

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 14, 2008

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its February 11, 2008, meeting at the Wardman Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C.:

- Adopted ICCTA's 2008 state legislative agenda (enclosed);
- Learned that ICCTA, the Illinois Presidents Council, and representatives of student and faculty groups will hold a news conference prior to the Governor's February 20 budget address in Springfield to ask for more state funding of community colleges;
- Heard that the Illinois Board of Higher Education has proposed five different budget scenarios for FY 2009, depending upon available state resources and funding priorities. The Illinois Community College Board has stated that its priority is full funding of equalization and credit hour grants;
- Voted to support **House Bill 4669**, which would eliminate the requirement that ICCB submit its plan for capital improvements of non-instructional facilities to IBHE;
- Discussed three bills (**HB 4189**, **HB 4330**, and **SB 1889**) that have been introduced to clarify that community colleges are units of local government under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Trustees should ask their legislators to co-sponsor these bills;
- Learned that ICCTA's Lobby Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, in Springfield;
- Welcomed Association of Community College Trustees president/CEO Noah Brown, who reviewed community colleges' federal legislative priorities for 2008 (enclosed);
- Received an update on ICCTA's public relations campaign, which will feature billboards located in nearly every community college district;
- Encouraged trustees to consider running for ICCTA office. Nominations will close April 25, and candidate interviews will take place in Springfield in conjunction with the April 29 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Learned that ICCTA will test-pilot a media training session for its Executive Committee members in March. The training program may be offered to more trustees at the association's June convention;
- Heard that the Women in Leadership Committee is developing an online resource directory for trustees who wish to share their areas of expertise with other board members;
- Were reminded that the Board of Representatives will vote on ICCTA's FY09 budget at its March meeting;
- Learned that ICCTA did not receive ACCT's inaugural Trust Fund grant but will re-apply in 2009;
- Heard that ICCB will soon announce the creation of a Latino Task Force; and
- Were informed that Thomas Pulver of Waubensee Community College has replaced Bill Naegele of South Suburban College as the faculty representative to ICCB.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 20 College Readiness Summit, Elgin Community College, Elgin
- March 14 Illinois Presidents Council meetings, Oak Brook Hills Hotel, Oak Brook
ICCTA seminar and board/committee meetings, Oak Brook Hills Hotel, Oak Brook
- March 25 ICCTA West Central Region meeting, Black Hawk College East Campus, Kewanee
- March 31 Illinois Community College Board meeting, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove
- April 1 Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, Illinois State University, Normal
- April 2-3 Homeland Security and Emergency Response Institute, Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington
- April 4 Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting, University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield
- April 5 - 8 American Association of Community Colleges' annual convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ICCTA COMMITTEE PROJECTS, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING CHAIRS:

- Awards – Carol Chiligris, Richland Community College
- Bylaws – George Lowe, McHenry County College
- Diversity – Reggie Coleman, John Wood Community College / James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Executive – Kathy Wessel, College of DuPage
- Finance – Dr. Joan DiLeonardi, Oakton Community College
- Nominating – William Kelley, William Rainey Harper College
- Government Relations – Roger Rutherford, Lincoln Land Community College
- Public Relations – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County / Don Patton, Shawnee Community College
- Trustee Education – John Huston, Carl Sandburg College
- Women in Leadership – Peg Donohue, Prairie State College / Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
on Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort in Oak Brook.***