

# ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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March 17, 2014

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 15, 2014 meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois:

- P Discussed development of the state's FY2015 budget, student retention and completion, 'ability to benefit', Illinois Veterans Grants, and the anticipated wave of community college retirements prior to June 1 as a result of pension reform;
- P Learned that Monetary Award Program applications were suspended on February 28, the earliest suspension date in the financial aid program's history;
- P Encouraged trustees to participate in ICCTA's April 30 Lobby Day in Springfield;
- P Received updates on the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Association of Community College Trustees;
- P Praised ICCTA's March 14 [pension reform implementation seminar](#) for trustees and presidents, and the technical breakout session for human resource directors and administrators. All Illinois community colleges were represented;
- P Gave high marks to the March 14 leadership seminar presented by graduates of the ICCB Student Advisory Committee's externship program;
- P Reviewed the March 14 presentation by IBHE's new executive director Dr. James Applegate;
- P Heard that upcoming ICCTA seminars will focus on board chair/vice chair preparation, trustee advocacy, leadership 'soft skills' training, and the Governance Institute on Student Success;
- P Endorsed Dr. Clare Ollayos (Elgin) for re-election to the ACCT Board of Directors;
- P Adopted a [resolution honoring trustee Reggie Coleman](#) (John Wood) for his outstanding service as ICCTA's 2012-13 president;
- P Were informed that Trustee Roundtable participants discussed two topics: 1) the impact of declining enrollment on funding and programs, and 2) practices and policies regarding trustee travel expenses;
- P Learned that ICCTA president Bob Johnson (Kishwaukee) is drafting a 'letter to the editor' explaining why trustee travel is necessary for trustee education and professional development;
- P Encouraged trustees to submit nominations for [2014-2015 ICCTA office](#). The nomination deadline is April 18, with candidate interviews to be conducted in Springfield on April 29;
- P Were informed of the Presidents Council's slate of officers for 2014-2015:
  - Dr. Tom Choice (Kishwaukee) – chair
  - Dr. Charlotte Warren (Lincoln Land) -- vice chair
  - Dr. Tom Ramage (Parkland) – secretary/treasurer



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- P Learned that the ICCTA Public Relations sponsored a successful [Reel Illinois](#) film production seminar on March 8 at Joliet Junior College. Attendees included Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon;
- P Heard that the ICCTA Public Relations Committee is exploring the idea of co-sponsoring a 'hack-a-thon' for information technology students;
- P Were reminded that March 28 is the nominations deadline for ICCTA's [Full-Time Faculty Award](#), [Part-Time Faculty Award](#), [Business/Industry Partnership Award](#), [Paul Simon Student Essay Contest](#), and the new [Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship](#); and
- P Agreed to move up the date of ICCTA's November 2014 meeting so that it runs in conjunction with the Association of Community College Trustees' [October 22-26 Leadership Congress](#) in Chicago.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

#### **MARCH 2014**

- P March 20-21 [SURS](#) meetings, SURS office, Champaign
- P March 21 [ICCB meeting](#), Danville Area Community College, Danville
- P March 26 Governor's budget message, State Capitol, Springfield
- P March 28 Nomination deadline for [ICCTA faculty, business/industry, peace, and student essay awards](#)
- P March 31 ICCTA South Suburban Region meeting, Moraine Valley Comm. College, Palos Hills  
ICCTA West Suburban Region meeting, Morton College, Cicero

#### **APRIL 2014**

- P April 1 [IBHE meeting](#), College of Lake County, Grayslake  
[Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois awards banquet](#), Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield
- P April 2 [Student Advocacy Day](#), State Capitol Complex, Springfield
- P April 2-4 ICCTA Professional Administrative Assistants Conference, Springfield
- P April 5-8 [American Association of Community Colleges convention](#), Washington, D.C.
- P April 9 [ISAC meeting](#), location TBA
- P April 15 Entry deadline for [Reel Illinois](#) student film competition (local college category)
- P April 18 Nomination deadline for 2014-2015 ICCTA office
- P April 24 ICCTA Southeast Region meeting, John A. Logan College, Carterville
- P April 29 ICCTA committee and board meetings, Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield  
Illinois Presidents Council meeting, Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
- P April 30 ICCTA Lobby Day, State Capitol Complex, Springfield

#### **MAY 2014**

- P May 31 Adjournment of the 98<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly's spring session

#### **JUNE 2014**

- P June 1 Entry deadline for [Reel Illinois](#) student film competition (business/non-profit category)
- P June 3 [IBHE meeting](#), Lewis University, Romeoville
- P June 5 Illinois Presidents Council meetings, Hilton Hotel, Springfield
- P June 6 [ICCB meeting](#), Hilton Hotel, Springfield
- P June 6-7 ICCTA convention and Board of Representatives meeting, Hilton Hotel, Springfield
- P June 12-13 [SURS](#) meetings, location TBA
- P June 25 ICCTA Northwest Region meeting, Kishwaukee College, Malta
- P June 26 [ISAC meeting](#), Triton College, River Grove

**The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 29, at the Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center in Springfield, in conjunction with ICCTA Lobby Day. Contact [ICCTA](#) at 1-800-454-2282 for more information.**