

# ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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January 20, 2005

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its January 15, 2005, meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois:

- Adopted the association's state legislative agenda for 2005 (see enclosed);
- Urged all trustees to participate in the 2005 National Legislative Summit, to be held February 14 - 16 in Washington, D.C. ICCTA is sponsoring a Government Relations Committee briefing and a luncheon with U.S. Sens. Richard Durbin and Barack Obama during the Summit (see enclosed);
- Passed a resolution emphasizing ICCTA's 2005 federal legislative priorities:
  - 1) Full funding of Pell Grants (including elimination of the funding shortfall);
  - 2) Reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Act;
  - 3) Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (including rejection of the proposed "single definition" of institutions of higher education); and
  - 4) Creation of warrant officer status for community college nursing and dental hygiene graduates;
- Learned that the ICCTA staff has been reorganized following the retirement of executive director Dr. Gary Davis. Mike Monaghan, the association's new executive director (and former director of government relations), introduced the following new and familiar faces:
  - Kim Villanueva, director of communication, who is assuming additional administrative duties
  - Sherrie Kimble, executive assistant
  - Marie Nolden, office assistant
  - Barbara and Don Hale, meeting planners
  - Tom Ryder, legislative counsel. Mr. Ryder is an attorney who previously served as assistant minority leader in the Illinois House of Representatives and as vice president of external affairs for the Illinois Community College Board;
- Received a report on ICCB's Baccalaureate Degree Task Force. Currently the task force is researching barriers to baccalaureate access, including state and local resources, financial aid, tuition issues, dual enrollment, and accreditation. Recommendations are due in one year to ICCB and the Illinois Board of Higher Education. ICCTA is represented on the task force by trustees Don Patton (Shawnee) and Stephen Kubiczky (Triton);
- Learned that the Governor's office has begun interviewing candidates to fill the four vacancies on the ICCB;
- Were updated on ICCTA's upcoming seminar schedule: March 12 – legislative relations / home schooling's impact on community colleges; May 4 – Lobby Day; June 17 - 18 convention -- keynote speaker Dr. Harold Hodgkinson on demographic trends; September – TBA; and November – media training follow-up with Christopher Simpson;
- Heard that Carol Chiligris (Richland) will chair the association's Nominating Committee;

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- Learned that the ICCTA Diversity Committee will sponsor a training session on diversity study circles during the association's June convention in Chicago;
- Were asked to provide input on ICCB's "Promise for Illinois" Strategic Plan. The state board will hold a retreat on February 17 at Southeastern Illinois College;
- Were informed that ICCTA has created a Women in Leadership Committee. ICCTA president Rev. Albert D. Tyson emphasized that all trustees are welcome to participate in this and every ICCTA committee; and
- Encouraged trustee attendance at the February 24 - 25 Leadership and Core Values Institute in Bloomington (see enclosed).

### **Enclosures**

- ICCTA's 2005 state legislative agenda
- Registration form -- February 16 luncheon with U.S. Sens. Durbin and Obama
- Registration brochure -- February 24 - 25 Leadership and Core Values Institute
- Summary of ICCTA's January 14 seminar on generational differences

### **For additional information on ICCTA committee projects, contact the following chairs:**

- Awards – Dr. Joan DiLeonardi, Oakton Community College
- Diversity – James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Executive – Rev. Albert D. Tyson, City Colleges of Chicago
- Finance – Jim Beasley, Kaskaskia College
- Nominating – Carol Chiligris, Richland Community College
- Government Relations – Kathy Wessel, College of DuPage
- Trustee Education – Jerry Wright, Illinois Central College
- Women in Leadership – To be announced

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois.***