

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 15, 2011

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 12, 2011, meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois:

- Adopted positions on a number of legislative issues:
 - **MONITOR** House Bill 304 (removal of 33½% tuition cap)
 - **SUPPORT** the concept of performance-based funding and **MONITOR** HB 1503
 - **MONITOR** HB 1864 (reduction in equalization formula threshold)
 - **OPPOSE** an amendment adding community colleges to HB 3220 (accountability measures)
 - **MONITOR** Senate Bill 2187 (exemptions from State Universities Retirement System's 6% salary limitations)
 - **SUPPORT** Gov. Quinn's proposed FY 2012 community college budget
 - **SUPPORT** an increase in the employee/employer contributions to the College Insurance Program for community college retirees
 - **OPPOSE** concealed-carry legislation unless community colleges are exempt from the bill
 - **OPPOSE** trustee subdistricting
 - **SUPPORT** a 1-year freeze on the Illinois community college systems' base operating grant formula
- Were reminded that ICCTA Lobby Day will take place on May 4 in Springfield;
- Discussed the March 11 presentation by SURS executive director Bill Mabe on proposed changes in public pensions and benefits. One proposal would shift the "normal cost" of public pensions from the state of Illinois to local K-12 and community college districts;
- Learned that ICCTA's March 11 seminar on the Illinois Green Economy Network received high marks from participants and may be adapted for use at the association's regional meetings;
- Acknowledged retiring trustees Kathy Wessel and Sandy Kim (DuPage) for their service to ICCTA and their college;
- Held the first reading of ICCTA's proposed Operating Manual changes. The suggested changes will be posted on the ICCTA website and adopted at the May or June Board of Representatives meeting;
- Were encouraged to submit nominations for ICCTA officer positions. The nomination deadline is April 29, with candidate interviews to be conducted in Springfield on May 3;
- Received updates on activities by the Illinois Community College Board, the ICCB Student Advisory Committee, the Illinois Presidents Council, and the Association of Community College Trustees;
- Learned that participants in ICCTA's Trustee Roundtable discussed issues concerning budgeting, teacher tenure, and collective bargaining;
- Welcomed ICCTA's new office manager Stephanie Spann; and
- Were informed that March 25 is the nominations deadline for ICCTA's Equity, Full-Time Faculty, Part-Time Faculty, Business/Industry Partnership awards and the Paul Simon Student Essay Contest.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 U.S. Department of Education regional community college summit, Indianapolis
Listening tour with American Association of Community Colleges president Walter Bumphus,
Triton College, River Grove
ICCTA North Suburban Region meeting, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines
- March 25 ICCTA awards deadline (equity, 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 5 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 13 Phi Theta Kappa banquet, Springfield
- April 14 ICCB SAC Student Advocacy Day, Springfield
- May 3 ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, Springfield
Illinois Presidents Council meetings, Springfield
- May 4 ICCTA Lobby Day, Springfield
- June 2 Illinois Presidents Council meetings, Bloomington
- June 3 ICCB meeting, Bloomington
- June 3-4 ICCTA annual convention, Bloomington

The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, in conjunction with ICCTA Lobby Day.