

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 13, 2007

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its November 10, 2007, meeting at the Hotel Intercontinental in Chicago:

- Agreed to appoint three trustees to a task force to explore the level of support and draft proposed legislation for a gaming license for the city of Danville that would allocate some of the resulting state tax revenue for capital programs at all Illinois community colleges. The Trustee Association will not take further action unless the draft legislation is approved by the ICCTA Board of Representatives (see enclosure for more information);
- Learned that the Illinois Board of Higher Education is undertaking a review of its Master Plan. There is some concern that there may be an attempt to consolidate the state's various higher education agencies into one superagency;
- Received an update on local control issues: 1) ICCTA will ask lawmakers to re-introduce legislation in spring 2008 to clarify community colleges' status as units of local government under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act; and 2) legal briefs will be filed this winter as the Illinois 2nd Appellate Court reviews the 18th Judicial Circuit Court's decision affirming community colleges' status as units of local government under the Ethics Act;
- Learned that ICCTA's letter to Gov. Blagojevich stating that "community college students are not pork" has appeared in several newspapers across the state;
- Invited trustees to provide feedback on ICCTA's proposed 2008 legislative priorities, which will be adopted at the Board of Representatives' February 2008 meeting;
- Were informed that ICCTA has applied for an Association of Community College Trustees' Trust Fund grant for up to \$10,000 to provide media training for trustees;
- Received a report on the ICCTA Public Relations Committee's proposed media campaign, which will kick off in January 2008;
- Heard that ICCTA's Diversity Committee will seek additional responses to its recent Quick Survey on minority faculty/staff recruitment methods and college diversity statements/goals/plans;
- Were informed that the ICCTA Executive Committee approved a sponsorship policy for Trustees Association seminars and events;
- Learned that ICCTA's upcoming seminars will focus on outreach programs to minority youth, presidential searches, meeting procedures for small boards, and a "sophomore seminar" for newer trustees;

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- Unanimously adopted a resolution honoring Dr. Clare Ollayos (Elgin) for her year of service as ICCTA's 2006-2007 president (enclosed);
- Heard a presentation on the Illinois community college system's Performance Report for FY 07 (summary enclosed); and
- Thanked the law firm of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. for sponsoring Saturday's breakfast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 14-16: Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference
Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Tinley Park
- Nov. 16: Leadership and Core Values Institute
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- Nov. 16: Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting
Morton College, Cicero
- Dec. 4: Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting
Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago
- Dec. 7: Illinois Community College Board meeting (subject to call)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ICCTA COMMITTEE PROJECTS, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING CHAIRS:

- Awards – Carol Chiligris, Richland Community College
- Bylaws – George Lowe, McHenry County College
- Diversity – Reggie Coleman, John Wood Community College / James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Executive – Kathy Wessel, College of DuPage
- Finance – Dr. Joan DiLeonardi, Oakton Community College
- Nominating – William Kelley, William Rainey Harper College
- Government Relations – Roger Rutherford, Lincoln Land Community College
- Public Relations – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County / Don Patton, Shawnee Community College
- Trustee Education – John Huston, Carl Sandburg College
- Women in Leadership – Peg Donohue, Prairie State College / Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place
on Monday, February 12, 2008, at the Wardman Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C.
(in conjunction with the ACCT/AACC National Legislative Summit)***