

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 18, 2011

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its February 14, 2011, meeting at the Wardman Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the 2011 Community College National Legislative Summit:

- Welcomed Col. Pete Sercer, chair of the Association of Community College Trustees, who commended Illinois trustees for their dedicated advocacy of community colleges;
- Encouraged trustees and presidents to participate in ICCTA's February 15 meetings with U.S. Sens. Richard J. Durbin and Mark Kirk;
- Approved items #1-14 of ICCTA's proposed 2011 state legislative agenda and adopted positions on the following issues:
 - * Support automatic transfer of community college credits
 - * Support Associate Degree Nursing programs / Oppose "BSN in 10" proposals
 - * Support full funding of the College Insurance Program (health insurance for community college retirees)
 - * Oppose the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's Monetary Award Program bonding proposal
 - * Support Senate Bill 3 (Governor's proposed debt restructuring plan)
 - * Monitor pension reform
 - * Monitor K-12 collective bargaining changes

ICCTA's full legislative agenda will be adopted at the association's March 12 board meeting in Schaumburg;

- Learned that several newspapers, including the *Chicago Tribune*, have published ICCTA President David W. Harby's "letter to the editor" on the need to file early for student financial aid;
- Were informed that ICCTA Treasurer Bob Johnson is working with ICCTA's staff and outside auditor to update the association's financial policies and procedures;
- Received an update on ICCTA's public relations campaign. The association's PR Committee is again coordinating a statewide billboard campaign and will prepare "64/13" advocacy stickers and postcards for Lobby Day on May 4;
- Received updates on the Illinois Presidents Council, the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and the ICCB and IBHE MAP Task Forces;
- Learned that ICCB is working with Northern Illinois University to conduct a new Economic Impact Study of the Illinois community college system;
- Heard that ICCTA's March seminars will focus on pension reform and the Illinois Green Energy Network. The association also plans to sponsor a summer ACCT Boot Camp and to invite Dr. Walter Bumphus, the new president/CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges, to a future meeting;
- Were thanked by ICCB's Student Advisory Committee for donating to SAC's 9/11 memorial project; and
- Heard that the location of ICCTA's June 3-4 convention has been moved from downtown Chicago to Bloomington-Normal.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 25 ICCTA awards deadline (trustee, student trustee, alumnus, and ethical leadership awards)

- March 11 ICCTA seminars and committee meetings, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Schaumburg
Illinois Presidents Council meetings, Schaumburg
Illinois Community College Board Student Advisory Committee meetings & dinner, Schaumburg

- March 12 ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting, Schaumburg

- March 15 ICCTA West Central Region meeting, Spoon River College, Macomb

- March 18 Illinois Community College Board meeting, Harry L. Crisp Community College Center, Springfield

- March 23 ICCTA North Suburban Region meeting, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines

- March 25 ICCTA awards deadline (faculty, student essay, business/industry awards)

- March 30-
April 1 ICCTA Administrative Professionals Conference, hosted by Spoon River College, Macomb

- April 1 Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

- April 7 Consolidated elections (including community college trustees)

- April 9-12 American Association of Community Colleges' annual convention, New Orleans

- April 12 Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, Northern Illinois University, Naperville

- April 14 ICCB SAC Student Advocacy Day, Springfield

- May 3 ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
Illinois Presidents Council meetings, Springfield

- May 4 ICCTA Lobby Day, Springfield

- June 2 Illinois Presidents Council meetings, Bloomington/Normal Marriott and Conference Center

- June 3 ICCB meeting, Bloomington/Normal

- June 3-4 ICCTA annual convention, Bloomington/Normal

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg.***