

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 17, 2017

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 10, 2017 meeting at William Rainey Harper College in Palatine:

- Discussed state legislation of interest to community colleges, including:
 - [Senate Bill 13](#): Imposes a two-year statewide property tax freeze
 - [Senate Bill 16](#): Public pension reform
 - [Senate Bill 888](#): Allows up to 20 community college districts to offer bachelor of science in nursing degrees
 - [House Bill 426](#): Creates 'immigration safe zones' at schools, healthcare facilities, and places of worship
 - [House Bill 476](#): Limits school board and community college board members to two terms in office
 - [House Bill 1776](#): Requires election of City Colleges of Chicago board from 20 subdistricts and 1 at-large seat
 - [House Bill 2939](#): Requires higher education boards to adopt policies on free speech
 - [House Bill 3927](#) & [House Bill 3928](#): Higher education budget bills
 - [House Bill 3498](#): Creates a pilot 'free' community college tuition program
 - [House Bill 3900](#): Provides community college tuition waivers for Chicago Public School graduates
- Were reminded that ICCTA's [2017 Lobby Day](#) is set for Wednesday, April 26, in Springfield. Because of that week's busy legislative schedule, trustees are encouraged to make appointments with their lawmakers prior to [Lobby Day](#);
- Learned that negotiations continue regarding the proposed dual appointment of Illinois Community College Board executive director Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson as interim executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. ICCTA endorsed the concept of Anderson's dual appointment at its February 11 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Heard that ICCB will begin approving [trustee training providers](#) at its March 20 meeting at Triton College. [A list of approved providers](#) will be posted on the ICCB website;
- Acknowledged retiring trustees Richard Cheney (Danville), Reggie Coleman (John Wood), and Jaclyn Hancock (Logan) for their longtime service to their colleges and ICCTA;
- Received a report that approximately 105 trustee seats are on the April 4 consolidated election ballot. May 2 is the last day for community college boards to conduct organizational meetings and seat new trustees;
- Were informed that Trustee Roundtable participants discussed recent college layoffs and reductions-in-force;
- Learned that the ICCTA Executive Committee has extended the contract of ICCTA executive director Mike Monaghan by one year to June 30, 2019;
- Encouraged trustees to submit [nominations for 2017-2018 ICCTA office](#). The nomination deadline is April 21, with candidate interviews to be conducted in Springfield on April 26 (in conjunction with [ICCTA Lobby Day](#));
- Recognized Elgin Community College and McHenry County College for their presentations at ICCTA's March 10 'best practices' seminar;
- Thanked ICCTA's March meeting sponsor [OpTerra Energy Services](#); and
- Received updates on the activities of ICCB, IBHE, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, and the Association of Community College Trustees.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

MARCH 2017

- March 17 [Illinois Community College Board meetings](#), Triton College, River Grove
- March 31 Deadline for [ICCTA Business/Industry Partnership, Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship, Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Member, Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Member, and Paul Simon Student Essay Contest awards](#)

APRIL 2017

- April 4 Consolidated election (including community college trustees)
[Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois banquet](#), President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
- April 12 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), Chicago
- April 20 [State Universities Retirement System meeting](#), Chicago
Deadline to submit [application for 2017-2018 ICCTA office](#)
- April 22-25 [American Association of Community Colleges annual conference](#), New Orleans
- April 25 Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meetings, Springfield
- April 26 [ICCTA Lobby Day and Board of Representatives meetings](#), Springfield
- April 27 ICCTA South Suburban Region meeting, Joliet Junior College, Joliet

MAY 2017

- May 2 Last day for community college boards to conduct organizational meetings and seat new trustees
- May 31 Scheduled adjournment of the 100th Illinois General Assembly

JUNE 2017

- June 1 Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meetings, Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal
- June 2 [Illinois Community College Board meetings](#), Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal
- June 2-3 [ICCTA annual convention](#), Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal
Student Leadership Institute, Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal
- June 8-9 [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), Chicago
- June 13 [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- June 14 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), Chicago

The next meeting of the [ICCTA Board of Representatives](#) will take place in conjunction with [ICCTA Lobby Day](#) on Wednesday, April 26, in Springfield. Contact ICCTA at iccta@communitycolleges.org or 1-800-454-2282 for information