

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 15, 2005

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 12, 2005, meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois:

- Reviewed and debated pending state legislation before the Illinois General Assembly and adopted positions on 57 bills. Positions included “support,” “oppose,” or “monitor”;
- Approved the association’s FY 2006 budget, which includes no dues increase for the third year in a row;
- Alerted trustees to ICCTA’s May 3 dinner meeting with Rep. Kevin McCarthy, chair of the House Higher Education Committee, and May 4 Lobby Day (see enclosed *Meeting Notice* and registration form);
- Were informed that ICCTA will hold its New Trustee Orientation on June 17 during the association’s annual convention in Chicago. All recently elected trustees will be invited and encouraged to attend;
- Were told that the Illinois community college system had one of the largest delegations at the February 13-16 National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. Over 130 Illinois trustees and presidents contributed to saving the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act – which provides about \$18 million annually for Illinois colleges;
- Learned that the Nominating Committee will interview candidates for ICCTA office on May 3 in Springfield;
- Heard that the following trustees are seeking office in the national Association of Community College Trustees:
 - Incumbent James Polk (Illinois Central) -- Diversity Committee
 - Incumbent Dave Maguire (Spoon River) -- Central Region seat, ACCT board
 - Tom Bennett (Parkland) – At-large seat, ACCT boardThe ACCT election will be held in Seattle this September;
- Received brochures on ICCTA’s new Lifetime Memberships, which provides retiring trustees with the opportunity to become Lifetime Members of the Trustees Association;
- Learned that ICCTA will host the annual Administrative Professionals Conference on April 27-29 at Parkland College. The conference will include sessions on meeting planning, election issues, and networking;
- Were encouraged to submit nominations for ICCTA’s Honorary Membership, Meritorious Service Award, and Certificate of Merit (see enclosed *Call for Nominations*);
- Heard an update on the Illinois Community College Board’s Baccalaureate Degree Task Force, which is studying the issue of authorizing community colleges to offer bachelor’s degrees on a limited basis. ICCTA is represented by Steve Kubiczky (Triton) and Don Patton (Shawnee);

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- Received a schedule of upcoming ICCTA regional meetings:
 - West Central -- March 28 at Spoon River College
 - South Suburban – April 14 at the Holiday Inn in Matteson
 - Southeast – April (date and location to be announced)
 - West Suburban – May 2 at the College of DuPage
 - North Suburban – May (date and location to be announced)
- Commended Patti Wojcikowski (South Suburban), a former ICCTA officer who is retiring from her board after the April 5 trustee election;
- Received a report on ICCB's February 24-25 Leadership and Core Values Institute;
- Acknowledged the passing of former Harper trustee Jessalyn Nicklas, who was one of the founders of the Trustees Association. ICCTA was founded in 1971;
- Discussed the implications of the new state ethics law, which prohibits campaigning on school property;
- Thanked the College of DuPage for hosting a reception for ICCTA members on March 11; and
- Received a resolution from the Village of Lisle proclaiming March 11, 2005, as Community College Day.

Enclosures

- Registration flyer for May 3 ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting / May 4 Lobby Day
- Call for Nominations for ICCTA service awards

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 – Kathy Wessel and Dr. Joan DiLeonardi

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
in conjunction with ICCTA Lobby Day
on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at the Renaissance Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.***