

# ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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October 10, 2006

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its September 30, 2006, meeting at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois:

- Received an update on the lawsuit filed in DuPage County to clarify the status of community colleges as “units of local government” under the Illinois Ethics Act. The Trustees Association has requested a meeting with the Illinois Attorney General’s office to discuss the issue and possible resolutions. ICCTA is also working on legislative remedies to pursue during the fall 2006 veto session and spring 2007 session. Trustees were encouraged to ask their local lawmakers to become sponsors of such legislation;
- Heard a report on the work of the House Joint Resolution 122 Task Force on Community Colleges. The task force will submit a report to the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly by December 31, 2006;
- Appointed Dr. Peg Donahue (Prairie State) to the Illinois Community College Board’s Program Advisory Committee;
- Were encouraged to submit suggestions for ICCTA’s 2007 legislative agenda, which will be discussed at the committee’s November meeting and adopted at the February 12 Board of Representatives meeting;
- Made recommendations to the Governor for appointments to the Senate Joint Resolution 91 Task Force, which will study the inclusion of the City Colleges of Chicago in the College Insurance Program (for community college retirees);
- Previewed the Oct. 11-14 Association of Community College Trustees’ annual Congress in Orlando. Illinois has won three of the ACCT Central Region’s five awards: Jim Ayers (Parkland) – Trustee Leadership Award, and Danville Area Community College – Equity Award and Outstanding Faculty Member Award. ICCTA will host a reception on October 11 to celebrate Illinois’ involvement in the national association;
- Encouraged trustees to attend the ACCT National Legislative Summit on February 12-14, 2007, in Washington, D.C. ICCTA will schedule its Board of Representatives meeting for February 12 so that it will coincide with the Summit;
- Discussed the creation of a Board Chairs Council that would meet concurrently with ICCTA meetings; the issue of transferability of degrees and credit; and the decline in state funding of suburban community colleges;
- Created a task force, headed by Steve Kubiczky (Triton), to research how ICCTA and Illinois community colleges might offer continuing legal education courses;
- Received the association’s FY06 audit. There were no findings in the “clean” audit;
- Adopted a resolution honoring trustee Tom Bennett (Parkland) for his outstanding service as ICCTA’s 2005-2006 president;

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- Were informed that the ICCTA Executive Committee has approved the architecture firm of Wm B. Ittner, Inc. as an Associate Member;
- Heard presentations from Jeri Marxman of the Partnership for Local Government Education, and Kristine Cohn, the U.S. Department of Education's senior official for Region V; and
- Learned that the Illinois Community College System Foundation plans to add two floors to the Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center in Springfield.

### **Upcoming regional meetings**

- Northwest – November 1 at Highland Community College
- South Suburban – November 3 at Joliet Junior College (tentative)
- West Suburban – October 17 at Morton College
- West Central – October 25 at Dallas City (tentative)
- East Central –TBA
- Southeast – October 27 at John A. Logan College
- Southwest – October 24 at Southwestern Illinois College

### **Enclosures**

- Resolution honoring ICCTA past president Tom Bennett

### **For additional information on ICCTA committee projects, contact the following chairs:**

- Awards – Carol Chiligris, Richland Community College
- Bylaws – Roger Rutherford, Lincoln Land Community College
- Diversity – Fred Leggett, Black Hawk College and James Polk, Illinois Central College
- Executive – Dr. Clare Ollayos, Elgin Community College
- Finance – Jerry Wright, Illinois Central College
- Nominating – William Kelley, William Rainey Harper College
- Government Relations – Barbara Oilschlager, College of Lake County
- Trustee Education – Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College
- Women in Leadership – Cindy Brand and Shiney Thomas-Jacob, Heartland Community College

***The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on  
Saturday, November 12, 2006, at the InterContinental Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.***



**RESOLUTION HONORING  
THOMAS M. BENNETT  
2005 - 2006 PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, Thomas M. Bennett served with distinction as the 31st president of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, and

**WHEREAS**, under President Bennett's leadership, the Trustees Association recommitted itself to the common good of Illinois community colleges and the students they serve, and

**WHEREAS**, President Bennett brought honor to Parkland College Board of Trustees through his statewide leadership role, and

**WHEREAS**, under President Bennett's leadership, the Trustees Association worked effectively to preserve system unity in a year filled with divisive issues; and

**WHEREAS**, President Bennett provided the system with the model of an inclusive, inspiring, and collaborative leader; and

**WHEREAS**, President Bennett embodied the association's theme "Nobody Does It Better" as a model of public service for community college trustees,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Illinois Community College Trustees Association expresses its collective appreciation to Thomas M. Bennett for his outstanding leadership during the 40th anniversary year of the Illinois community college system.

***Unanimously adopted by the  
ICCTA Board of Representatives  
on September 21, 2006  
in Springfield, Illinois***

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**Dr. Clare M. Ollayos  
2006 - 2007 President**