

ICCTA Board Highlights

Notes from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's September 9-10, 2022 meetings, held in person at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

ADVOCACY

- Discussed potential legislative initiatives, including the exclusion of for-profit institutions from the Illinois Monetary Award Program and expansion of community college boards' ability to conduct remote meetings. ICCTA's 2023 Legislative Goals will be adopted at its November 12 board meeting;
- Heard that ICCTA will work with the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, and student trustees on a letter supporting [House Bill 5424](#), which would appropriate \$19 million to fully fund the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act;
- Welcomed remarks from [Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance](#) president and CEO Ryan McCrady, who praised community college nimbleness in adapting to local economic development needs;
- Learned that ICCTA has applied for renewed grant funding to continue gathering regional workforce data to bolster the case for community college baccalaureate degrees;
- Highlighted key dates for the April 4, 2023 [consolidated election of community college trustees](#); and
- Received updates from ICCB, the Presidents Council, and the Association of Community College Trustees.



ICCTA president Dr. Maureen Dunne (DuPage), vice president Maureen Broderick (Joliet), and secretary Bishop Wayne Dunning (Richland) welcome trustees to the association's first meeting of the 2022-2023 year.



ICCTA Future of Work co-chair Dr. Maureen Banks (Parkland) chatted with Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, after the Friday luncheon.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Were informed that Trustee Roundtable participants discussed three topics: tuition waivers, enrollment strategies, and trustee involvement in college promotion;
- Set the [2023 nomination deadlines for ICCTA's awards](#). All four of the association's student scholarships will be funded by outside sources next year;
- Adopted a [Neurodiversity Inclusion Statement](#) proposed by the ICCTA Diversity Committee;
- Received the association's Fiscal Year 2022 audit. The external auditor issued a clean, unqualified opinion; and
- Thanked [BibliU](#) for hosting a reception on Friday evening, September 9.



Neurodiversity Inclusion Statement

The Board of Representatives, administration, and staff of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association recognize that neurodiversity* among the students, faculty, staff, trustees, and administrative teams of our member colleges is critical to enhancing the educational experience for our students and providing for a more inclusive learning and operating environment, providing public benefits for our communities.

We believe that, when neurodivergent people are understood, valued, and empowered, we all stand to benefit from their important and unique contributions. This resolution represents our commitment to promoting an authentically inclusive learning environment in alignment with this ideal.

**Neurodiversity is defined as a strength-based paradigm to viewing conditions such as autism, ADD/ADHD, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia as differences in individual brain function and behavioral traits and as part of normal variation in the human population.*

TRUSTEE EDUCATION

- Praised ICCTA's September 9 workforce development seminar, which featured panelists from Heartland Community College, Illinois Central College, and Lincoln Land Community College;
- Suggested that trustees explore the [implicit association tests](#) developed by Project Implicit;
- Previewed ACCT's October 26-29 [Leadership Congress](#) in New York City, which will feature several Illinois-focused presentations and an ICCTA reception on October 27. Trustees are also urged to support Bishop Wayne Dunning (Richland) in his bid for ACCT director at-large; and
- Noted that ICCTA is assisting with ACCT's December 1-2 Governance Leadership Institute at Triton College. Registration information will be available soon.



Dr. Clare Ollayos (Elgin) volunteers to respond during the Trustees Roundtable, supported by her Elgin colleagues Dr. Donna Redmer and John Duffy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022

- Sept. 16 [ICCB meeting](#), John A. Logan College
[State Universities Retirement System meetings](#)
via Zoom
- Sept. 20 First day to circulate nominating petitions for the April 2023 consolidated election
- Sept. 22 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#)
via Webex
- Sept. 30 ICCTA Professional Administrative Assistants Conference, Spoon River College



Dr. Josh Bullock (Lake Land) conferred with William Kelley (Harper) after the Saturday board meeting.

OCTOBER 2022

- Oct. 20 [SURS meetings](#), Location TBD
- Oct. 26-29 [ACCT Leadership Congress](#), New York City

NOVEMBER 2022

- Nov. 8 General election
- Nov. 11 Presidents Council meeting, Downers Grove
- Nov. 11-12 ICCTA meetings, Downers Grove
- Nov. 15 [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#),
Location TBD
- Nov. 15-17 Illinois General Assembly veto session, Springfield
- Nov. 17-18 [Illinois Council of Community College Administrators / Illinois Community College Faculty Association conference](#), Champaign
- Nov. 29-30 Illinois General Assembly veto session, Springfield



ICCTA Diversity chair Torrie Newsome (Lake County) invites you to join him at ICCTA's next meeting on November 11-12 in Downers Grove.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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