

ICCTA Board Highlights

Notes from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's September 8-9, 2023 meetings, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

ADVOCACY

- Discussed potential state legislative initiatives, including procurement reform and community college baccalaureate degree pilot programs. ICCTA's 2024 Legislative Goals will be adopted at its November 11 board meeting;
- Welcomed remarks from State Rep. Mike Coffey of Springfield, who praised Lincoln Land Community College for providing the business training that helped him to operate his family's successful restaurants;
- Learned that ICCTA has applied for renewed grant funding to continue workforce research and policy development regarding community college baccalaureate degrees; and
- Received updates on the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, the Illinois Community College Marketing Collaborative, and the Association of Community College Trustees.



ICCTA president Dr. Maureen Broderick (Joliet) welcomed student trustees Andria Merkle (Heartland), Rayna Herzog (Lincoln Land), and Daniel Blaine (Lake County) to the association's fall meeting.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Were informed that a record 43 Trustee Roundtable participants discussed two topics: how to engage the community on and off campus, and [mental health services](#) for students and staff;
- Discussed the implications of selling ICCTA's domain name (www.communitycolleges.org). The Public Relations and Finance committees will gather information to review at the Executive Committee's November 11 meeting;
- Heard that the Awards Committee has set [nomination deadlines for 2024](#); tabled the proposed Future of Work Award pending further discussion; and is considering whether to present an Outstanding CEO Award to mirror ACCT's award;
- Received the association's Fiscal Year 2023 audit;
- Unanimously appointed Torrie Newsome (Lake County) as ICCTA Social Media chair;
- Noted the passing of former trustees Vickie Miller (Danville) and John Coleman (Moraine Valley); and
- Celebrated the September birthdays of ICCTA executive director Jim Reed and PC chair Dr. David Sam (Elgin).



A community college success story: In his remarks during ICCTA's September 8 luncheon, State Rep. Mike Coffey noted that he and many of his family got their start at Lincoln Land Community College.

TRUSTEE EDUCATION

- Praised ICCTA's September 8 dual credit seminar, which featured president Dr. Clyne Namou (Joliet), Ball-Chatham School District #5 superintendent Dr. Becca Lamon; student Eleanor Stuckey (Lincoln Land), and ICCB executive director Dr. Brian Durham;
- Reviewed the results of ICCTA's 2023 trustee demographics survey, which found that Illinois trustees are more diverse than in 1983 and 1993 but not representative of the system's current student population;



ICCTA Trustee Education Committee chair Samantha Raymond (Lincoln Land) moderated ICCTA's September 8 seminar on dual credit programs.

- Learned that the Diversity Committee discussed the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on affirmative action;
- Previewed ACCT's October 9-12 [Leadership Congress](#) in Las Vegas, which will feature several Illinois-focused presentations and an ICCTA reception on October 10. Trustees are also urged to support Amanda Howland (Lake County) in her re-election bid for ACCT director at-large; and
- Noted that ICCTA is assisting with ACCT's November 30-December 1 Governance Leadership Institute at Heartland Community College. Registration information will be available soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2023

- Sept. 15 [ICCB retreat and meeting](#), Richland Community College, Decatur
- Sept. 19 ICCTA Northwest Region meeting, Kishwaukee College, Malta
- Sept. 21 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), Chicago or via Webex

OCTOBER 2023

- Oct. 9-12 [ACCT Leadership Congress](#), Las Vegas
- Oct. 19 [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#)
- Oct. 24-26 Illinois General Assembly fall veto session

NOVEMBER 2023

- Nov. 7 ICCTA Southeast Region meeting, Southeastern Illinois College, Harrisburg
- Nov. 7-9 Illinois General Assembly fall veto session
- Nov. 10 Presidents Council meeting, Schaumburg
- Nov. 10-11 ICCTA meetings, Schaumburg
- Nov. 15 [IBHE meeting](#), location TBD
- Nov. 15-17 Illinois General Assembly veto session



Laura Wedekemper (Kaskaskia), Julie Shroka (Lake County), and Janet Hood (Heartland) listen as Torrie Newsome (Lake County) shares his perspective during the Trustees Roundtable.

Do you have a suggestion for an ICCTA Trustees Roundtable topic? Submit it [HERE](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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