

# ICCTA *BOARD HIGHLIGHTS*

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November 15, 2010

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its November 13, 2010, meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Oak Brook, Illinois:

- Voted to **OPPOSE** the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's proposal to issue \$550 million in bonds to fund Monetary Award Program grants for community college students;
- Learned that the Illinois Higher Education Finance Study Commission is expected to recommend that the state of Illinois move towards performance-based education funding. Institutions showing measurable improvement in course and certificate completion would earn "momentum points" towards bonus funding;
- Welcomed Don Sevener, interim executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, who discussed the board's new focus on the "3R's": Resources, Rethinking, and Return on investment;
- Were informed that the Illinois Presidents Council will pursue legislation to require automatic acceptance of Illinois community college transfer courses;
- Discussed how changes in the Basic Skills test for Illinois teacher certification will affect teacher-training programs at the state's community colleges and universities;
- Sought input on ICCTA's 2011 legislative agenda, which will be adopted at the February 2011 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Heard that participants in ICCTA's November 12 Trustee Roundtable discussed procedures for filling a board vacancy; budget cuts and athletic programs; the College Completion Agenda; and how to better connect trustees with state and national associations;
- Endorsed trustee Dr. Clare Ollayos (Elgin) for the board of directors of the Association of Community College Trustees;
- Asked local boards to complete and return ICCTA's diversity self-assessment survey. Seven colleges have responded to date;
- Learned that ICCTA is working with Northern Illinois University to conduct a new statewide community college Economic Impact Study. The last study was done in 2007, prior to the U.S. economic downturn;
- Received a report on an ICCTA pilot project featuring short interviews with ICCTA officers posted on YouTube and Facebook;
- Were informed that college marketing officers will be invited to the ICCTA Public Relations Committee meeting in March 2011;



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- Heard activity reports from the Illinois Community College Board, the ICCB Student Financial Aid Task Force, the ICCB Student Advisory Committee, and the Illinois Workforce Investment Board;
- Reviewed ICCTA's November 12 seminars, which featured a post-election analysis by *Capitol Fax* editor Rich Miller and an update on community college legal and legislative issues;
- Encouraged trustees to attend the November 19 Leadership and Core Values Institute in Tinley Park;
- Learned that the ICCTA Executive Committee approved a new three-year contract for ICCTA executive director Mike Monaghan;
- Approved \$23,000 for computer upgrades, office equipment, and new carpeting at the ICCTA office. The funds will be taken out of association reserves; and
- Unanimously adopted a resolution honoring ICCTA executive assistant Sherrie Kimble, who is retiring after 20 years with the Trustees Association.

### **Documents available on the ICCTA website ([www.communitycolleges.org](http://www.communitycolleges.org))**

- Illinois Community College Board report
- Association of Community College Trustees report
- Resolution honoring retiring ICCTA executive assistant Sherrie Kimble

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Nov. 16, 2010 ICCTA Southeast Region meeting, Rend Lake College, Ina
- Nov. 16-18, 2010 Illinois General Assembly veto session
- Nov. 17-19, 2010 Illinois Council of Community College Administrators conference, Tinley Park
- Nov. 19, 2010 Leadership and Core Values Institute, Tinley Park
- Nov. 19, 2010 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, Prairie State College, Chicago Heights
- Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2010 Illinois General Assembly veto session
- Nov. 30, 2010 ICCTA East Central Region meeting, Lake Land College, Mattoon
- Dec. 7, 2010 Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, Chicago-Kent School of Law, Chicago
- Dec. 10, 2010 State Universities Retirement System board meeting, Chicago
- Dec. 13 - 20, 2010 Candidate filing period for the April 5, 2011 trustee election
- Jan. 28, 2011 Illinois Community College Board meeting, ICCB offices, Springfield
- Feb. 10, 2011 Joint meeting of the Illinois Presidents Council and the Chief Academic Officers, Bloomington/Normal
- Feb. 11, 2011 Illinois Presidents Council meeting, Bloomington/Normal
- Feb. 13-16, 2011 Community College National Legislative Summit, Washington, D.C.
- Feb. 14, 2011 ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting, Wardman Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C.

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on Monday, February 14, 2011, at the Wardman Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit.***