- Discussed Gov. Pritzker's [executive orders regarding COVID protocol at Illinois higher education facilities](#), including mask and vaccination mandates;
- Were informed that ICCTA has received a \$75,000 grant from the Joyce Foundation to research regional workforce needs and conduct focus groups to assess how employers and stakeholders perceive the potential value of community college baccalaureate degrees. The report (due in spring 2022) will help develop a data-driven case for CCB degrees in specific occupations;
- Offered suggestions for ICCTA's 2022 legislative goals, which will be adopted at the November 13 meeting;
- Received an update on federal legislation, including [the Fiscal Year 2022 budget reconciliation bill and America's College Promise](#);
- Heard reports from the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents and the [Illinois Community College Board](#);
- Endorsed the efforts of the Illinois Community College Marketing Collaborative. The group's statewide branding campaign will debut with ICCB's 2021 Economic Impact Study news conference on September 29;

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Appointed subcommittees to develop criteria for the new Gregg Chadwick Student Service Scholarship and an association anti-racism statement;
- Announced 2 volunteer opportunities for trustees:
 - Awards judge for ICCTA's 2022 student scholarships and faculty/business/trustee awards
 - Beta tester for the "Trustee Chat" online search engine and digital library
- Revised ICCTA's [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement](#) to include staff and administration:
The Illinois Community College Trustees Association recognizes that student, faculty, staff, and administrative diversity enhances the education of all students and offers direct and indirect public benefits to our state and nation. Diverse learning environments positively affect students' critical thinking skills, their civic commitment, and their preparation for work in a global economy, among other benefits. ICCTA and its member colleges are committed to making the utmost efforts to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education
- Learned that ICCTA president Jon Looney (Black Hawk) and former president Dave Maguire (Spoon River) will co-chair a Dues Review Committee;
- Received the association's FY 2021 audit. ICCTA reserves now stand at 49%, two years earlier than anticipated;
- Adopted [seven proposed amendments](#) for ICCTA's Bylaws and Operations Manual;
- Signed cards for ICCTA treasurer Maureen Broderick (Joliet) and former treasurer Mandy Little (Logan);

TRAINING

- Learned that ICCTA's June 4 [trustee leadership training is now available online](#). Each member college may receive one DVD set at no charge; additional copies are available at \$100 per DVD set;
- Thanked student trustee Daniel Blaine (Lake County) and the panelists from Heartland Community College, Thresholds, and OSF Healthcare for sharing their expertise at ICCTA's September 10 seminar on student mental health. The association's November 12 seminar will focus on board chair skills;
- Were informed that the September 10 Trustee Roundtable discussed three topics:
 - 1) How can community colleges identify critical skill sets?
 - 2) How are colleges implementing the Governor's Executive Orders regarding COVID-19?
 - 3) How should trustees communicate with their board colleagues without violating Open Meeting laws?
- Previewed the [Association of Community College Trustees' October 13-16 Leadership Congress](#), where several Illinois colleges will give presentations. ICCTA will host a reception on October 14 for ACCT board candidates Fritz Larsen (Black Hawk) and Dr. Maureen Dunne (DuPage).

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sept. 17: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), via Zoom

OCTOBER 2021

Oct. 1: ICCTA Professional Administrative Assistants Conference, Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield

Oct. 13-16: [Association of Community College Trustees' National Leadership Congress](#), San Diego, CA

Oct. 21: [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), location and format TBA

NOVEMBER 2021

Nov. 4: ICCTA Southeast Region meeting, John A. Logan College, Carterville

Nov. 11-12: [Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference](#), I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign

Nov. 12: Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, Marriott Schaumburg Hotel, Schaumburg

Nov. 12-13: ICCTA meetings, Marriott Schaumburg Hotel, Schaumburg

DECEMBER 2021

Dec. 2: [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#), location and format TBA

Dec. 2-3: [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), location and format 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)

NEXT MEETING

The ICCTA Board of Representatives will take place on Saturday morning, November 13, 2021, at the Marriott Schaumburg Hotel in Springfield.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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